

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday this week to: (12/19) Nita Burgess; (12/21) Ethan Carne; (12/22) Chris Bailey, Kathey Sandiford; (12/25) Lindley Brown, Pam Craig.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Annie Pauley

Greeters: Mark Davis, Trent Mann

Elders on Duty: Wade Hall, Cynthia Tidwell

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR DECEMBER:

	Liturgists:	Elders on Duty:
Dec. 26	Jayne Pauley	Pat Briggs, Gary Knox
Jan. 2	Sandy Mann	Doug Pauley, Sally Burek
Jan. 9	John Darden	Peggy Darden, Jolene Davis
Jan. 16	Karen McBride	Elliott Lamb, Cy Wood
Jan. 25	Mike Pauley	Wade Hall, Cynthia Tidwell
Jan. 30	Jayne Pauley	Gary Knox, Eugene Turner

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
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 "The First Noel" (arr. Rick Robertson)
 Rick Robertson, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this bright morning full of love, we remember God's gift to us:

People: **The gift of a child.**

Leader: The gift of comfort,

People: **The gift of presence,**

Leader: And the gift of joy.

People: **On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we give thanks to God for the gift of the Christ Child. Let us worship God!**

***HYMN #28** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

In the days that have been, O God, we have walked along crooked paths strewn with our selfishness and greed, our prejudice, and our apathy. We confess that we have hidden from the light, from the light which exposes everything, the love and the hate, the good deeds and the harmful ones. On this day we admit to our failings, where we have wandered, when we have not listened. We confess to you our sin. In the days to come, remind us of your love and grace. Show us your power to transform hearts and minds. Sate us with peace in our souls that we will take peace into this weary world. In Christ we pray. 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

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (arr. Robertson)
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**

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:2-5a

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Mike Pauley

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: PEACE

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 1:46-55b

MESSAGE

Rev. Wilson Kennedy

“On the Subject of Mary, the Mother of Jesus”

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 #63**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***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**

“Sleepers Wake, A Voice Astounds Us!”

(arr. Gilbert M. Martin)
Rick Robertson, piano

***Please stand if you are able**



*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:

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| Winston Alsobrook | Pete Longoria |
| Buddy Baker | The Donna Paganu Family |
| Brooke Breed | Mike Pauley |
| Family of Brenda Cooley | Bryce Ratliff & family |
| Charles Darden | The Greg Sikes Family |
| The Bobby Joe Douglas Family | Lorretta Smith |
| The Jeff Hester Family | Amy Starling |
| Jim Johnson | Doug Walker |
| The Littlefield Family | |