

THE SESSION

Class of 2019
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Class of 2020
Mary Kate Beard
Lonnie Feller
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Class of 2021
Sandra Jimerson
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Karen Selvage, Secretary

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HOW WE ARE DOING

General Contributions (12/1/2019): \$ 3,040.00
Month to Date Giving: \$ 3,040.00
Year to Date Giving: \$ 111,211.63

Monthly Budget: \$ 11,792.00
Yearly Budget: \$ 141,500.00

Church Attendance: 33
Sunday School: 9

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Trey Adams, Louise Chandler, Sam Chandler Jr., Judy Metzler, Cassie Rollings

Also, please keep your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your prayers. They need prayers for guidance, wisdom, and patience while searching for your new pastor.

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and Meet Human Need"*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 A.M.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Meditation in Music" Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Advent of Our God" Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Steve & Susan Henderson
(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: Shout Joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.

Pastor: Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us and not we ourselves.

People: We are His people and the SHEEP of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to Him; bless His name.

Pastor: For the Lord is good, His loving kindness is everlasting.

People: And His faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, forgive the excuses we make for lapses in our faith. We let self-centeredness and apathy get in the way of faithfulness and unselfish service. We find ways to duck out of our opportunities for service and witness, offering up all kinds of excuses that even we believe. How foolish we are! Every waking moment of our lives, dear God, you are present with us, whether we are aware of it or not. Forgive our shortcomings. Fill us with eagerness to be your hands and feet, and energy to go forth into the world as your witnesses. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen. (from FPC Moultrie, Ga)

(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

SPECIAL MUSIC “How Quietly” Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 2:1-5 Pg. 1062
NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 24:45-49 Pg. 1644

SERMON “Looking Back to the Lamb of God” *Rev. Cody Watson*

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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC “There’s Something About that Name” 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

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

*CLOSING HYMN “Joy to the World!” 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 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

*Those who are able may stand