

## Order of Sunday Evening Service

6:00 PM

### Prelude

### Readings from God's Holy Word

1 Peter 4:12-19  
James 1:2-11

### Hymns

#168 Who Is He in Yonder Stall?

#157 Away in a Manger

### Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 16

#### 40. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even unto death?

Because of the justice and truth of God satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.

#### 41. Why was he buried?

His burial testified that he had really died.

#### 42. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

Our death is not a payment for our sins, but it puts an end to sin and is an entrance into eternal life.

#### 43. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

Through Christ's death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves to him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.

#### 44. Why is there added: He descended into hell?

In my greatest sorrows and temptations I may be assured and comforted that my Lord Jesus Christ, by his unspeakable anguish, pain, terror, and agony, which he endured throughout all his sufferings but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.

### Prayers of the Congregation

- Adoration
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication

### The Christian Life

*Suffering*

### Hymn

#123 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

### Prayer

## Announcements

**Welcome.** We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. Please feel free to pick up a blue informational folder outside the entrances to the sanctuary to learn more about our church. Also, please fill out a visitor card in the pew racks and place in the offering plate so we can have a record of your visit. Thank you.

**A Word About Our Worship Service.** Sermon: The minister of God's Word reads, explains and applies the Scriptures to the congregation. Our practice is to preach the whole counsel of God. We preach through the Bible, verse by verse and book by book. In the reading and preaching of God's Word, we believe God himself speaks to his people, convincing, converting, comforting and counseling those who hear by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday Nights @ First.** Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Our study will be: The Christian Life: "*Suffering.*"

**Annual Business Meeting.** The Session has called the annual business meeting of the congregation for today after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2016 Budget and hold elections for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Congregational Chair and Treasurer.

**Christmas Caroling.** On Sunday, December 20, we will be taking our evening service out and about as we go caroling to our homebound members. We will leave our parking lot at 6 PM sharp to make our rounds and then return for cookies and hot drinks in the Fellowship Hall. Just as our recent visits and basket deliveries were a blessing, we hope this will be an important touch to our fellow members who are unable to attend worship with us each Sunday.

**Christmas Eve.** Make plans to join us on December 24 at 5 PM for our Christmas Eve service. The Lord's Supper will be served.

**Missions Trip.** In January 2016, Connie Bennett will be sent on her sixth trip for medical missions in Trinidad. Her gifts are well-utilized on the trip. You may participate in sending Connie by your prayers and financial support. The Presbyterian Church in America's (P.C.A.) Mission to the World is hosting the trip and provides all necessary administrative support for the trip. If you wish to contribute financially to the mission, please do so by sending your check to: MTW, PO Box 2589, Suwanee, GA 30024-0982. Note in the memo Account #10865 and all proceeds will support our sister's trip. Her financial goal for support is \$2,000. The Congregation will be commissioning Connie on Sunday, January 10.

**2016 Contribution Envelopes.** Please go by the Fellowship Hall and pick up your envelopes for 2016.

### Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Fran Haynes and Macon Baird  
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Dot Hutelmyer

Counter: Today: David Newton  
Next Week: Doug Glass

Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson  
Next Week: Doug Glass

#### Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund:	\$13,137.05
Memorials (Bill Huffman)	\$50.00
Thanksgiving Offering Total for 2015	\$753.00

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For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

Hebrews 3:14

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**The Lord's Day  
December 13, 2015**

