

Join us for Christmas Caroling.

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.

A Word About Our Worship Service. Silent Preparation: Please take these moments to ready your heart and mind for worship, remembering that you have entered the Lord's house on the Lord's Day to give wholly of yourself to God.

Congregational Meeting Results. Congratulations to Larry Isley, Deacon for Class of 2019; Ferald Mann, Trustee for Class of 2020; Laurene Howington, Treasurer for 2017; James Constable, Congregational Chairman for 2017. Please pray for these servants of the Lord as they give their time and talents to our church ministry. The 2017 Budget as recommended by the Session to the Congregation was passed.

Christmas Caroling. Tonight 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.

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.

Christmas Day. Join us for worship at 11 AM. We will not have Sunday School or Sunday Evening Service.

2017 Contributions Envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to pick yours up.

End of Year Giving. All offerings to be included in your 2016 contribution statement must be given by Sunday, December 25, 2016. All offerings placed in the offering plate on January 1, 2017, even if dated 2016, will be recorded on your 2017 statement.

Missions Trip. In January 2017, Connie Bennett will be sent on her seventh 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 \$2,100. The Congregation will be commissioning Connie on Sunday, January 8.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Kathy Isley and Laurie Isley
Next Week: John Robinson and Vicki McPherson
Counter: Today: Ferald Mann
Next Week: Glenn Owens
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund:	\$4,704.75
Memorials for Helen Parks	\$ 50.00

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“I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”
Genesis 3:15

**The Lord's Day
December 18, 2016**

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Julie Snow*

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment *Connie Bennett*

Voluntary for Silent Prayer

Votum *Psalm 124:8*

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Salutation *Revelation 1:4-5*

Call to Worship* *Psalm 89*

Hymn of Adoration*
#125 *Joy to the World*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith *Hebrews 1 and Philippians 2*

"I believe that in the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word."

"I believe that Jesus Christ, who, being in very nature God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

Song of Praise*
#82 *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

Corporate Confession of Sin
Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our sinfulness, transgress your holy commandments. O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses! Be pleased then to have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and corruption, grant us the daily increase of your Holy Spirit that we might put to death the sin that is within us and bear all the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives. We trust you for these graces on the basis of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon *Romans 5:17*

"If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ."

Hymn of Redemption*
#138 *Go, Tell It On The Mountain*

Reading of the New Testament *Matthew 4:1-11*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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, 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Lord's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory/Anthem *Adult Choir*
One Simple Prayer

Hymn of Praise*
#625 *Doxology*

Reading of the Old Testament *Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-24*

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word *Pastor Bryan Crotts*
Lessons for Advent: The Fall of Man Into Sin and Misery

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment
#144 *How Great Our Joy!*

Benediction*

Postlude *Ed Limon*

Sermon Notes

* Please stand if you are able