

**WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY ~ December 20**

**9 AM: Greeter:** Whitney Smith

**Host/Hostess:** Ross Rutledge

**Worship Leader:** Ross Rutledge

**Power Point:** Sylvia Romero

**11 AM: Usher:** Gary Bass

**Worship Leader:** Mickey Sharp

**Readers:** Tennent Lee, Judy Styles

**For this coming week --December:**

**Care Center Pick-up:** Kate Hosna

**WAVE Team:** Jeff & Vicki Irons

Worship leader schedules are available at

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Members:** Arnold & Diane Puckett as they help care for Arnold's mother and sister; Robyn Birdsong; Merrie Duncan; Brenda and Don Copeland; Sandy Young; Mary Burnette

**Friends & Relatives:** Roy Thompson (Gail Birdsong's brother); Beulah Wooten and Carol Loggins (Julie Loggins' grandmother and mother); Earl Rickel (Tracey Thie's father); Charlie Roell (Diane Lee's brother-in-law); Will Lee (Tennent Lee's son)

**The Church:** Rev. Linda Post; Big Cove Presbyterian; the Session; Rev. Dr. Tammy Gregory 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:** The CARE Center; The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week!**

Juanice Scrimshire on the 20<sup>th</sup> (TODAY!)

Julie Loggins on the 21<sup>st</sup>

Bruce Harvey on the 24<sup>th</sup>

Tom Jones on the 24<sup>th</sup>

Belatedly to Sandra Stephens on the 17<sup>th</sup>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Christian Exploration gatherings for all ages will meet today but will not meet next Sunday Dec 27.

The Christmas party for Big Cove's youth will be at the Hosnas' house this afternoon at 3. Contact Kate Hosna for information.

There will be only one service at 10:00 on Sun Dec 27.

Please turn in your pledge card so the 2016 budget planning may happen! Extra cards are available on the table in the sanctuary.

Centering Prayer will not meet tomorrow night.

Wednesday Night Immersion Bible study will not meet Dec 23.

The Church office will be closed on Christmas Eve.

Thursday Prayer Group will not meet on Christmas Eve.

The Christmas Eve service will be at 5:30.

A Joy Gift Offering will be collected at the Christmas Eve service.

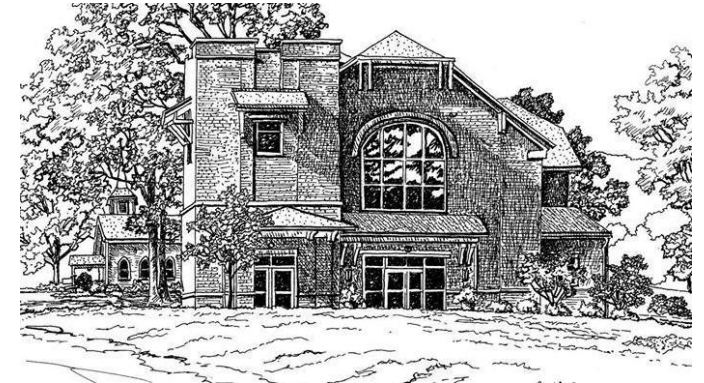
Pastor Linda has asked that in lieu of Christmas gifts for her, members make gifts in her name to the Presbyterian Home for Children or the CARE Center.

Take a look at the Christmas cards and thank-yous to Big Cove from the Children's Home and the CARE Center on the bulletin board next to the elevator downstairs.

The 2016 flower dedication calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the stairwell vestibule.

If you are visiting with us for the first or second time, WELCOME! We would really appreciate it if you would sign the guest book on the sideboard in the vestibule!

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



**December 20, 2015**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**"First Light" Worship – Sundays at 9 AM**

**Guitarist:** John Isom

**Percussionist:** Jimmy Jones

**Traditional Worship – Sundays at 11 AM**

**Music Director:** Carla Feehan

**Pianist:** Jervon Niska

Rev. Linda Post & 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

**Call to Worship** Angels We Have Heard on High

**Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us**

**Lighting the Advent Candles:** The Candle of Love

**Preparation for Message:** Silent Night

**Spoken to by God, We Listen**

Micah 5:2-5a 658  
Luke 1:26-45 723-724

**The Message** "Love"  
**Rev. Linda Post**

**Believing in God, We Respond**

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests  
Announcements

**Celebrating Our Blessings**

**Offertory:** O Come All Ye Faithful

**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:** Joy to the World!

**Blessing and Sending**



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**11 AM ~ TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

**Preparing for Worship**

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

**Prelude** "Czech Drumming Carol(Little Drummer Boy)"  
arr. Jarrod Radnich

Welcome and Announcements

**Song of the Season:** That Boy-Child of Mary 211

**Called by God, We Gather**

**Lighting the Advent Candles:** The Candle of Love

One: God of hope, God of peace,  
God of joy, and God of love,  
Teach us how to love one another  
as reflections of your light in the world.

**All: God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come.**

**Song of Worship:** O Little Town of Bethlehem 180

**Prayer of Confession**

One: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls, in you we put our trust.  
Hear us as we pray.

**All: Lord Jesus, we would prepare the way for your coming with our lives, and so we humbly confess that in many ways we have fallen short of what you would have us be. Even as we repent of our sin, we seek your forgiveness and pray that through your Holy Spirit we may lead lives worthy of your disciples. Amen.**

**Assurance**

One: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Amen.**

**Song** Gloria Patri 734

**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

**First Testament** Micah 5:2-5a 658

**The Psalm** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 419

**Song of Reflection:** My Soul Proclaims with Wonder 170

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-45 723-724

**Sermon:** "Love"  
**Rev. Linda Post**

**Believing in God, We Respond**

People's Prayers and the Lord's Prayer  
**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.***

**Celebrating Our Blessings**

**Offertory** "The First Noel" arr. Jarrod Radnich

**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.

Prayer of Dedication

**Sent by God, We Go Out**

**Song of Sending:** Angels From the Realms of Glory 189

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of our family by Joyce and Larry Clark.*