

## **WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY ~ December 13**

**9 AM: Greeter:** Kirk Finley

**Host/Hostess:** Nicole Harris

**Worship Leader:** Whitney Smith

**Power Point:** the Harveys

**11 AM: Usher:** JC Scrimshire

**Worship Leader:** Tennent Lee

**Readers:** James Glenn, Mike Feehan

### **For this coming week --December 13-19:**

**Care Center Pick-up:** Kay Hanks

**WAVE Team:** Neva Beasley

**Worship leader schedules are available at**

**[www.bigcovechurch.org](http://www.bigcovechurch.org)**

### **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:** Beulah Wooten and Carol Loggins (Julie Loggins' grandmother and mother); Susan Anderson (friend of Dallas & Jennifer Ferneau); 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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome new members Jeff and Sandra Stephens** into the life and ministry of Big Cove Presbyterian Church!

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

**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 on the table in the sanctuary.

**Please help the Presbyterian Home for Children** provide bicycles, tricycles, a car seat, and spiritual development materials for their residents! Sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Contact Julie Loggins if you have questions.

**The Outreach Team** will meet tomorrow night (Dec 14) at 6:00.

**Centering Prayer** will not meet tomorrow night.

**Wednesday Night Immersion** Bible study will meet Dec 14 at 6.

**Today is the last day to place warm gloves and lotion for Operation Santa Claus** in the bin in the stairwell.

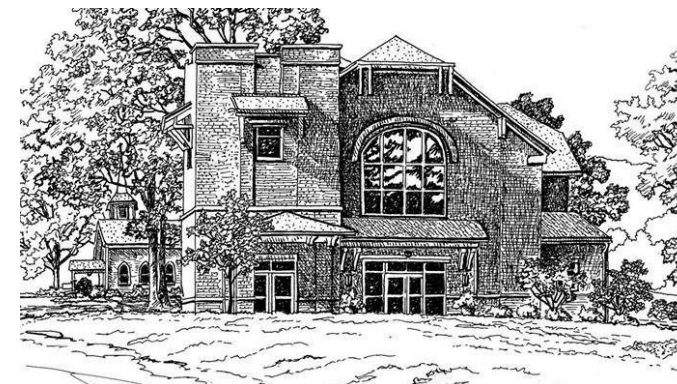
**Thursday Prayer Group** will meet on Dec 17 at 10.

**The Christmas party for Big Cove's youth** will be at the Hosnas' house next Sun Dec 20 at 3. Contact Kate Hosna for information.

**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 13, 2015**

**Third 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** Better is One Day

**Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us**

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

**Preparation for Message:** Mary, Did You Know?

**Spoken to by God, We Listen**

Isaiah 12:2-6 492  
Luke 3:7-18 726

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

**Believing in God, We Respond**

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests  
Announcements

**Celebrating Our Blessings**

**Offertory:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**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:** Shine, Jesus, Shine

**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** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Jarrod Radnich

Welcome and Announcements

**Song of the Season:** Once in Royal David's City 183

**Called by God, We Gather**

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

**ALL: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.**

One: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

**ALL: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!**

One: Sing praises to the LORD, for God has done gloriously!

**Song of Worship:** The King of Glory Comes 159

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of hope, peace, joy, and Love, we have too many times rushed in, when we should wait. We hold back when we should act. Help us, Dear Lord, to time our lives to your time and calendar, help us to prepare well and rejoice in your always. In the name of Jesus, the once is coming, we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance**

One: Friends, believe this glorious and joyful news, in Christ we are forgiven. Be at peace. Amen.

**Song** Gloria Patri 734

**Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us**

**Spoken to by God, We Listen**

**Anthem** "Do You Hear What I Hear?" arr. Marty Parks

**First Testament** Zephaniah 3:14-20 667

**First Testament** Isaiah 12:2-6 492

**Song of Reflection:** The First Song of Isaiah (Lyrics below)  
(Sing twice)

***Surely it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in Him and not be afraid  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense  
and he will be my Savior***

**Gospel:** Luke 3:7-18 726

**Sermon:** "Joy"  
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** "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" 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:** As With Gladness 236

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God and in gratitude to the Big Cove session for their diligent efforts in finding our Interim Pastor and setting us well on the path to finding a pastor by Tennent and Diane Lee.*