

Serving the Cove since 1906

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Big Cove Presbyterian Church, and thank you for worshipping with us this Christmas Eve! We have been part of the Cove for 108 years, beginning in the “little white church on the hill” and expanding to the current facility in 2012 so that we can better serve our community.

Who Are We? Our congregation is a casual, informal mix of young and old, “cradle-born Presbyterians,” and people new to the faith, Democrats, Libertarians, and Republicans, engineers and homemakers, married couples and children, and single, divorced, and widowed people. We welcome anyone seeking to know the love of God through Jesus Christ.

What Do We Believe? We are Christians, first; Presbyterians, second; and created as much-loved children of God brought into relationship with him through Jesus Christ. Grace is preached here. We believe that God’s mercy is greater than our sin and that we are redeemed and re-created through grace. We also believe that as Christians, we are called to be followers of Jesus Christ and to invite others to follow with us.

How Do We Worship? Scripture is central to our worship service, as are the sacraments of Baptism and The Lord’s Supper (communion, Eucharist). Our 9 am worship service is “user-friendly,” interactive, and incorporates praise/contemporary music and Power Point. Our 11 am worship service is more traditional with a choir and hymns. The Lord’s Supper is open to non-Presbyterians and celebrated weekly at 9 am and on the first Sunday of the month at 11.

What Do We Do? Worship. Pray. Serve. Care. Study. Explore. Rejoice. Plan. Sing. Support. Celebrate. Share. Build. Minister. Imagine. Grow. Laugh. Invite. Include.

A Joy Gift Offering will be collected tonight. Joy Gift envelopes are in the bulletin. Extra envelopes are on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

There will be only one service at 10:00 on Sun Dec 27, and there will be no Christian Exploration gatherings.

Regular worship times will resume on Jan 3, "Star Sunday!" Come get your star word for 2016!

We appreciate the many gifts of time and talent our Chancel Choir has shared with us this Holy Season to enhance our worship as well as the gifts of time and talent that our Liturgical Arts Team has shared to adorn this place of worship.

Thank you to Carla Feehan for serving as pianist for this service!

If you would like more information about this Body of Christ, please contact us at bigcovechurch@gmail.com

Merry Christmas and many Blessings in 2016!

WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**December 24, 2015
Christmas Eve**

“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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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Prelude "Christmas Medley" arr. Dino
Joy To The World/O Holy Night/O Come All Ye Faithful

Advent Wreath: Lighting the Christ Candle (Isaiah 9:2)
The Pepper Family

One: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

**All: those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.**

One: Come, people of God:

All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Call to Worship Sean Pepper

One: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given . . .

**All: His name will be called "Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."**

One: Glory to God in the highest

All: and peace to God's people on earth.

* Carol O Come, All Ye Faithful 182

*Litany of Adoration Mike Feehan

One: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

One: Jesus, Son of the living God, Light Eternal,
born of the Virgin Mary

Jesus, Joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:

All: Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!

**O earth, sing to the Lord with praise and
thanksgiving!**

Special Music "I Call Him Lord" Arr. Mauldin
(Choir)

The Christmas Story

The Prophet's Hope Isaiah 11:1-6 Larry Clark
Carol It Came Upon the Midnight Clear 191
(Stanzas 1 & 4)

Gabriel's Visit to Mary Luke 1:26-35 Judy Styles
"Away in the Manger"
Duet Mike and Carla Feehan

The Holy Birth Luke 2:1-7 Debbie Book
Carol What Child is This? 184
(Stanzas 1 & 2)

The Shepherds and the Angels Luke 2:8-14
"Yo Sheep" The Rev. Linda J. Post

**Carol* Angels We Have Heard on High 188

Unison Christmas Prayer

**Eternal God, we rejoice at the birth of Jesus Christ, for he is
the day star from on high, the light dawning on those who
have walked in darkness, and hope for the world. We pray
that all may learn to live together in Christ's love, and that
you teach us to live in peace.**

The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

Sharing our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory "Hanging of the Greens" arr. C.E.Walz
The Holly and the Ivy/ O Tannenbaum

Carols Chosen by the Congregation

*Joy to the World! 179

*Go, Tell it On the Mountain 218

**Carol* The Lighting of the Candles
Silent Night! Holy Night! 186

Silent night! holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

'round yon virgin mother and child

Holy infant, so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace,

Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight,

Glories stream from heaven afar

Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;

Christ, the Savior is born!

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Silent night! holy night!

Son of God, Love's pure light,

Radiant beams from they holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,

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*Christmas Prayer

All: O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.

Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We

hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell: O

come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

****Please stand if you are able.***