

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week:

Monday – 6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Upstairs Rm 3)

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. – Steady for Life (Worship Center)

11:00 a.m. - Prayer Group (Upstairs Rm 3)

Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. – Current Conversations

Thursday – 10:00 a.m. – Steady for Life (Worship Center)

There will be Congregational meeting at 10:00 next Sunday, March 19, for the purpose of hearing the report from the Nominating Committee.

Save the date – March 26th, one worship service (at 10:00) to celebrate the Installation of Candice as our Pastor. There will be people here from the North Alabama Presbytery to lead that worship service. There will be a short reception following the service. Please come and show Candice your affirmation and support, by attending this special service.

Please consider becoming a back-up audio/visual volunteer. We need volunteers for both worship services. John Isom will train you! Let John know or call the church office if you can help.

Please let Mary know if you can help with the Card Ministry for the second quarter (April, May, June) of 2017.

Also, if you are a worship leader, please let Mary know of Sundays during April, May, or June when you will be unable to serve.

Note: Our CCLI Music license allows *only the lyrics* (and not the musical score for the tunes) to be printed or projected during worship.

Flower Dedication

The Lenten season brings us to a time of simplicity. The liturgical visuals symbolize a spirit of reflective contemplation.

WORSHIP LEADERS for today March 12

9 AM Service

Greeter: Collin Jones

Host/Hostess: Melinda Harvey

Worship Leader: Clay Weir

Power Point: Tennent Lee

11 AM Service

Usher: David Lilly

Worship Leader: Tennent Lee

Reader: Tennent Lee

BIG COVE MINISTRIES this coming week March 12-18:

CARE Center Pick-up: Gary Bass

WAVE Team: Pam Worthington

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Ray Waldrop; Amanda Vernon; Mary Burnette; Sandy Young; Merrie Duncan

Friends & Relatives: Carolyn Lester (sister of Jeannie Laudenbach); Carol Loggins (mother of Julie Loggins Weir); Phyllis Rader (mother of Renay Nunn); Rev. Houston Hodges and wife Pat; Derek Emmerson (friend of Dallas and Jennifer Ferneau and Don Barnhart); Charlie Roell (brother-in-law of Diane Lee); Martha Wells (relative of Kay Gentle); Jillian Shandra (daughter of Melinda Harvey); Janie Putnam (friend of Gail Birdsong)

The Church: Rev. Candice Klein; Big Cove Presbyterian Session; North Alabama Presbytery

Military & International: The nation's service men and women

Our Nation: Our President; Our Representatives

Big Cove Missions & Ministries: CARE Center; Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; Presbyterian Home for Children

WE CELEBRATE: Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

March 13 Clay Weir, Jr.

March 15 Houston Hodges

March 16 John Isom

WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**March 12, 2017
Second Sunday in Lent**

Pastor: Rev. Candice L Klein

“First Light” Worship – Sundays at 9 AM

Guitarist: John Isom

Percussionist: Jimmy Jones

Traditional Worship – Sundays at 11 AM

Music Director and Pianist: Jervon Niska

Nursery Available

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9 AM - FIRST LIGHT CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sheltering God: when we are afraid, you bring us into your heart; when we cry out to you, you grace us with your presence. Guide us again, O Lord of Lords. Amen.

Called by God, We Gather

Ring of the Bell

*Call to Worship "How Great is Our God"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

All: We are human, Faithful God, and we think we have nothing to learn from history, and thus discount ancestors in the faith like Nicodemus or Sarah. We look for answers online, convinced that we can trust whatever we find. We close the windows of our souls, so the Spirit cannot get in to transform our lives. Yet you continue to keep watch, Promise Giver, whether it is when we swagger through the sunshine, or sit in shadowed moments of the night. Forgive us, Sovereign. You never stumble, and never hesitate as you continue to come to us, to lead us into your kingdom. Help us once again to trust, whether or not we recognize or accept your presence, for you, Mighty King, are faithful. Amen.

One: Our hope, our help, our peace, our joy? All come from God, the One who loves us, and the world so much, that he gave his Son to bring us salvation. Beloved, in the name of our Savior, we are forgiven.

All: Keeper of our souls, be with us; Watcher of our days, please lead us; Salvation of our lives, hallelujah, we are forgiven! Amen.

Greeting Welcoming Christ Among Us

*Preparation for Message "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Prayer of Illumination Psalm 121 440
John 3:1-17 751-752

The Message "Flesh/Spirit/Birth" Rev. Candice L. Klein

Believing in God, We Respond

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests~~Announcements
Call for the Offering

Offertory "Light the Fire Again"

Offertory Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (A Time for Silent Reflection)

Sent by God, We Go Out

*Sending Song "Thy Word"

Blessing and Sending *Please stand if you are able

11 AM - TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sheltering God: when we are afraid, you bring us into your heart; when we cry out to you, you grace us with your presence. Guide us again, O Lord of Lords. Amen.

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

Prelude "We Gather Together" Arr. Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Called by God, We Gather

*Call to Worship

One: Christ of the comfortable, you call us from our security and sameness, down unknown paths.

All: We try to trust, so we place our hands in yours, and follow.

One: You beckon us out of the shadows of our fears, calling us to bring our questioning hearts.

All: With humility, we listen to answers we do not expect, or even understand.

One: Word of God, you fill us with life where we see only emptiness, and you keep all your promises.

All: Please Teacher, by your grace transform us into faithful disciples.

*Hymn of Praise "To God Be the Glory" 66

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Response Gloria Patri 734

Welcoming Christ Among Us—Greeting

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Anthem "Just As I Am"

Prayer of Illumination Psalm 121 440

*Hymn of Reflection "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" * 439

Gospel John 3:1-17 751-752

Sermon "Flesh/Spirit/Birth" Rev. Candice L. Klein
Believing in God, We Respond

*Affirmation of Faith (The Confession of 1967 9.37)
"The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity." This, we believe. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Since I have Been Redeemed" Arr. Roger House

*Doxology 34

Offertory Prayer

Sent by God, We Go Out

*Song of Sending "Blessed Assurance" 426

Blessing and Sending

Benediction Response "Blessed Assurance" 426
(Chorus only)

Postlude "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"
Arr. Steven K. Tedesco

*Please stand if you are able