

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2009

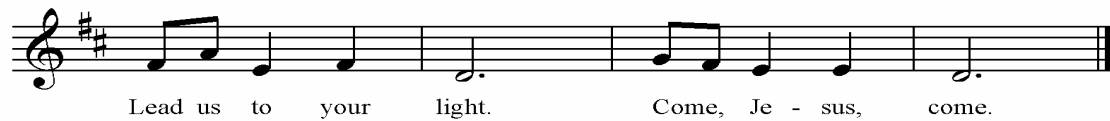
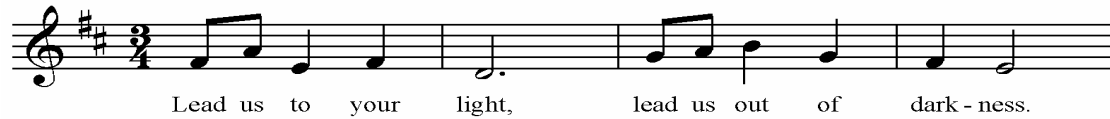
THE CHURCH GATHERS

THE GREETING Philippians 4:4 The Rev. Ruth C. Roberts
Rejoice in the Lord Always; again, I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

PRELUDE *"Sleepers Awake! A voice is calling"* Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) *"Lead Us to Your Light"* Browning
Chancel Choir and Congregation



LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH Debbie Alexander & Diane Thompson (8:45)
John, Susan, Elizabeth & Mary Frazier Kay (11:00)

Leader: Now is the advent of the long awaited Messiah.

People: We wait, we prepare, we make straight the way.

Leader: At first there was the frail light of a single candle of hope daring to pierce through the darkness of despair and sin.

People: Then there was the candle of peace, the gentle and persistent fire.

Leader: Today we light the candle of love. No other word so adequately captures the spirit and goal of our faith, or so completely describes what we know of our God.

People: We give thanks for a love that passes understanding, and we await the dawning of God's pervasive and enduring love once more this Advent season.

Leader: May this candle of love give light to the world.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 9 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* VENI EMMANUEL

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Creator God, we praise you for your love in coming to us, unworthy though we are. We thank you for you have not left us alone. Each year you come to us, Emmanuel, God with us in a manger. Forgive us for the ways we fail to accept your love for us, and for the ways we withhold our love from others. Give us grace to accept Christ who comes in your name, and the courage to be Christ for others. Give us courage to see the face of Christ in all who suffer, to be hands to the helpless, food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG of PETITION

"Lord Jesus Christ"

Taizé

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let not my doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me.

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

*RESPONSE of PRAISE

"He Came Down"

arr. Bell

He came down that we may have love, He
came down that we may have love, He came down that we may
have love, Hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

*PASSING of the PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*(Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you",
responding "And also with you")*

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

WORD for CHILDREN

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM (11:00)

Virginia Reese Wingo

HYMN of WELCOME No. 25 (11:00) *"Away in a Manger"*

MUELLER

ANTHEM (11:00)

"Advent Prayer"

Patterson

Arise and Shine Choirs

A light will shine to show us the way, lighting the darkness, brightening the day. Bright star, come quickly and guide us, we pray. A child will come to show us the way; born in a manger on a soft bed of hay. Christ child, come quickly and guide us, we pray. The Savior comes to show us the way. What will he teach us, what will he say? Savior, come quickly and guide us, we pray.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (NT, p. 56-58)

Luke 1:5-25, 57-69, 78-79

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Peripheral Angels"

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet

TO RESPOND AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

The Rev. Tom S. Glenn

**Jesus came as a child
born of a woman as is every child,
yet born of God’s power as was no other child.
He lived as a Jew among Jews.
He announced to his people
the coming of God’s rule of justice and peace on earth.
We believe that the coming of Jesus
was itself the coming of God’s promised rule.
Through his life, death, and resurrection
he initiates the relationship between God and the human race
that God always intended.**

A Declaration of Faith

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and the 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; and 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 OFFERING

The Offertory

“*Let Us Turn to Bethlehem*” (8:45)

Nibley

Lillian Quackenbush, soprano

“*Awake, Arise and Hail the Morn*” (11:00)

Wilberg

Chancel Choir

Awake, arise and hail the morn, *Halle, Hallelujah*, for unto us a Savior’s born. See how the angels wing their way to usher in the glorious day. To us a child is born in heaven, to us the son of God is given. His name the wonderful shall be; his wonders heaven and earth shall see. Come, join the angels in the sky. Glory to God who reigns on high. Let peace and love on earth abound while time revolves and years roll ‘round. Hark! What sweet music, what a song sounds from the bright celestial throng! Sweet song whose melting sounds impart joy to each raptured, listening heart. Our faith in grateful triumph boast, these wonders of the Lord of Hosts. And trust the zeal that formed the plan to perfect what that zeal began. *Halle, Hallelujah!*

*DOXOLOGY

“*All Creation, Join in Praising*”

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!**

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

Elder John Kay (11:00)

TO GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN NO. 31	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i>	MENDELSSOHN
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)	<i>"Prepare the Royal Highway"</i>	Pote
POSTLUDE	<i>"Allegro maestoso from Water Music"</i>	Handel

**Those who are able, please stand*

In Memoriam
Nancy Martin Brown
July 31, 1946 – December 4, 2009

In Memoriam
Grady L. Patterson, Jr.
January 13, 1924 – December 7, 2009

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP begins with the Prelude and the lighting of the candles to signify the light of Christ among us. The Prelude offers us a time to prepare for worship with prayer and quiet meditation. Serving as acolyte today is Craig Harrill.

TODAY'S USHERS ARE: (8:45) Suzanne Hyman & Thom Mobley – Head Ushers, Craig Aull, John McDuffie & David Watkins. (11:00) John Kay & Mike White – Head Ushers, Betty Bullman, Dewey Bullman, Gunnar Burts, Jayne Moffatt, Allan Roberson, States Roberson, Ajak Roun, Trish Sargent, Erik Teuber & Townes Walker. Elder on duty this month is John Kay.

AMBASSADORS TODAY ARE: Scott Barnes, Edgar Barrera, Dewey Bullman, Ken Connor, Dot Gargis, Allen Gill, Carolyn Godfrey, Bob Hill, Dorothy Lott, Linda Rayl, Ellen Reynolds, Bryant Roberts, Guy White and Willie Wiles. The Presbyterian Home bus driver today is Henry VanPatten.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Lindsay Deaton Walker and Matthew Delano Kemp on December 12, 2009.

STEWART AND BRITTANY WINGO present their daughter, Virginia Reese Wingo to receive the sacrament of baptism at the 11:00 worship service this morning.

WEDNESDAY'S AT SHANDON (WAS) Menu for December 16: Ham steak, baked black-eyed peas, Caesar salad & roll. Children's Menu: Hamburger, chips, green beans, fruit & milk. Bring a batch of your favorite cookies to share after the carol sing. **Please make you reservation by Tuesday at Noon.**

THE MIDDLE CHRISTMAS PARTY is at Paige Harrill's house (3434 Coleman) from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Don't forget to bring a \$5 wrapped gift to share. Parents should drop off and pick up at the Harrill's home. If you need a ride, meet at the church at 5:15 PM and have your parents pick you up at 7:25 PM.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP. We will be caroling this evening for youth group and your children will need to be picked up at 9:00 PM instead of 8:30 PM.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CHRISTMAS PAGEANT meeting in the Chancel Choir Room, 222, today following the 11:00 AM worship service. This meeting is for parents of children participating in the Christmas Eve Pageant. Costumes will be distributed and/or costume needs will be determined at this meeting. Please contact Anne McNair, amcnair3@yahoo.com if you are unable to attend the meeting and need to pick up your child's costume at another time.

RESERVE YOUR SUNDAY in 2010 to donate flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone. Contact Jeannie Aull at 834-7554 or jeannieaull@gmail.com to get on the calendar.

VISITORS, if you are interested in uniting with this church, please speak to one of the pastors.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, December 20 for the J. S. Bach Cantata No. 142, "For Us a Child is Born" at both worship services.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 the children will celebrate with a Birthday Party for Jesus. During the Sunday school hour children are asked to bring "gifts" for Harvest Hope. Remember Harvest Hope supplies the needy with more than food. Each class (two's-fifth grade) will gather in their Sunday school class at the regular time.

Christmas Worship Services

December 21 – 7:00 PM – The Longest Night Service (nursery provided)

December 24 – 5:00 PM – Family Service with Christmas Pageant

December 24 – 8:00 PM (Special Music begins at 7:45PM) &

11:00 PM Candlelight Communion

Agnes Norfleet preaching "And on Earth Peace"

(Nursery provided only at 8:00PM)

December 27 – 9:45 AM – No Sunday School –

Breakfast in Davis Hall - Bring breakfast foods to share!!!

One Worship Service at 11:00 AM

PLAN TO ATTEND THE HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE of the Sandlapper Singers "American Graces" at Dreher High Auditorium on Friday, December 18 at 7:30 PM. Seven members of Shandon sing with this excellent choir, directed by Lillian Quackenbush. Over 100 students from area schools will be featured on the program. Tickets can be ordered online at www.sandlappersingers.org.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET is open each Sunday in December, until Christmas, during the fellowship reception in Davis Hall after the 11:00 AM Worship Service. Gift catalogs that include a list of items available and how they will support the 10 organizations included this year are available throughout the church. Gifts can also be purchased during regular office hours through the church business office.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Congratulations to our December graduates! Plan now to attend next Sunday's College Student Sunday School Class at 9:45 AM in the Library. Catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Also contact John Cook (jcook@shandonpres.org) if you are interested in Montreat Collegiate Conference (January 2 -5). Have a GREAT Break!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, December 13 (Prothro/Smoak – Friendship Registers)

- 8:45 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (Church School Rooms)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Fellowship (Davis Hall)
- 12:15 PM Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal (Atrium)
- 2:00 PM SPC Youth Basketball (Activity Center)
- 4:45 PM Middler Choir (222)
- 5:30 PM Middler Christmas Party (Off Campus)
- 6:15 PM Senior High Choir (222)
- 7:00 PM Senior High Youth – Caroling (Off Campus- Pick Up 9:00 PM)

MONDAY, December 14

- 4:30 PM Key Ringers (223)
- 6:00 PM Tintinnabulators (223)
- 7:00 PM Men's League Basketball (Activity Center)

TUESDAY, December 15

- 8:30 AM Administration Ministry (Library)
- 8:45 AM Exercise Class (Activity Center)
- 12:30 PM CDC Board Meeting (Library)
- 5:00 PM Children's Chance Board (224)
- 6:00 PM SPC Youth Basketball (Activity Center)
- 7:00 PM CoDa (214)

WEDNESDAY, December 16

- 4:30 PM Youth Handbells (223)
- 5:00 PM Chimers (223)
- 5:15 PM Wednesdays at Shandon (WAS) Dinner (Activity Center)
- 6:00 PM Arise, Shine, Middler & Sr. High Choirs (202)
- 6:15 PM Youth Bible Study (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:30 PM Carol Sing (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rehearsal Room)

THURSDAY, December 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast (McDonald Youth Center)
- 8:45 AM Exercise (Activity Center)
- 5:00 PM XYZ to Presbyterian Community (Presbyterian Community)
- 6:00 PM SPC Youth Basketball (Activity Center)
- 6:30 PM Advanced Spanish (204)
- 7:30 PM NA Meeting (206)

SATURDAY, December 19

- 8:00 AM SPC Youth Basketball (Activity Center)
- 9:30 AM Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)