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LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 31, 2017
11:00 a.m. Worship
1st Sunday after Christmas

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday this week to: (1-1) Hu Partin and Brenda Spradley; (1-2) Jimmy Moat and Gina Schlomer; (1- 4) Brandi Knox, Skyler Kirkwood and Rogene Hendrick; (1- 6) Terry Baker, Amy Turner, Mary Beth Callaway and Nolan Barton

Good Sam Ministry Is requesting more donations as the need has surpassed their supply. Please help end child hunger in Troup County! Items being collected: Macaroni and cheese, canned meats, canned vegetables, canned meals: soup, chili, stew. Fruit Cups, single serving peanut butter, Ramen noodles, Pop-tarts, 100% Juice packs, shelf stable milk boxes, individually wrapped snacks, cereal, oatmeal and grits. Please bring your donations to the narthex for collection. A monetary donations can be made as well.

Warming Center - Would you like to volunteer this winter at the Troup County Warming Center? Please contact Rix to sign-up or for more information.

CURRENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Sunday	9:00 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM	Coffee & pastries in Darden Hall Sunday School Worship
Today	9:45 AM 11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Sunday School Guest Preacher – Tyler Brock L Club meets at Anne and Wade Hall's house.
Sunday, January 7	9:00 AM 9:45 AM 11:00AM	Breakfast and Blood drive Sunday School Ordination of officers, Communion Sunday and Reception on the front steps
Saturday, January 6	2:00 PM	Good Sam Backpack Buddy program at Shoal Creek Baptist
Monday, January 8	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Rix - Book of Jonah

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Sandy Mann
Elders on Duty: Maggie Brown and Jayne Pauley
Ushers: Senior High Youth
Greeters: Senior High Youth
Acolytes: Camden Bassett and Jacob Robinson
Nursery Assistant: Greer Sorrells
Children's Church: Jayne Pauley

Loyd Presbyterian Church Program Team:

Dr. Rix Threadgill, Pastor
Suzi Goldston, Office Manager
Shelley Skinner, Financial Secretary
Mike Pauley, Youth Director
Marty Davis, Music Director
Jo Loyd, Organist
Rick Robertson, Pianist
Koren Stapp, Nursery Coordinator
Pam Darden, God's Promised Land Coordinator
Amy Crites, Children's Choir Director
Janice Westbrook, Nursery Worker

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If you are interested in church or have a question about the life gregation, please speak with Pastor Rix.



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GATH

ERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE Jo Loyd, organ
(Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship pad that you will find on the inside aisle and pass it to your neighbor.)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the violence of domination, the anguish of desperation, the callousness of isolation,

People: God comes—with us, despite us, and for us.

Leader: We tremble at such redemption. Yet, we have hope against the cacophony of fear.

People: In joy, we add our voice.

*HYMN # 483 *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"*
(insert)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*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.**

GREETING, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Author of salvation, we confess that too often we write the end of the story before giving you a chance to respond. We assume the narratives of the powerful grind on, their plot unchanging. Believing ourselves insignificant, we try and control what we can and carve a small space to survive. Forgive our shortsightedness and timidity. Free us from our desire to control. Awaken us to our true power. Attune us to your call to faithfulness. Embolden us to dream and act together in love, that we may find our part in your story of salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *GLORIA PATRI, # 579*

***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.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148

*HYMN 403 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children in Pre-School through 2nd Grade may go to Children's Church.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 2: 22-40

THE SERMON Tyler Brock

"Simeon and Anna's Great Joy"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The Love of God" (arr. Mark Hayes)
Rick Robertson, piano

*DOXOLOGY

***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.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

We give these gifts in trust and gladness for the church's works of love. And we recommit ourselves to one another and to you, that together we might be signs of your justice, freedom, and hope in our world. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

**Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #2196 *SING IN FAITH* *"We Walk by Faith"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (# 398, verse 1)

***There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place. Amen.***

*POSTLUDE "Built On A Rock" (arr. Gilbert M. Martin)
Rick Robertson, Piano

*Please stand if you are able.

We welcome Tyler Brock who is a LaGrange native and a