

WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY ~ December 21

9 AM: Greeter: Sean Pepper

Host/ Hostess: Michele Pepper

Worship Leader: Don Barnhart

PP: Katrina Pepper

11 AM: Usher: Gary Bass

Worship Leader: Pastor

Readers: Connie Sharp, Mickey Sharp

For this coming week ~ December 21-27

Care Center Pick Up: Kate Hosna

WAVE Team: Jane Rutledge

Worship leader schedules are available at

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Diane Lee; Brenda Copeland, Wayne Deaton, Sandy Young, Mary Burnette

Friends & Relatives: The family of Catherine Rice (pastor's mother); Sharon Harrison (friend of Kay Hanks); Roderick Burtram (Hazel Smith Burtram's husband); Don Burnette (Kay Gentle's brother)

The Church: Rev. Dr. Tammy Brown, Executive Presbyter

Military & International: All those serving in the armed forces

For our Nation: President Obama and our representatives.

For Big Cove Missions & Ministries: New Hope Children's Clinic; The CARE Center; Kairos Prison Ministry; The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children

[PHFC December birthdays: Cheyanne—turning 17, Tyler (M)—turning 18]

Happy Birthday this week

Bruce Harvey on the 24th

Tom Jones on the 24th

Sharon Bell on the 27th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome guest soloist Trent Salter, the son of Jennifer and French Salter, to our 11:00 worship service this morning. Trent is a senior at James Clemons High School. After graduation, he plans to attend UAH, where he will major in psychology. Trent then plans to attend seminary and enter the ministry.

Christian Exploration Classes will meet today between services with youth and parents testing each other's knowledge of the Nativity Stories and the adults looking at New Year's Resolutions.

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken up today. Thank you!

The Immersion Study of Luke will not meet again until Jan 7.

The Choir will not meet for rehearsal again until Jan 7.

Thursday Morning Prayer Group will not meet again until Jan. 8.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion at 5:30 PM. Come celebrate Jesus' birthday!

There will be one worship service at 10:00 on Dec. 28.

Please return pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets if you have not already done so. Thank you!

We thank you for the prayers and many expressions of love and concern shared with us during the passing of my mother. We are so grateful for this community of Faith! *Rosemary and Dennis*

**WELCOME TO BIG COVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**



December 21, 2014

ADVENT FOUR

"First Light" Worship – Sundays at 9 AM

Guitarist: John Isom

Percussionist: Jimmy Jones

Traditional Worship – Sundays at 11 AM

Music Director: Carla Feehan

Pianist: Jennifer Salter

Rev. Rosemary McMahan & Rev. Houston Hodges

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9 AM ~ FIRST LIGHT CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Called by God, We Gather

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

Song of Worship: I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Lighting of the Advent Candles: The Candle of Love

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Song to Prepare for Message: Mary, Did You Know?

Spoken to by God, We Listen

2 Samuel 7:1-14 219
Luke 1:26-38 723-724

The Message "Christ Our Cornerstone"
Rev. Rosemary McMahan

Believing in God, We Respond

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests
Announcements

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory: Drummer Boy

Blessed by God, We Give Thanks:

Communion Song: Sanctuary
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(Silent Reflection)

Sent by God, We Go Out

Sending Song: Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

Blessing and Sending



11 AM ~ TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Preparing for Worship

The prelude marks the beginning of worship and is observed in silence.

Prelude : "Christmas Fantasy" arr. John W. Schaum

Called by God, We Gather

Choral Call to Worship: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Lighting the Advent Candles: The Candle of Love

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.

As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

(Candles are lit.)

One: We claim that God is in our world.

All: We will seek God, not in a long ago stable or ancient manger, But in the people we meet and the depths of our own hearts.

One: May the blessing of Christmas make you a blessing to others; May the peace of the season pervade all that you do.

All: We will welcome the challenge of discipleship. We will offer ourselves as God's ministers, sharing hope, peace, joy, and love.

Song of Worship: On Jordan's Banks 156
(stanzas 1, 2, & 5)

Confession and Pardon

One: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(A Moment of Silence)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and

forgive us; that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

One: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Anthem: Angels From the Realms of Glory/Joy to the World
arr. Marty Parks

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-14 219

Response: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 422-423

Epistle: Romans 16:25-27 806

Song of Reflection: What Child Is This? 184

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 723-724

Sermon: "Christ Our Cornerstone"
Rev. Rosemary McMahan

Believing in God, We Respond

People's Prayers
Announcements

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory : "Sweet, Little Jesus Boy" Robert MacGimsey
(soloist Trent Salter)

Doxology 34
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sent by God, We Go Out

Song of Sending: Angels We Have Heard on High 188

Blessing and Sending

Postlude: "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" arr. Todd Kendall

The flowers are offered to the glory of God and in celebration of the first birthday of Addison Miller, my granddaughter, by Dallas Ferneau.