



**Siloam Hope First
Presbyterian Church**



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Sunday Worship Service | 18 December 2022 | 4th Sunday of Advent

“THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND BLOOD AND MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD (John 1:14).”



MEDITATION | ALL

PRELUDE | JACOB PADUANO

CALL TO WORSHIP | ELDER

INVOCATION | ELDER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | ELDER WANDA SIZEMORE- MCRAE

ADVENT CANDLE AND CHRISMON SUMMARY | MEMBER

OPENING HYMN | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

VIRTUAL PASSING OF PEACE | LEAD BY FAN COMMITTEE

LIVING OUR MISSION | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | ELDER

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION | ALL

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | ELDER

GLORIA PATRI | ALL

SCRIPTURE READING | ISAIAH 7:10-16 & MATTHEW 1:18-25

HYMN OF PREPARATION | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

MESSAGE | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER | ELDER

OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD AND DOXOLOGY | ALL

MUSICAL SELECTION | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | ELDER

MEDITATION BEFORE SERVICE

Silent mediation is the first order of worship. Take this opportunity to reflect upon God, the events of your week, and the persons who are touching your life. If you wish, share your prayer concerns* or joys, there will be an opportunity to share your concern during service.

**Please share prayer requests with the Deacons.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God will pour out the Spirit upon all flesh

And our daughters and sons shall prophesy

Our old ones shall dream dreams,

And our young ones shall see visions

And all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, You call to your hearts with a gentle word of peace

And yet so often we will not hear You.

In a busy world You would give us love and joy in our lives

Yet so often we feel Your gift is too good to be true

And we will not accept it.

In love You offer us the gift of life itself

And yet so often in our pride we refuse it.

Forgive us, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any dates for the Church Calendar should be given to Wanda Sizemore-McRae ASAP.

- Due to the number of members with underlying health issues that attend in-person worship, the Session reviewed **COVID-19 protocol** and voted to:
 - Request everyone **signs contact list** upon church entry
 - **Check vaccination cards**
 - Require non-vaccinated people to properly **wear facemasks**
 - **Revisit COVID-19 protocol** in April 2023

These requests are being made for the safety of all who are in attendance.

- We're seeking **FAN supporters**, to donate cases of water and/or lead our fitness breaks. See Elder Pam.
- **11am Worship Service** is in person and on Zoom @ Meeting ID: 825 8830 1038 | (929) 205-6099 | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82588301038>
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer Call** takes place @ 6am. Call (929) 205-6099 & use Meeting ID 441 882 9891.
- **Operation Warm Heart** - We're also seeking volunteers for in-house program from December 2022 to March 2023. Please contact Elder Bessie for more information.
- **2022 Per Capita** is \$45 per member. This and all donations can be submitted **during worship**; to **SHFP Church, P. O. Box 442, Roselle, NJ 07203**; or with *Zelle* using shfpchurch64@gmail.com.
- **What's the 313? The Ancestors Speak Video Blog** – Co-hosted by Pastor Lundy & James Amemasor on Sundays @ 3pm. It's a conversation about the Ancestors Speak Research Project on Zoom.
- *On Mondays, Prayer Service is 6:30pm and Bible Study is 7pm* on Zoom.
- *Do you want to **serve on a committee** or ministry?* Please see a session member today.
- Anyone requesting a **pastoral visit or at-home communion** should contact one of the Ruling Elders, Deacons, or Pastor.

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JUST FACTS

Do You Know? The Meaning of Advent Candles

First Advent Candle: The first purple candle symbolizes hope. Also known as the “Prophecy Candle” in memory of the prophets, particularly Isaiah, who prophesied the birth of Christ. It symbolizes the anticipation felt in awaiting the coming Messiah.

Second Advent Candle: The second purple candle symbolizes faith. Also known as the “Bethlehem Candle,” signifies Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

Third Advent Candle: The third candle is ordinarily pink and represents joy. This candle is pink because the rose color represents joy, also known as the “Shepherd’s Candle.” The third Sunday of Advent is meant to remind us of the world’s joy at the birth of Jesus and that the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent.

Fourth Advent Candle: The final purple candle marks the last week of Advent as we anticipate the birth of our Savior. This final candle, also known as the “Angel’s Candle,” signifies peace. It reminds us of the angels’ message: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men (<https://www.christianity.com/>).”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

(December Birthdays)

6th Keamya Osby

11th Sabrina Davis

12th JoAnne Pryor & Khary Smith-McCall

21st Altamease Williams

25th Richard Leggett

(December Anniversaries)

No Anniversaries

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste (Isaiah 7:10-16).

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. (Matthew 1:18-25).



Heart Healthy Cornbread

{Yield: 10 servings}

Ingredients:

- 1 cup unbleached flour
- 1 cup medium-grind cornmeal
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons No-Sodium baking powder
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- ¼ cup sunflower or canola oil
- 1½ cup 1% low-fat milk

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 425° degrees F
2. Mix the dry ingredients in a large bowl.
3. Blend in the beaten egg, milk, and oil.
4. Pour into a baking dish sprayed lightly with oil. Bake for 20 minutes.
5. Serve alongside your favorite warm meal!

This recipe is courtesy of our *Fitness Activities and Nutrition* Committee.

Learn more about FAN and be healthier at www.shfpchurch.org/fan-resources.



- Bereaved Family of Rev. Joseph Garlic
- Elizabeth's Homeless Citizens
- Sheila Robinson and Family
- Ugandan Children and Guardians
- Teachers and Students

**Please share prayer requests for program listing with the Deacons.*

OCTOBER SESSION REPORT:

Income: **\$7,108**

Expenditures: **\$10,973**

Session Voted to:

- Host Youth Christmas Party on Friday, 12/23

Session Working on:

- The 2023 Church Budget
- Re-establishment of Ministry Teams for Member Check-in's
- Increased In-Person Participation
- Activity Calendar for 2023

TODAY'S HYMN

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels.

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him (3x)
Christ the Lord!

2 God from true God, and
Light from Light eternal,
born of a virgin, to earth he comes!
Only-begotten Son of God the Father:
[Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:
[Refrain]

SHFPC Children



Halloween '22: Party at Snyder Academy



Pray for the peace of the places
you are sent, the people
with whom you dwell, and the
world in which you reside. In this
spirit of shalom, let us share signs
of peace and love. Amen.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

- Alpha and Omega
- The Butterfly
- The Shamrock or Clover
- The Christmas Rose
- The Trumpet
- The Open Bible
- The Star
- The Fish
- The Lamp
- Fleur De Lis.
- The Lamb
- The Burning Torch
- The Manger.
- The Bell
- The Daisy.
- The Harp
- The Dove
- The Circle and Triangle
- The Shell with Drops of Water
- Chi and Rho
- Cross and Crown
- The Anchor Cross

THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISMON SERVICE

Frances K. Spencer originated the Chrismon ornaments, which first appeared on a tree in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, VA. “Chrismon” is a combination of two words, CHRIST and MONogram. The original symbols used only monograms of Christ. Since that time, however, many new symbols have been developed. All are biblical symbols or symbols that have meaning for the Church. Chrismons use only the colors white and gold. White is the liturgical color for Christmas and refers to Christ’s purity and perfection. Gold refers to the majesty and glory of our Lord. The lights on a Christmas tree remind us that Christ is the “light of the world”.