



Rest Yourselves Under the Tree
Genesis 18:4

SEVERN RUN
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

A Church devoted to the pursuit of Scripture, Prayer, Fellowship and Worship as an effective and ultimately victorious means of reaching our community for Christ.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Sunday, 31 December, 2023

✦ Indicates standing if able

WELCOME & GREETING

Pastor Emeritus John "Arch" Van Devender



INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46:8–11

"Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! The LORD of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge."

✦ HYMN

Nº 01

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CONFESSING CHRIST

2 Peter 2:4–11

"For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)— *then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Ruling Elder Mark Donovan

Confessional Prayer

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

❖ HYMN

Nº 02

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

CONFESSION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE

(responsive paraphrased)

Responsive Confession:

WCF 25.1&2

Elder: The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of Him that fills all in all.

Congregation: *The visible Church, is catholic or universal under the Gospel. It is not confined to one nation, as before under the law.*

Elder: It consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion; and of their children.

All: **The visible Church is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, outside of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Giving of Our Gifts

Offertory

- ❖ Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye Heav’nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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, Amen.

(Children ages infant - 3 years old are now dismissed to the Nursery)

THE WORD PREACHED

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 10:1-15

“A Message For Every New Year...”

Pastor Emeritus John "Arch" Van Devender

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- ❖ INVITATIONAL HYMN
We Come, O Christ, to You

Nº 03

COMMUNION WITH CHRIST IN THE SUPPER

- ❖ HYMN
All Authority and Power

Nº 04

BENEDICTION

- ❖ Postlude



SERMON NOTES

“A Message For Every New Year...”

Matthew 10:1-15

1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. **2** Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother; **3** Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; **4** Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. **5** These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. **6** But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** And as you go, preach, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ **8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. **9** Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, **10** nor bag for *your* journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food. **11** Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. **12** And when you go into a household, greet it. **13** If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. **14** And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. **15** Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God,
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord,
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low,

that made the moun - tains rise;
 that filled the earth with food;
 but makes Thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad,
 He formed the crea - tures with His word,
 And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow,

and built the loft - y skies.
 and then pro - nounced them good.
 by or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained
 Lord, how Thy won - ders are dis - played,
 While all that bor - rows life from Thee

the sun to rule the day;
 wher - e're I turn my eye:
 is ev - er in Thy care,

the moon shines full at His com - mand,
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread,
 And ev - 'ry - where that man can be,

and all the stars o - bey.
 or gaze up - on the sky!
 Thou God, art pres - ent there. A - men.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1. Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness
 2. Praise the One who bless'd the chil - dren
 3. Praise the one true love in - car - nate:

with a lib - er - a - ting light;
 with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 Christ, who suf - fer'd in our place;

Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners
 Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y

turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 with a pierc - ing two - edged sword.
 that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preach'd the go - spel,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness,

heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 see - ing what our God has done!

Calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands
 From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry;

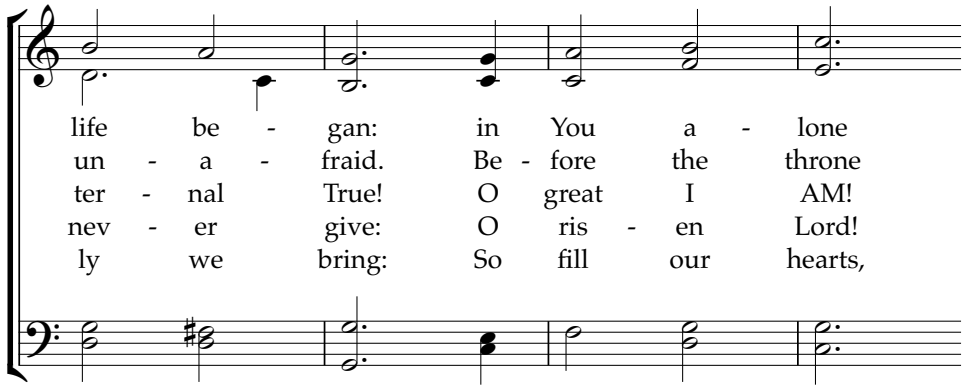
with the ver - y bread of peace.
 quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the One who makes us one.

We Come, O Christ, to You

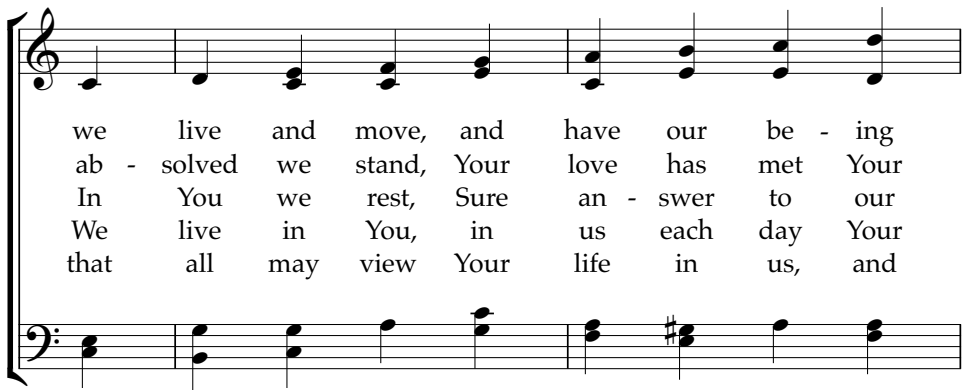
1. We come, O Christ, to You,
 2. You are the Way to God,
 3. You are the liv - ing Truth!
 4. You on - ly are true Life,
 5. We wor - ship You, Lord Christ,

True Son of God and man,
 Your blood our ran - som paid;
 All wis - dom dwells in You,
 To know You is to live
 Our Sav - ior and our King,

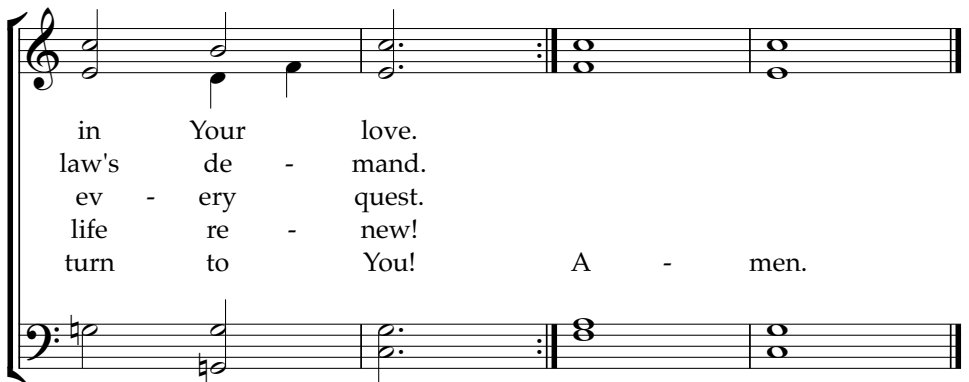
By Whom all things con - sist, In Whom all
 In You we face our Judge and Mak - er
 The Source of ev - ery skill, The One E -
 The more a - bun - dant life That earth can
 To You our youth and strength A - dor - ing -



life be - gan: in You a - lone
 un - a - fraid. Be - fore the throne
 ter - nal True! O great I AM!
 nev - er give: O ris - en Lord!
 ly we bring: So fill our hearts,



we live and move, and have our be - ing
 ab - solved we stand, Your love has met Your
 In You we rest, Sure an - swer to our
 We live in You, in us each day Your
 that all may view Your life in us, and



in Your love.
 law's de - mand.
 ev - ery quest.
 life re - new!
 turn to You! A - men.

All Authority and Power

1. All au - thor - i - ty and pow - er,
 2. All the na - tions owe Him wor - ship,
 3. All the clear com - mands of Je - sus
 4. All the time He will be with us,

ev - 'ry sta - tus and do - main,
 ev - 'ry tongue shall call Him Lord;
 must be heed - ed and o - beyed;
 al - ways, to the end of days,

now be - longs to Him who suf - fered
 how are men to call up - on Him
 full pro - vi - sion for our weak - ness
 with His own be - liev - ing peo - ple,

our re - demp - tion to ob - tain;
if His name they have not heard?
in His teach - ing He has made;
who keep stead - fast in His ways;

an - gels, de - mons, kings and rul - ers,
There - fore go and make dis - ci - ples,
in the Gos - pel words and sym - bols,
God the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it,

o - ver all shall Je - sus reign!
preach His gos - pel, spread His word.
sav - ing truth to us con - veyed.
bless us, and to Him the praise!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

"A Message For Every New Year..."

Matthew 10:1-15

O V Z W H E D S U E M A N R U S D C K B
I H F E S P I N M M W B E T R A Y E D I
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P S O V E R H D O C R H T U O J W K M S
S O Y S R N Y A E H B E C X V H I M A S
G R T E O R D N D D N T W E J E S U S L
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L E N S E L E K E D L E M M L F T O O O
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C F M A L C E J E A G N D A H C R E E A
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K I N D S E M A N Z O T N E S F I R O A
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ALL
ALPHAEUS
ALSO
AND
ANDREW
APOSTLES
BARTHOLOMEW
BETRAYED
BROTHER
CALLED
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COLLECTOR
COMMANDED
DISCIPLES
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HE
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ISCARIOT
JAMES
JESUS
JOHN
JUDAS
KINDS
LEBBAEUS
MATTHEW
NAMES
NOW
OUT
OVER
PETER
PHILIP

POWER
SENT
SICKNESS
SIMON
SURNAME
TAX
THADDAEUS
THEM
THESE
THOMAS
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UNCLEAN
WAS
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WHO
WHOSE
ZEBEDEE

What verse in Matthew 10 contain the underlined words? _____

Write the whole verse out: _____



Friday Morning Women's Bible Study *'Contentment'*

By Melissa Kruger

Beginning Friday, January 5 at 10:45 AM

At the home of Elaine Nolen
1151 Dicus Mill Road
Millersville, MD

Bless One Another

The women's study and fellowship group will meet at 10:45 AM (three weeks a month) to watch a video and discuss the biblical content, pray for one another, and share a meal. On the fourth week, we will seek to reach out to other women in various ways.

We hope you can join us!

Begin with prayer
Listen to others
Eat together
Study Scripture
Serve others



Announcements at Severn Run...

TODAY

Welcome to those who are visiting with us! Please take time to fill out a "Visitor's Welcome Card" on the table in the narthex and help yourself to some information about SREPC. (Also fill one out if you have any prayer requests or if you'd like to be placed on the SREPC Church Email List. You can also contact Marcy in the church office at churchoffice.srep@gmail.com with your information.) Please place these cards in the Tithe Box (which is located on the table before entering the sanctuary)—Thank you!

No Sunday School - Resumes next Sunday, 1/7.

No Evening Service tonight.

TODAY - IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SREPC GIVING 2023

All giving, in order to be included for 2023, should be in the church office by the close of business on **12/31 (TODAY)** or postmarked by **12/31**. If you choose to slide it under the office door when nobody is here, it may not be included in the 2023 giving. Please see Peggy Young with any questions. Thank you!

SREPC READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Join the Severn Run "*Read Through The Bible*" 2-year Plan, as we read the Scriptures together. Each Sunday you will receive an email with the readings for the week. To sign up, email Jeremiah Horner at Horner.srep@gmail.com.

SEVERN RUN MAILBOX - CHECK FOR YOUR CARDS!

Next Sunday is the last Sunday for the Christmas card box - please check it for any cards!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 1/13 - Women's Small Group Fellowship - more details to follow soon!

SREPC WOMEN'S PRAYER MEETING

Meeting on Wednesday mornings from 10am-11am. Please contact Barbara Smith at 410-591-3825 with any questions.

SREPC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday Evenings at 7pm - We are taking a break, returning on 1/15/24. Join us as we dive deeper into the book of Exodus. For more information, contact Carol Speargas, 410-693-7014.

NEW! Friday Women's Bible study - see the insert in the bulletin for details.

SHORT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

There will be a short congregational meeting for the election of new Officers immediately following the morning service on **January 28, 2024**. More details to follow soon!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting and installation of new Officers is scheduled for **February 4, 2024**. More details to follow soon!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests have been printed out and are on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

SREPC POP-UP PANTRY

The next PUP is this **Wednesday, 1/3/24**. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link or contact the church office.

SREPC MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Wednesday Evening Study meets **every other Wednesday, 7:30pm** at the church. Please contact Bradley Chwastyk for more details. **(No Study until 1/10)**

Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study meets **every Saturday from 9:00-10:30am**. Joe Mackes will be teaching from the book of Hebrews. Please contact Joe at jfmackes@aol.com with any questions. No RSVP is needed.

Men's Breakfast - There is no breakfast in January.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January - 1/3 - PUP; **1/9** - Session Mtg; **1/13** - Small Group Women's Fellowship; **1/20** - Presbytery Mtg; **1/23** - Session Mtg; **1/25-1/27** - Officer Retreat; **1/28** - Election of Officers

What's Happening at Severn Run

- Sun
31
Dec
- ▶ No Sunday School - Resumes next Sunday, 1/7
 - ▶ Morning Worship Service - 11am
 - ▶ Communion Served
 - ▶ No Evening Service

- Mon
1
Jan
- ▶ No Women's Bible Study - Resumes 1/15

- Tues
2
Jan
- ▶ SRCCHA Classes - 8am-3pm
 - ▶ Pop-Up Pantry Prep

- Wed
3
Jan
- ▶ Women's Prayer Meeting - 10am
 - ▶ Pop-Up Pantry - 3:30-5:30pm
 - ▶ No Men's Bible Study

- Thur
4
Jan
- ▶ SRCCHA Classes - 8am-3pm

- Fri
5
Jan
- ▶ Women's Bible Study - 10:45am - home of Elaine Nolen

- Sat
6
Jan
- ▶ Men's Bible Study - 9am-10:30am

- Sun
7
Jan
- ▶ Sunday School - 9:30am
 - ▶ Morning Worship Service - 11am
 - ▶ Communion Served
 - ▶ Evening Service - 5pm

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Serving at Severn Run...

This Week - Dec 31 - New Year's Eve - Happy New Year!

Ushers
Sound Room Morning Service
Communion Prep
Church Hour Nursery (Infant-age 3)
Sunday School Nursery
Sunday School Breakfast Set-Up

Jeff Farr/Brian Reardon
Nick Clark
The Schingecks
Myra Russell/Alexander Horner
No Sunday School
No Sunday School

Next Week - Jan 7

Ushers
Sound Room Morning Service/Evening Service
Communion Prep
Church Hour Nursery (Infant-age 3)
Sunday School Nursery
Sunday School Breakfast Set-Up

Duane Dwyer/Steven Tavel
Nick Clark
The Schingecks
Mandy Ball/Kara & Naomi LiVecche
Monica Best
TBD