

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday this week to: (12/12) Mickey Norris; (12/13) Patti Knox, Veronica Sirmons; (12/14) Stacey Cline; (12/15) J.J. Brown; (12/16) Melissa Robinson; (12/17) Amy Crites; (12/18) Nita Burgess.

If you would like to contribute to the **Chancel Fund** for the Christmas Decorations in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the form in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. The deadline for all Christmas Decoration contributions is today, December 12.

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service will be December 24 at 6:00pm.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Elaine Partin

Greeters: Veronica & Brock Sirmons

Elders on Duty: Sandy Mann, Elliott Lamb

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR DECEMBER:

	Liturgists:	Elders on Duty:
Dec. 19	Mike Pauley	Wade Hall, Cynthia Tidwell
Dec. 26	Jayne Pauley	Pat Briggs, Gary Knox

USHER/GREETER ROTATION:

1st Sunday: Eugene Turner, Trudy Calhoun
2nd Sunday: Veronica & Brock Sirmons
3rd Sunday: Mark Davis, Trent Mann
4th Sunday: Elaine Howard, Alesia Nixon
5th Sunday: Youth

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	Core 13 Christmas Party at the Hall's
Wed. 15th	12:00 PM	Jo Loyd Noon Circle at Trudy Calhoun's
Thurs. 16	6:00 PM	Mollie Darden Circle Dinner at Supper at Home Y'all Restaurant.
Fri. 24	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service

LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROGRAM TEAM:

Adrienne Hardie, Church Secretary
Rick Robertson, Pianist
Koren Stapp, Nursery Coordinator
Pam Darden, God's Promised Land Coordinator
Katie Vincent, Nursery Worker

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If you are interested in church membership, or have a question about the life and ministry of this congregation, please speak with one of our elders.



CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "To the World, Joy!" (arr. Joel Raney)
Combined Handbell Choirs with Rick Robertson, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Throughout all of human history, God's promise has stayed the same:

People: "I will be your god, and you will be my people."

Leader: This day we worship our God, whose name "Emmanuel" reminds us of the promise:

People: **God-with-us.**

Leader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for God's abiding presence among us. Let us worship God.

*HYMN #22 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Holy God, we aspire to love and trust you, but so often we get in the way of ourselves. We see only the deep sadness of the world, and do not notice your people at work amid the sorrow. We assume that things will never get better, and we do not see all that is good right now. We close our eyes and complain about the darkness, rather than see the light that shines all around us. Help us, Holy One. Help us to grow in love and trust, in compassion and hope, so that as the Christ Child comes to us once again, we will see him, and know him, and rejoice. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (IN UNISON)**

Friends, hear this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven,
and free to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

***APOSTLE’S CREED (IN UNISON)**

**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.**

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Christmas Fantasia” (arr. Jason Krug)
First Baptist Bells

***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**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 12:2-6

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Mike Pauley

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: JOY

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:7-18

MESSAGE

Rev. Wilson Kennedy

“What Should We Do?”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

**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.**

***HYMN #23**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Away in a Manger”

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

***POSTLUDE**

“Carol of the Bells” (arr. Kevin McChesney)
The Savior’s Soundwaves

***Please stand if you are able**



*Please welcome as our musical guests today,
The First Baptist Bells and The Savior’s Soundwaves from First Baptist
Church on the Square, directed by Sally Traylor.*

*Special thanks to Reverend Wilson Kennedy for serving as pulpit supply for
the month of December. Reverend Kennedy is a graduate of Presbyterian
College and Union Seminary. He served as an Associate Pastor at First
Presbyterian Church, Richmond for five years until recently when he and
his wife, Hannah, moved to Roswell, Georgia.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Buddy Baker
Harry Barrow
Jim Beedy
Brooke Breed
Kristin Casanavich
Danny Curtis
Charles Darden
Bud Hall
Casey Hendricks
Donna Jones
Pete Longoria
Dan Payne
Bryce Ratliff & family
Joyce & Bill Rowden
Harris Satterfield
Sheila Whitson
Georgia Wigginton