

**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 (12/24/2017):\$ 1,640.00

Month to Date Giving: \$ 14,026.00

Year to Date Giving: \$178,097.75

Church Attendance: 32

Sunday School: 2

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Lena Aust, Sam Chandler Jr., David Casper - cancer (Lindsey Henderson's boyfriend), Jackie Griffith (Mary Kate's friend), Roger and Faye Heath, David and Patsy Hughes, David Jimerson, Gene Turner, Ginger (Susan Henderson's friend), Mike Yarbro (Jim's son)



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 31, 2017

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:30 A.M.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "I Wonder as I Wander" Choir  
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God so loved the world He sent His only son.

**People: Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: He is seated at the right hand of the Father and will come again in glory.

**People: Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus!**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

**\*HYMN** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 145

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Heavenly Father you have called us to love you with all our hearts, bodies, and minds and other as ourselves. We confess that we have not loved as you have commanded. We pray you give us clear eyes and open hearts to see how much you deserve our love and how great our need is to love others.

(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

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Choir  
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-8;13

Pg. 1786

### SERMON

“Loving the unlovable”

Chase Epps  
(*Maranatha Camp Director*)

## RESPONSE

### \*HYMN

“The First Noel” (vss. 1, 2, 3 & 6)

No. 136

### \*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

“We Three Kings”

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

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

No. 138

### \*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

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist  
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

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\*Those who are able may stand