

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the sanctuary this week are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Hartwell Lutz's birthday. Happy 85th, Hartwell!

WORSHIP LEADERS for today July 23:

Greeters/Ushers: Nicole Harris/ Hartwell Lutz

Worship Leader: Larry Clark

BIG COVE MINISTRIES this coming week July 23-30:

CARE Center Pick-up: Gary Bass

WAVE Team: Jane Rutledge

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Edith Cropp; Judy Styles; Pat Burke; Ray Waldrop; Amanda Vernon; Mary Burnette; Sandy Young; Merrie Duncan

Friends & Relatives: the family of Phyllis Rader (mother of Renay Nunn); Rev. Mel Strain; Rev. Bill & Sarah Shouse; Rev. Houston & Pat Hodges; Becky Marshall (mother of Melinda Harvey); Derek Emmerson (friend of Dallas and Jennifer Ferneau and Don Barnhart); Martha Wells (relative of Kay Gentle); Jillian Shandra (daughter of Melinda Harvey); Janie Putnam (friend of Gail Birdsong)

The Church: 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the worship service today, you are invited to gather for **cookies and lemonade** in the shade of the Bobby Birdsong pavilion.

Remember that there will be **one worship service at 10:00** each Sunday in July.

Pool Party this afternoon—party starts at 3:00; entrées at 5:00. If you haven't already told Pat Lutz you are coming, she may be able to squeeze you in if you tell her today. Remember to bring a side or dessert to share.

Those who have made reservations or have volunteered to help Kathy Barnhart with the Presbyterian Men's Gathering on Monday evening, July 24, remember registration begins at 5:30 with the meal and program at 6:00.

There will be a Session meeting Tuesday, July 25, at 6:00.

WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**July 23, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

Pastor: Rev. Candice L Klein

Music Director: Jervon Niska

Pianist: Linda Wheeler

Guitarist: John Isom

Percussionist: Jimmy Jones

Nursery Available

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Worship on the Lord's Day

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017

You never abandon us, O Lord. You continually whisper hope. Your wonder opens us to the gifts which surround us, every day we're alive. Amen

Prelude John Isom

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymns of Praise** "Praise Him! Praise!" Fanny J. Crosby
Chester G. Allen
"Amazing Grace" John Newton
Wm. Walker

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Far too often, and over and over, we live only for ourselves, shutting off the gifts of those around us, thinking we don't need to share love, hope, or peace with others. Therefore, we show how we have joined that league of broken people who ignore your way, O God. Yet, you have chosen to adopt us as your children, forgiving us and making us inheritors with Jesus of your grace and your joy. So lead us by the Spirit, that we might follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into creation which stands waiting for love and healing. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sometimes in sorrow so deep we think we will never find our way out, God comes near, to cradle us in comfort, to light up the way, and fill us to overflowing with joy. In the name of the Son of God, we are forgiven!

Even when we cannot see it, God's hope is all around us, surrounding us with peace and healing and overwhelming joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 28:10-17 20-21

***Hymn of Reflection** "How Great Thou Art" Stuart K. Hine

Gospel Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 691

Sermon "Weeds Among Wheat" **Rev. Candice L. Klein**

Responding

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** "There's Something About That Name" Gloria & Wm. J. Gaither

Call for the Offering

Offertory "He Touched Me" William J. Gaither
(Jervon Niska and Linda Wheeler)

***Doxology** 34

Offertory Prayer

Sending

***Hymn of Sending** "I Love to Tell the Story" Kate Hankey
Wm. G. Fincher

Blessing and Sending

Benediction Response "I Love to Tell the Story" (chorus only)

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able