

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED: Alex Shumaker, unspoken prayer needs, Pete Skinner (son-in-law of Chuck & Ruth Quimby), Vera Kluttz, Telka Gullett (sister-in-law of Donnie Whitesides), Linda Barraclough (sister of Nancy Malone), Johnny Myers, Joy Brown, Randy Grant, Charlotte Gehrke (great niece of Mary Helen Myers), Sherry Moore, Pat Chaffin, Ron Baldwin (Becky (Tom) Wetmore's cousin), Malcolm & Peggy Bullock, Sam & Gloria Correll, Kate Wilson, CC. & Peg Williams. **Public Safety Personnel:** Probation officers, firefighters, paramedics, sheriff and police officers. **Military:** James & Sarah Fullwood (Marines), Logan Willis (National Guard). **Missionaries:** The Raymer Family & The Riddle Family. **Pastor Nominating Committee, Next Pastor for Unity Church, Salem Presbytery, Our Nation.**

DEACONS TO COUNT OFFERING: Renae Kluttz & Cody Haire (Next week: Helen Dickson & John Wetmore)

NURSERY TODAY: Kathi Albea (Next Sunday: Libby Watson)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to (12) Sawyer Moore (13) Kinsley Shumaker (14) Renae Kluttz & Patsy Moore (15) Bobby Williams & Olivia Foster (17) Mahaley Mays (18) Sandra Bost & Suzanne Goodson.

The beautiful new advent stand was crafted and donated by Mark Wetmore, son of Bob and Julia Wetmore. We thank Mark for using his God given talents to enhance our worship setting.

Session meets today at 4:00pm.

Next Sunday will be the last Sunday to bring Christmas cards. Place the cards in the marked container at the front entrance of the FH. The cards brought to church each week will be placed in a red bag for each family. You will receive your bag of cards to take home on December 19.

Please have announcements for the January newsletter in Crystal Earnhardt's box *by Thursday, Dec. 16.*

REMINDER: Drive-thru live nativity at Unity Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Dec 19th from 6-7 PM. Cookies and hot apple cider will be provided. This is open to all, and we look forward to seeing you!

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS- In memory of Bobby Whitesides by Bob & Charlotte Turner. In memory of Virginia F. Talley and Meredith E. Hylton by Bill & Nancy Hylton. In honor of Mark Wetmore by Jane Watson.


CALLING ALL LADIES OF UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are planning a get together in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at noon. Bring a salad or sandwiches to share together.

Our program after lunch will be Christmas readings - your favorite to share.

Come and enjoy the fellowship.

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*He will
be a **JOY**
and
delight to you,
and many people
will rejoice
at his birth.*

Luke 1:14

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 12, 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 62

One: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

All: He alone is my rock and my salvation,
He is my fortress. I will not be shaken.

One: My salvation and my honor depend on God;
He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

All: Trust in him at all times, O people;
Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

One: One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard:

All: That you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord are
loving. Surely you will reward each person according to
what he has done.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of peace, Prince of peace, Spirit of peace; Your names are to be honored as supreme. Forgive us when we fail to give due honor to Your name. In our society the name of Santa Claus sometimes is heard above the name of the Christ Child. The hammering of elves drowns out the song of angels. The mission of reindeer competes with the adoration of the shepherds and the travel of those who seek the One born to be king. Pardon us if we have let such things get out of hand in our social circles. Help us to restore Your name to its rightful place. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One of Israel, Christ of the church, we gather here as sons and daughters of the faithful, to declare that Your name is supreme.

We depart this place taking our cup of joy to share with others.

Use our offerings to show your love to the world. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-56

MESSAGE

"Our God of Joy"

Sue Moore

STATEMENT OF FAITH "Apostle's Creed"

HYMN

"The First Noel"

(see insert)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Luke 1: 39-56

39At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" 46And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. 50His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. 51He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. 52He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. 53He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. 54He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful 55to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." 56Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

IN MEMORY OF:



PARENTS & SIBLINGS BY LARRY & MILDRED PERRELL

WILLIE PERRELL & SARA OWEN BY BARBARA PERRELL

WILLIE PERRELL BY KATHI & DEREK ALBEA

JIMMY HENSLEY BY BRENDA MCINTOSH

DALE MCINTOSH BY BRENDA MCINTOSH

JIMMY HENLSEY BY JIM, MELANIE, CODY & JAKE HAIRE

DALE MCINTOSH BY JIM, MELANIE, CODY & JAKE HAIRE

DOT AND LEWIS HENSLEY, WADE & BARBARA HAIRE BY JIM, MELANIE, CODY & JAKE HAIRE

BARBARA WATKINS BY JASON, MALLORY, ELLORY & JACKSYN

WILLIE PERRELL BY JASON, MALLORY, ELLORY & JACKSYN

HENRY & HELEN HAWKINS BY TOM & BECKY WETMORE

TOM & INEZ WETMORE BY TOM & BECKY WETMORE

OUR FATHERS & GRANDPARENTS BY ARTIE & LIBBY WATSON

JOHN CAUBLE BY JUNIE & KAREN FLEMING

JUNE & PAULINE FLEMING BY JUNIE & KAREN FLEMING, DAVID & DEBBIE FLEMING

BERTIE D. KLUTTZ AND RALPH L. KLUTTZ BY JAY D. & GAY PREVETTE

X.D. "SMILEY" PREVETTE BY JAY D. & GAY PREVETTE

ALTON & EVA ADAMS BY STEVE & MARGARET KLUTTZ

WALTER & MARGIE KLUTTZ BY STEVE & MARGARET KLUTTZ

WALTER & MARGIE KLUTTZ BY BARBARA & JOE MORGAN

SIDNEY & NANNIE MORGAN BY BARBARA & JOE MORGAN

KEITH & LIB KLUTTZ BY BARBARA & JOE MORGAN

ELIZABETH & WILL WETMORE BY BARBARA & JOE MORGAN

ROLAND & MARGARET WAGNER BY CHRIS & SUE WAGNER

ARTHUR & EVELYN WATSON BY JANE WATSON

SIDNEY & NANNIE MORGAN BY JANE WATSON

DON WATSON BY JANE WATSON

BILL & ELLA COBLE BY WANDLE & SHARON WAGNER

ROLAND & MARGARET WAGNER BY WANDLE & SHARON WAGER

WAYNE, EMMA & JACK & CLAUDE GULLETT BY DONNIE WHITESIDES

LEROY, VIOLET, BOBBY & RANDY WHITESIDES BY DONNIE WHITESIDES

HESTER, RALPH & NEELY MOORE BY DONNIE WHITESIDES

OUR PARENTS BY JOY & JANET BROWN

PAUL QUIMBY, SR. & KATHERINE RABER BY CHUCK & RUTH QUIMBY

ERNEST & RUTH BOWER BY CHUCK & RUTH QUIMBY

OUR PARENTS BY STEVE & RENAE KLUTTZ

GARY, REX & SADIE BY LYNNETTE ELLER

ROGER WILSON BY KATE WILSON

MARY COLE MOORE BY DICK & LINDA MOORE

BOYCE MOORE BY DICK & LINDA MOORE

NORMA GOODSON BY DICK & LINDA MOORE

NORMAN WEST BY DICK & LINDA MOORE

JIM WILSON, BUC K BELK, AND DALE & JEAN HOLLOWAY BY WILSON & NEELY HOLLOWAY

MR. & MRS. ROBERT WALLER BY JOHNNY & MARY HELEN MYERS

MR. & MRS. JIMMY MYERS BY JOHNNY & MARY HELEN MYERS

HEBE & LEITHA WETMORE, JOHN & GRACE MARLEY BY SAM & BECKY WETMORE

DUB JAMES MALONE BY NANCY D. MALONE

BILL WETMORE, OUR PARENTS, SPENCE & IVA WETMORE AND DARR & EDITH MILLER BY NANCY WETMORE

MIRIAM LYERLY WILLIAMS BY JUANITA WINE & EDITH MARTIN

NEAL & MIRIAM WILLIAMS BY JUANITA WINE & EDITH MARTIN

WALTER LEE & BEULAH LYERLY BY JUANITA WINE & EDITH MARTIN

IN HONOR OF:

BARBARA PERRELL BY DEREK & KATHI ALBEA

BARBARA PERRELL & KATHI ALBEA BY JASON, MALLORY, ELLORY & JACKSYN

ELLIS CAUBLE BY JUNIE & KAREN FLEMING

BETTY J. PREVETTE BY JAY D. & GAY PREVETTE

LORENE & TELKA GULLETT BY DONNIE WHITESIDES

NANCY WETMORE BY ARTIE & LIBBY WATSON

JANE WATSON BY ARTIE & LIBBY WATSON

DAN & DIANNE LYERLY BY BOB & JULIA WETMORE

SUE MOORE (GRAMMY) BY MAGNIFICENT 7 FALGLK+M

COLLEEN BELK BY WILSON & NEELY HOLLOWAY

JOHN, JEAN & ELI WETMORE BY SAM & BECKY WETMORE

ART, LIBBY, LAURA, TYLER, JAKE & ALLISON AND BARBS BY NANCY WETMORE

RANDY & SUSAN BYERLY BY JUANITA WINE & EDITH MARTIN