

Announcements

Wed. Dec 11 th	Choir	6:30
Thurs. Dec 12 th	KD Lunch	11:00
Sun Dec 15 th	Easiest Bake Sale	

The Tyne Valley and Area Community Choir will be presenting the Christmas cantata, "One Small Child", this afternoon, Dec 8th at 2:30pm at Central Street

You'll find our "giving tree" in the lobby again this year. Our budget deficit to the end of October, 2024 was \$20,296.21 including the cost of two building related expenses. With that in mind, we have set our target for this year's fundraising goal at \$20,000. If we are successful, we would cover our operating expenses for 2024 and hopefully have a small surplus to carry into January 2025. To donate, you can leave an envelope with your name on it in the offering, drop by the office or simply send a e-transfer to summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com. We have a new feature to add to our tree this year. We would like to invite you to hang a star in memory of someone special, who is particularly missed this time of year, regardless of whether you use the donation ornaments or not. It would be a gentle reminder to everyone of people no longer with us, but who still shine in our memories.

We would like to thank you for this year's ongoing support and wish you and your families all the best of the Christmas season. Sincerely, your Finance and Property Committee.

We're currently seeking someone to look after snow shoveling at the church.

It would be required following each snowfall and prior to 8:30 am. If you know anyone who might be interested, please contact any member of the finance and property committee. Thank you.



5:00 Service Designed with Young Children in Mind
6:30 Traditional Worship Service

Mission Moment

In Ghana, 12-year-old Abigail Awini became physically challenged shortly after birth, which left her unable to walk. Abigail's father died when she was just four years old, and shortly thereafter, her mother left. Abigail's grandmother, a poor farmer, became her caregiver. During a community survey, Abigail was registered for support from PWS&D's partner, the Garu Centre. With their advice, her grandmother enrolled her in school. Unable to move independently, Abigail's grandmother carried her on her back daily until Abigail got too big and had to drop out of school. However, the project supported Abigail with a tricycle to enhance her mobility. "The life of my granddaughter has changed," shares her grandmother. Abigail found independence and was able to resume her schooling.

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~ Second Sunday of Advent ~
December 8th, 2024

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

A voice in the wilderness cries out:
Prepare the way of the Lord!

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill be made low.
The crooked shall be made straight, and rough places, smooth.

A voice in the wilderness cries out:
All people shall see the salvation of God!

Lift up your hearts in expectation!
We will lift up our praise to the One who is coming into the world once more.

Hymn: **#126 On Jordan's bank**

Opening Prayers

***Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.***

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting: **#119 Hope is a star** (vs 1 & 2)

Children's Time: **#164 O little town of Bethlehem**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:67-79
Luke 3 (selected verses)

Ministry of Music: "Child in a manger"

Message: "The Ways that Make for Peace"

Hymn: **#128 There's a voice in the wilderness calling**

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

***Praise God whose light fills all the earth
Whose love we see in Jesus' birth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony.***

Hymn: **#148 It came upon the midnight clear** (vs 1,2,3 & 5)

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk in the Light**

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...

"You can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things:
a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights."
~ Maya Angelou



"When someone says 'Happy Holidays' instead of 'Merry Christmas', remember, they're not doing it because of political correctness. They do it out of respect. Because from the 20th of November to January 24th there's at least 14 different religious holidays. So, when someone says Happy Holidays to you, thank them, because they don't know what you believe in. It's called respect. Not a war on Christmas."
~ Anonymous

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for those who grieve the death of someone they love—whose presence they miss with an ache too deep for words. Help us not to fear our grief, for it is a sign of how much we loved the one who now rejoices with the saints in God's presence.

We pray for people who are experiencing challenges conceiving or adopting children.

As people gather with families and friends during the Christmas season, we pray for those who are experiencing loneliness.



Scripture Reading: Luke 1:68-79 (NIV)

⁶⁷ His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸ “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹ salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—

⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Scripture Reading: Luke 3 (NIV)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea... the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

*‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.*

⁵ *Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.*

*The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.*

⁶ *And all people will see God’s salvation.’”*

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham...”

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.