

WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY ~ December 7

9 AM: Greeter: Nicole Harris
Host/ Hostess: Vicki Waldrop
Worship Leader: Gary Indihar
PP: Gary Indihar

11 AM: Usher: Mickey Sharp
Worship Leader: Mike Feehan
Readers: Mike Feehan, Tennent Lee

For this coming week ~ December 7-12

Care Center Pick Up: Kay Hanks
WAVE Team: Ron Harris

Worship leader schedules are available at
www.bigcovechurch.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Brenda Copeland, Wayne Deaton, Sandy Young, Mary Burnette

Friends & Relatives: The family of Rosie Thompson (Gail Birdsong's mother); 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

Gary Bass on the 10th
Jodi Gallo on the 10th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christmas Cantata will be presented by the Big Cove Choir **TONIGHT** at 6:00. Please come, enjoy the music and fellowship, and bring a plate of finger foods to share! (Drinks will be provided.)

If you have not yet returned your stewardship pledge card and your time and talent sheets, please get them in as soon as possible. There are some extra pledge cards and time and talent sheets on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Today is the deadline for placing a Christmas poinsettia in the church in memory or in honor of someone. **This year the poinsettias will be white and will cost \$11 each.** Make checks payable to Big Cove, and designate "For Christmas Poinsettia." You may leave the completed form and check in the envelope on the clipboard.

The Immersion Study of Luke will continue on Wed Dec 10 with Luke Chap 12. Study is at 6:00; BYO sack supper & fellowship at 5:30.

The Second Saturday Bible Time will meet Dec 13 at 9:30.

The toothpaste and deodorant sticks for Operation Santa Claus are due by Dec 9. A collection basket is in the sanctuary vestibule.

The Vine is offering a Service of Worship for Healing noon-12:45 at the Gideon Blackburn House of First Presbyterian Church, 307 Gates Ave on Tue, Dec 9. Theme "Christ pursues you to heal you."

Remember the Bags of Blessings pack night (Dec 10)—a sign-up sheet is on the back table. See Melinda Harvey with questions.

The Hosnas are hosting a Christmas party for the youth group on Sunday December 14, from 4-7 p.m. Contact Kate Hosna if you have questions.

Our Advent "O Antiphon" Service will take place Dec. 17 at 6:30 PM. Included will be a time to remember our departed loved ones. **Christmas Eve Worship** will be at 5:30 PM.

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



December 7, 2014

ADVENT TWO

"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

Nursery Available

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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: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 154

Lighting of the Advent Candles: The Candle of Peace

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Song to Prepare for Message: Angels, From The Realms Of Glory
arr. Marty Parks

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Isaiah 61: 1-3 529
John 1:6-8; 19-23 750

The Message "Watch For the Light"
Rev. Rosemary McMahan

Believing in God, We Respond

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests
Announcements

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory: They Called Him
Jennifer Salter

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: Jesus, Name Above All Names

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 : "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" arr. Mark Hayes

Called by God, We Gather

Lighting the Advent Candles: The Candle of Peace

**All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning,
We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.
Show us the creative power of hope.**

**Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.**

One: Take your encouragement from Christ,
that your joy may be complete.

All: We will share in the Spirit; we will find consolation in love.

One: Practice a ministry of humility and compassion

For God is at work in you, empowering you

All: We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

Song of Worship: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 154

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.*

Response Glory Be to the Father 734

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Anthem: Angels, From The Realms Of Glory arr. Marty Parks

Old Testament Isaiah 61: 1-3 529

Response Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 421

Epistle 2 Peter 3:8-15a 861

Song of Reflection: They Called Him
Jennifer Salter

Gospel: John 1:6-8; 19-23 750

Sermon: "Watch For the Light"
Rev. Rosemary McMahan

Believing in God, We Respond

People's Prayers
Announcements

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory : "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Michael Cox

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.

Celebrating The Lord's Supper

*Invitation ~ Great Thanksgiving ~ Communion of the People
The Body of Christ given for you! The Blood of Christ shed for you!*

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
***Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy king-
dom 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: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! 198
Blessing and Sending

Postlude: "Noel in G" arr. Steven Scott

*The flowers are offered to the glory of God and in gratitude for
the service of Diane Lee.*