

**WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY ~ January 3**

**9 AM: Greeter:** Savanna Harris

**Host/Hostess:** Debbie Book

**Worship Leader:** Don Barnhart

**Power Point:** the Harveys

**11 AM: Usher:** Larry Clark

**Worship Leader:** Tennent Lee

**Readers:** Mickey Sharp, Kathy Barnhart

**For this coming week —January 3-9:**

**Care Center Pick-up:** Juanice Scrimshire

**WAVE Team:** Jane Rutledge

**Worship leader schedules are available at**

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Members:** Arnold & Diane Puckett; Robyn Birdsong; Merrie Duncan; Brenda and Don Copeland; Sandy Young; Mary Burnette

**Friends & Relatives:** Frank & Teresa Thompson (Gail Birdsong's brother and sister-in-law) in the loss of their daughter, Amy; 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 ANNIVERSARY/ BIRTHDAY this week!**

Houston & Pat Hodges on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (TODAY!)

Jeff Harris on the 8<sup>th</sup>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Centering Prayer** will meet tomorrow night at 6.

**Wednesday Night Immersion Bible study** will meet on Jan 6 at 6.

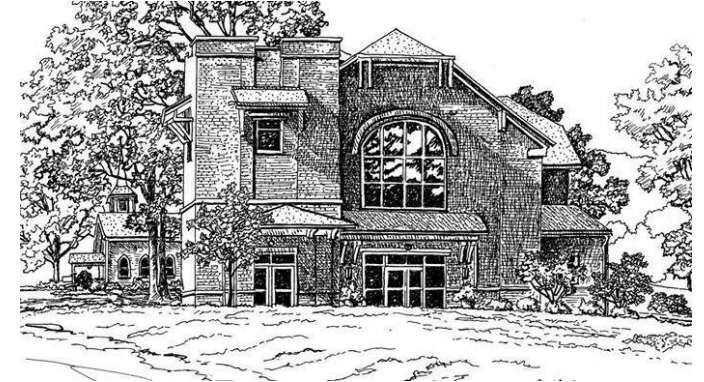
**Thursday Morning Prayer Group** will meet on Jan 7 at 10.

**The 2016 flower dedication** calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the stairwell vestibule. Only 4 weeks in the new year have been claimed. Please fill empty Sundays!

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

**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)**



**January 3, 2015**

**“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:** We Three Kings of Orient Are

**Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us**

**Preparation for Message:** Fairest Lord Jesus

**Spoken to by God, We Listen**

Isaiah 60:1-6 528  
Matthew 2:1-12 681-682

**The Message** "Starlight Gospel"  
**Rev. Linda Post**

**Believing in God, We Respond**

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests  
Announcements

**Celebrating Our Blessings**

**Offertory:**

**Blessed by God, We Give Thanks:**

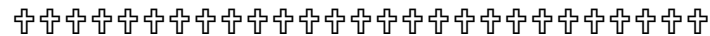
**Communion Song:** Sanctuary  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*(Silent Reflection)*

**Sent by God, We Go Out**

**Sending Song:** They'll Know We Are Christians

**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** "The First Noel"

Welcome and Announcements

**Called by God, We Gather**

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come  
**All: And the glory of our God has risen upon us**  
One: Nations shall come to this light,  
**All: and rulers to the brightness of its dawning.**  
One: Bless the Lord!  
**All: The Lord's name be praised!**

**Song of Worship:** We Three Kings of Orient Are 233

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We miss the mark in too many ways. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the fact of Jesus Christ.**

**Assurance**

One: Friends, believe the good news of God's amazing love; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Be at peace and serve the Lord.  
Amen.

**Song** Gloria Patri 734

**Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us**

**Spoken to by God, We Listen**

First Testament Isaiah 60:1-6 528

The Psalm Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 414

**Song of Reflection:** Fairest Lord Jesus 123  
(stanzas 1-3)

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12 681-682

**Sermon:** "Starlight Gospel"  
**Rev. Linda Post**

**Believing in God, We Respond**

Profession of Faith

**We believe in the power of faith, hope and love. We believe that the greatest of these is love. A love that places you before I. A love that is patient and kind. A love that isn't boastful or rude. A love that doesn't get angry or record mistakes but praises truth. A love that protects, hopes and endures through hard times. We believe in a love so great that when everything else is gone, even when heaven and earth are no more, love will remain.**

*(Based on 1 Corinthians 13)*

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** "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

**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

**Celebrating The Lord's Supper**

*Invitation ~ Great Thanksgiving*

**Song** Fairest Lord Jesus 123  
(stanza 4)

*Communion of the People*

*The Body of Christ given for you! The Blood of Christ shed for you!*

**Sent by God, We Go Out**

**Song of Sending:** They'll Know We Are Christians 595

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God.*