

THE SESSION

Class of 2017
Billy Griffith
Gary Hild
Mary Rutland

Class of 2018
Betsey Adams

Class of 2019
Donna Hopkins
Susan Knowles
Lee Matthews

Rev. Mark Knowles, Moderator

Lee Matthews, Clerk of Session

TRUSTEES

Jim Yarbro

Stephen Henderson

Gary Gore

Susan Jarmon, Treasurer

Karen Selvage, Secretary

HOW WE ARE DOING

Weekly Giving (12/3/2017): \$ 2,441.00

Month to Date Giving: \$ 2,441.00

Year to Date Giving: \$ 166,387.75

Church Attendance: 47

Sunday School: 15

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lena Aust, Sam Chandler Jr., David Casper - cancer (Lindsey Henderson's boyfriend), Gayle Cribbs (Betsey Adam's friend), Jackie Griffith (Mary Kate's friend), Roger and Faye Heath, David and Patsy Hughes, Bill Jimerson (surgery), David Jimerson, Hiawatha King (Raymona Bevel's mother), Mary Rutland - surgery, Gene Turner, Jim Walker, Ginger (Susan Henderson's friend), Mike Yarbro (Jim's son)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 10, 2017

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 A.M.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Because He Lives" Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist

SPECIAL MUSIC "Child of Love" Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor.)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Sam Chandler & Bonita Hubble*
(The children are invited to come forward and sit in front of the Advent Wreath)

READING Advent 2: The Bethlehem Candle

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:30-31; Luke 2:1-7

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: A voice cries in the wilderness,

People: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make God's way clear. Lift up every valley; lower every mountain. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

Pastor: As we wait for the coming of the Lord,

People: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 123

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.

(Let all continue in silent prayer, followed by singing)

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CHORUS** "The Family of God" No. 282

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Quietly”

Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

SCRIPTURE READING

2 PETER 3:8–15A

Pg. 1896

SERMON

“We Believe WHAT?!”

Rev. Tara Bulger

RESPONSE

***HYMN**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

No. 124

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles' Creed”

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

***DOXOLOGY**

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. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

“Joy to the World!” (vs. 1 & 4)

No. 125

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there.

Christ who dwells within you has something He wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in His love to “glorify God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and meet human need”.

***POSTLUDE**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

***Those who are able may stand**