

Suffering and Preparation
Luke 1:5-25

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly • Organist: Phyllis Snyder

The suffering _____ . Luke 1:5-7

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Sing, We Now of Christmas* - piano/organ

Lighting the Third Advent Candle
Joe and Lisa Zemancik Family

***Hymn:** *Joy To The World!* pg. 270

Scripture: Luke 1:5-25 (pew Bible pg. 1587)

Ministry in Music: *Mary, Did You Know?* - choir

Prayer

He will _____ the _____. Luke 1:11-17

Our Worship in Giving

O Magnify the Lord - two piano duet
(First-time guests, please do not feel obligated to give.
Your presence with us today is gift enough.)

***Doxology** pg. 166

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

***Hymn:**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory pg. 259 vs 1,4,5
(Children ages 3-6 dismissed to the back of the sanctuary.)

Message: Suffering and Preparation

***Hymn:** *Worthy, You Are Worthy* pg. 260

***Closing Prayer & Response:**

Emmanuel pg. 243

Flowers on the communion table are given by Patti and John Steiner in honor of Doris Smith and in memory of Owen Smith.

*If able, please stand



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First Time @ Smithville Brethren?

Welcome, we are thrilled to have you as our guests today. Here is some information you will find helpful.

First, there is a gift waiting for you at our welcome center in the main lobby. Please stop by so we can give it to you.

Second, we would like you to know that we have two worship services here at Smithville Brethren. We have a 9:00 am service in the Sanctuary with a traditional feel and an 11:15 am service in the Upper Fellowship Hall with a contemporary feel.

Third, we believe that the responsibility to support the church financially rests upon the members and friends of this church and not on you, our guest. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering today.

Fourth, we love children here at SBC so we have a nursery which is open for children from birth to two years old. You may bring your child to the lower level for either service and Sunday school. Our nursery is staffed by loving people who would enjoy caring for your child. If you desire to keep your child in the service, that is perfectly fine also.

Fifth, during both services we also have Jr. church for children ages 3-6. Jr. church begins partway through the service and allows your child a chance to learn about God in a more age appropriate environment. Jr. church is located in the lower level, room #117. You will see a slide on the screen that tells when to send your child out for Jr. church, if you desire to do so.

Volunteers for Today:

- 9:00 Children's Church: Amanda Cline, Anna Chittenden
Nursery: Jessie Dravenstott, Nancy Dravenstott, Kirstie Mahas
11:15 Children's Church: Sue Dilyard, Diane Borah
Nursery: Rebekah Carr, Rochelle & Sydney Shane

Wednesday, December 14

- 6:30 Blanket Ministry
6:30 Time of Prayer
7:00 Youth Hangout
7:30 Choir practice

Saturday, December 17

- 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
10:00-11:00 King Food Distribution

Prayer

- Betsy West - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bertha Rudy - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Walt & Gail Sniff
- Bill & Glenna Mast
- Charles & Edna Fleming

Christmas Challenge! This years' Christmas Challenge will go to *Flourish 44703*, a work of our Canton, OH church plant, Radial. Flourish is an "initiative to help our neighbors spiritually, socially, and economically flourish by giving them access to residential, commercial, and community spaces that we acquire and form." radialchurch.com - website Here is how it works: we each add up what we spend on Christmas and give an equal amount to the church, which we will pass on to *Flourish 44703* this year. Please mark your checks "Christmas Challenge."



O come, let us adore him!

Christmas Eve Service Invite family and friends to the Christmas Eve Services, Saturday, December 24 at 6:30 & 8:00 pm. The 6:30 pm service will be in the upper fellowship hall with our worship team. The 8:00 pm service will be in the sanctuary with a more traditional feel. Both services will include a special time for children and a message.

December Forward Look is available on the Information wall. If you would like to receive the newsletter either by email or mail, please let the church office know, 330-669-2268.

Church Mailboxes Please check your mailboxes for any Christmas cards or other information.

Cookies for Breakaway! Breakaway is a time-released Christian education class at Smithville. Our church has been asked to donate cookies for 2 weeks in January. A total of 30 doz. cookies are needed. The cookies can be homemade or store bought. Sign up sheet is located at the Information table. Cookies can be left in the upper kitchen marked "Breakaway" by January 4.

Our Daily Bread Feel free to pick up a free copy of the December-February devotional, *Our Daily Bread*, found on the Information wall and by the downstairs door.

Board Meeting *Official Board* is meeting Dec. 15, 7:00 pm.

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Pastor H. Ray Aspinall • e-mail: hrayaspinall@earthlink.net
Carol Horst, Secretary • e-mail: sbrethren@earthlink.net
Ted Peplowski, Contemporary Worship Leader • tpeplowski@aol.com

Needed: 15 used quart jars with lids for a Sunday school craft. Please see Jennifer Carr if you would like to donate your old canning jars. Thank you!

Newsletter Deadline Items for the January newsletter are due to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 25. You may send your news items to sbrethren@earthlink.net or put them in the black office box on the Information table.

Mark Your Calendars! Installation of new officers for the 2017 year will be held January 8 during our combined worship service. A Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will follow the service.

Supper Clubs are Forming If you would like to be part of the Supper Clubs, please sign up at the Information table. Please indicate if you want to stay in the same group, change, or either. New groups will be starting the first of the year.



The sympathy of the church is extended to David, Esther & Nathan Creekmore, on the recent death of Esther's father.

The sympathy of the church is also extended to Bob & Betty Coleman & family on the death of Bob's mother this past week.

Blanket Ministry will not be meeting on Dec. 21.

The 2017 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up and are in the upper fellowship hall on the table against the north wall. If anyone is interested in getting envelopes, please contact Dee Durbin at 330-262-4525.

Handel's Messiah You are invited to hear Handel's Messiah performed by Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 7843 Smucker Rd., Smithville, today, at 2:30 pm.

Christmas wreaths will be placed on the veterans graves in the three historic and abandoned cemeteries within the village limits. A dedication and placement of these wreaths is scheduled for December 17, at 3:00 pm.