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Presbyterian Church**



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**WELCOME. LOVE. SERVICE. COMMUNITY.**

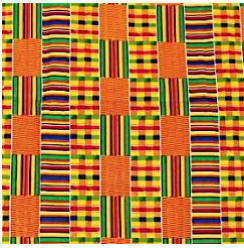
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## Sunday Worship Service | 04 December 2022 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

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**MEDITATION** | ALL

**PRELUDE** | JACOB PADUANO

**CALL TO WORSHIP** | PASTOR LUNDY

**INVOCATION** | PASTOR LUNDY

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** | ELDER WANDA SIZEMORE- MCRAE

**ADVENT CANDLE AND CHRISMON SUMMARY** | MEMBER & PASTOR

**OPENING HYMN** | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

**VIRTUAL PASSING OF PEACE** | LEAD BY FAN COMMITTEE

**LIVING OUR MISSION** | 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** | PASTOR LUNDY

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** | ALL

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** | PASTOR LUNDY

**GLORIA PATRI** | ALL

**SCRIPTURE READING** | ISAIAH 11:1-10 & MATTHEW 3:1-12

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

**MESSAGE** | PASTOR LUNDY

**INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION**

**COMMUNION, PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER** | PASTOR LUNDY

**OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD AND DOXOLOGY** | ALL

**MUSICAL SELECTION** | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

**CHARGE AND BENECTION** | PASTOR LUNDY

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### **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 has done many wonderful things in history for God's people.

**We know of many wonderful things God has done  
for us, too; and we praise God for each one.**

The good news is that God has come in a new way with deliverance from sin through Jesus Christ, opening a glorious future for us.

**We look forward to our final reward of being blessed  
in God's kingdom for eternity! Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We cherish experiences of the past in which you made your presence known to us, Father.

**We sometimes wish we could relive them**

But such memories hold us back from receiving the glorious future where you would lead us.

**Forgive us when we prevent ourselves from receiving new experiences of deliverance and hope by dwelling on the past.**

Come into our lives in a fresh way, that the joy of your forgiveness will always be a new experience for us.

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.** *Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As the prophet Isaiah proclaims, "The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." This sure vision is ours.

Let us embrace God's promise. **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.

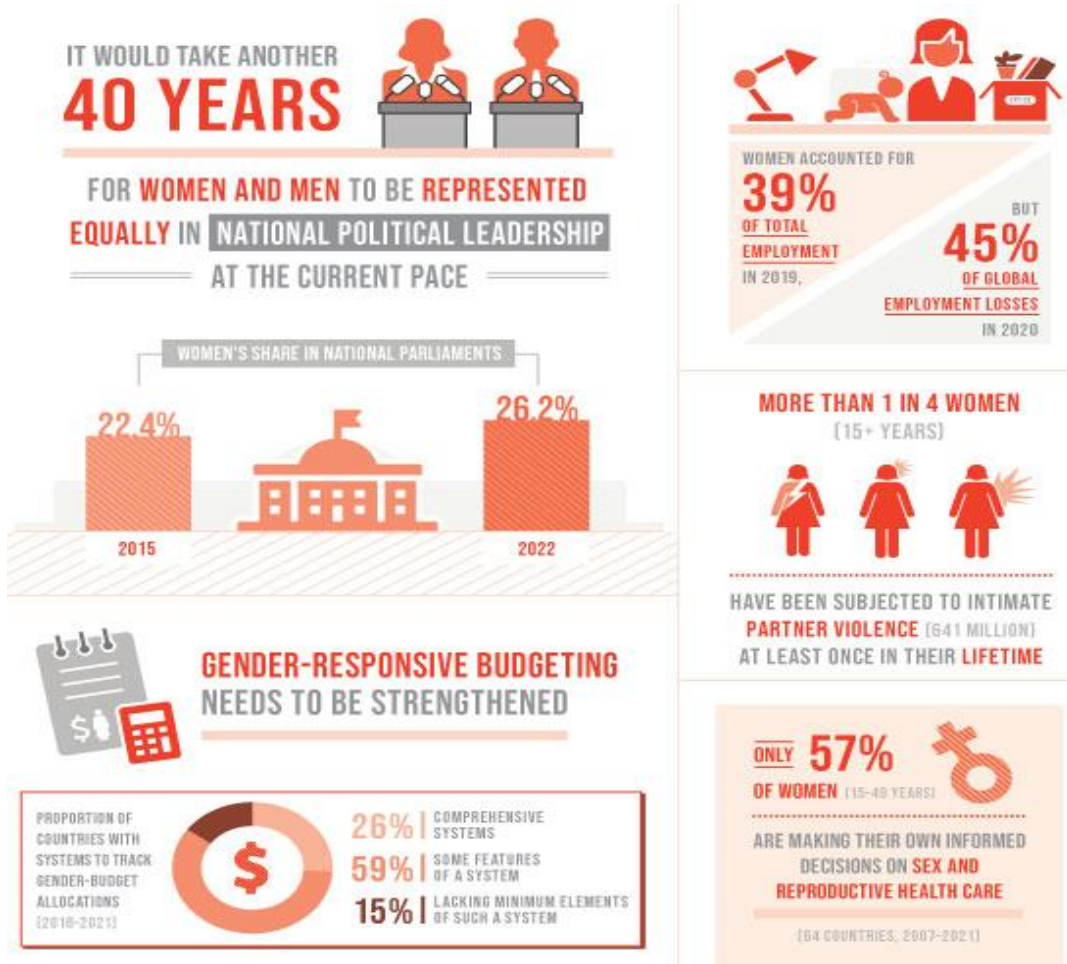
- We're seeking **FAN supporters**, to donate cases of water and/or lead our fitness breaks. See Elder Pam.
- **11am Worship Service** is in person and on Zoom @ Meeting ID: 825 8830 1038 | (929) 205-6099 | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82588301038>
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer Call** takes place @ 6am. 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](mailto: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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## HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS MONTH



### JUST FACTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Do You Know? How to Observe Universal Human Rights Month**  
 “Reread the Bill of Rights - Research what these freedoms mean to you. This time of understanding also honors the work of those who brought them into existence.

Do Some Volunteering - Organizations such as Amnesty International (a charity that works to support and spread awareness of human rights) are always looking for volunteers. Do your part to help protect others.

Give Back to Your Community - Help those who are hurting in your own community. After all, to start changing the world, sometimes you just need to start locally (<https://nationaltoday.com/universal-human-rights-month/>).

(December Birthdays)

- 6<sup>th</sup>** Keamya Osby
- 11<sup>th</sup>** Sabrina Davis
- 12<sup>th</sup>** JoAnne Pryor & Khary Smith-McCall
- 21<sup>st</sup>** Altamease Williams
- 25<sup>th</sup>** Richard Leggett

(December Anniversaries)

**No Anniversaries**

<sup>1</sup>A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—<sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes or decide by what he hears with his ears; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips, he will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. <sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. <sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious (Isaiah 11:1-10).

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup>and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup>John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire (Matthew 3:1-12).



### 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](http://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

#### ***Go Tell It on The Mountain!***

*Refrain:* Go, tell it on the mountain;  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain;  
That Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watching;  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold thro'-out the heavens;  
There shone a holy light. [*Refrain*]
2. The shepherds feared and trembled;  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus;  
That hailed our Savior's birth. [*Refrain*]
3. Down in a lowly manger;  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation;  
that blessed Christmas morn. [*Refrain*]

### PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

#### **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”.