

A close-up photograph of a green, textured branch, likely from a juniper or cedar, covered with numerous small, round, light blue berries. The berries have a slightly dusty or waxy appearance and some show small brown spots. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

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**NOTE:** All Scripture is taken from the English Standard Version except where stated otherwise.

\* Denotes congregation standing

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD** An integral part of our worship is to bring God a token of our increase. Your tithes and offerings may be placed in the small box at the back of the room. As we will give thanks to God for his gifts *during* the service, we encourage you to make your offering *before* the service.

**Diaconal Offering** You may designate funds to the deacons by writing ‘Deacons’ in the Memo box of your check. The Deacons would like to designate the fourth Sunday of the month for your diaconal offering, but you may give to the deacons at any time.

**Women’s Ministries Offering** You may designate funds to the Women’s ministries by writing ‘Women’s Ministries’ in the memo of your check. The Women’s Ministry Funds pay for their service projects, support of OPC missionaries, and other church activities.

### **Special Offering Through December 8**

**Thank Offering** This offering supports our denomination’s funding needs giving the majority of support for our missionaries, home missions, Sunday School material, New Horizons magazine, and other expenses.

**NURSERY:** We are delighted to have God’s children worship with us. Their cries, coos, and occasional shrieks are reminders to us of God’s wonderful blessings. However, if you would like, there is nursery care available for children under 3 from the hymn before the sermon through the remainder of the worship service. The nursery is located behind the bathrooms of this building.

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER**

You are cordially invited to participate in the Lord’s Supper if you are a believer in Christ, have been baptized, are a communicant member in a Bible-believing church, and regularly attend church worship. We use wine in our celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

# The Lord's Day Worship

December 1, 2019 A.D.

## Cleansed by God

God's Law Word: Matthew 5:2-12

*Silent Prayer of Confession*

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 1:3-6

## Called by God

\* Call to Worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19)

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. The Lord be with you. (cf. I Timothy 1:2)

**And also with you. Amen.**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. (Isaiah 40:1)

**Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.** (Isaiah 40:2)

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. (Isaiah 40:4)

**And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."** (Isaiah 40:5)

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord. Amen.**

\* Hymn # 197 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

\* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn # 736 "Gloria Patri"

## Consecrated by God

Old Testament Responsive Reading: Psalm 127 (TH page 793)

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

\* Hymn # 342 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

\* Sermon Text: II Samuel 7:1-17

Sermon Title: “God’s Building Projects”

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn # 353 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

**Communion with God**

Prayers of God’s People

\* Confessing Our Faith Together – Nicene Creed (TH page 846)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Distribution of Bread: Hymn # 226 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

Distribution of Wine: Hymn # 208 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**Commissioned by God**

\* Closing Hymn # 355 “We Are God’s People”

Benediction

**Schedule - Today**

9:30 am Worship

11:30 am Sunday School

11:30 am Jr. High and High School Christmas Program Practice

12:30 pm Fellowship Meal

2:30 pm SCPA Service

4:00 pm -7:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party

**Next Sunday**

9:30 am Worship

11:30 am Sunday School

11:30 am Jr. High and High School Christmas Program Practice

5:30 pm Praise, Prayer, and Study

**This Week**

Thursday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Shelly’s House

Friday 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm OCC Shoebox Warehouse Night

<i>Refreshments &amp; Nursery (If you are unable to fulfill your assignment on your assigned day please call Amy and she will find a replacement for you)</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Refreshments</i>
	Today	Wanda & Anna Grace	Kara
	December 8	Amy & Matthew	Susan
	December 15	Peter & Ruth	Judith
	December 22	Kara & Luke	Raquel
<b>DATE</b>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Lord’s Supper</i>	<i>Usher</i>
December	Andrew	Vicki	Andrew



II Samuel 7:1-11

“God’s Building Projects”

I. David Wants to Build a House for God

- A. A N\_\_\_\_\_ Desire (II Samuel 7:1-3, I Kings 8:17-19)
- B. A D\_\_\_\_\_ Rejection (II Samuel 7:4-5, 17)
- C. Two More I\_\_\_\_\_ Priorities

II. Priority One: God Dwells with His People Wherever They Go

- A. He Has D\_\_\_\_\_ with I\_\_\_\_\_ (II Samuel 7:6-7)
- B. He Has D\_\_\_\_\_ with D\_\_\_\_\_ (II Samuel 7:8-9)
- C. He Will D\_\_\_\_\_ with D\_\_\_\_\_ (II Samuel 7:9)
- D. He Still D\_\_\_\_\_ with His P\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_  
(Matthew 1:23, Matthew 18:20, Matthew 28:20,  
I Corinthians 3:16-17, I Corinthians 6:19-20)

III. Priority Two: God’s Building Projects

- A. His H\_\_\_\_\_ for I\_\_\_\_\_ (II Samuel 7:10-11,  
I Kings 11:38, Psalm 127:1)
- B. His H\_\_\_\_\_ for D\_\_\_\_\_ (II Samuel 7:11)
- C. His H\_\_\_\_\_ for His P\_\_\_\_\_ Today – His C\_\_\_\_\_  
(Ephesians 2:19-22)

## Sunday School: Side by Side Chapter 12

- 1. What is the theme of this week's chapter?**
- 2. How do Galatians 6:2 and Romans 12:15 relate to our theme?**
- 3. Review the "ordinary steps" of friendship found on page 161. How does following these steps lead to help in times of suffering?**
- 4. Evaluate what is wrong with each of the views of suffering found on page 108.**
- 5. Explain suffering from a Biblical perspective.**
- 6. What is the simplest and shortest, but perhaps the most effective and compassionate, phrase we can utter when we see someone suffering?**
- 7. Do you have trouble remembering to display compassion to those who are suffering long after the event that caused the suffering has taken place?**
- 8. Let us consider how Job's three friends interacted with him as examples of how not to show compassion to those who are suffering.**
- 9. One pages 104-107 Welch lists three things not to say to those who are suffering. Do you agree with him that these are inappropriate or uncompassionate comments? Can you think of any other things not to say to those who are suffering?**
- 10. How should we end our conversation with those who are suffering?**