

Lessons and Carols

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Paul Rosene
 Carol of the Bells Ukranian Carol
 Hand Chimes

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH The Anthony Family

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall
be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: We wait for you with expectation. Come, Lord Jesus!

***We sing:** Getty/Tuthill

*Jesus Your name, Counselor; Wonderful Way, Life's Comforter.
Spirit of Truth defending me, though in me was the blame.
Jesus, Your name has stood in my place and freed me from hopeless shame;
Jesus Your name now fathers me; With joy I bear His name.*

*Jesus, Your name, Mighty God; All Pow'rful One, ruling in love.
There is a King upon the throne; Earth cannot overthrow.
Jesus, Your name, great banner of hope; Steadies the knees of the weak.
Jesus, the name all nations will praise; Oh glorious name!*

*Jesus, Your name, Everlasting Father; All Mighty God, Savior of all.
For you will de-liver me, And save us from death
Jesus, Your name, will rescue my soul. You're my salvation O Lord.
Jesus Your name, everlasting God; O Eternal One!*

*Jesus Your name, Prince of Peace; Quiets my soul, treasures the least.
In perfect rest, You will keep; All whose hope is in You.
Jesus, Your name can silence the storms; The strivings that trouble our world.
Jesus Your name reveals you as Lord: Oh powerful name!*

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

CAROL Rejoice! Rejoice Believers arr. John Ferguson
 (Congregation join on verse 3)

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Son so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!*

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15 Trudy Amick

CAROL Advent Prayer Patrick Liebergen
 Choir

THE SECOND LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Andrew Smoak

*CAROL Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Blue Hymnal #2
 Choir and Congregation

THE THIRD LESSON Micah 5:2-4 Micah Hancock

CAROL Bethl'hem Lay A-Sleeping arr. Healey Willan
 Choir

THE FOURTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 Sara Jones

CAROL Mary Did You Know Lowry/Greene/Mauldin
 Voices of Grace

THE FIFTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-23 Alan Smith

*CAROL O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Red Hymnal # 147
 Choir and Congregation

THE SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:8-12 Stacey Coleman

*CAROL While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks Blue Hymnal #59
 Choir and Congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING
 Offertory O Holy Night Adolphe Adam
 Bobby Faris, guitar

THE SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:13-20 Taylor Wright

CAROLS Away in a Manger, Jesus is His Name, & Tell It
 Children's Choir

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Sarah Childers
 (After the Children's Sermon, kids return to their seat)

*CAROL Angels, from the Realms of Glory Blue Hymnal # 22
 Choir and Congregation

THE EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-2 and 7-12 Valerie Bull

CAROL Sweet Little Jesus Boy Robert Mac Gimsey
 Nancy M. Smith

THE NINTH LESSON	John 1:1-14	Dick Sanford
CAROL	And the Word Became Flesh <i>Choir</i>	arr. Marty Parks
PRAYER		Pastor Daniel
*CAROL	Joy to the World! <i>Choir and Congregation</i>	Blue Hymnal #40
*THE BENEDICTION		
CHORAL RESPONSE	Silent Night <i>Choir and Hand Chimes</i>	Gruber/Sjoholm
POSTLUDE	Tidings of Joy <i>Peggy Bishop, Organ</i>	Alice Jordan

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Director of Music: LaRayne Hall

Organist: Peggy Bishop

Handchimes Accompanist: James Bookout

Violin: Brittany Harris

Hand Chimes: Esther Bailey, Faye Boyd, Reggie Clawson, Nell Glover, Cathy Goodband, Mott Hutchinson, Christy Johnston, Hailey Ransom, Karen Ransom, Stacy Russell, Jennifer Williams

Adult Choir:

Soprano: Faye Boyd, Cheryl Hughes, Ernice Bookout, Margaret Moore, Nancy Smith

Alto: Reggie Clawson, Nell Glover, Micah Hancock

Tenor: James Bookout, Roy Glover

Bass: Phil Hughes, Irvin Jones, Randy Ransom

Voices of Grace: Faye Boyd, Cindy Davis, Cathy Goodband, Cheryl Hughes, Phil Hughes, Randy Ransom, Amy Smoak

Children's Choir: Mary Adkins, Ruthie Adkins, Aurora Blackwell, Lizzy Bull, Aiden Coxton, Connor Goodband, Charlotte Gould, Cheyenne Gould, Dawson Houston, Tucker Houston, Brice Hunsucker, Blake McCraven, Mason McCraven, Trevor Melton, Gabriel Peterson, Gage Russell, Lane Russell, Sidney Russell, Andrew Smoak, Lauren Smoak, Josiah Walker, Kaitlyn Williams, Kathrynne Anne Williams

Remember in your Prayers

Recent Prayer Concerns:

Charlie Barker (Johnston Family)
Marianne Beaty (Jim Beaty's mother)
Geraldine Blackmon (surgery 11/4)
Benny Brock (Cindy Davis Uncle)
Buddy Burgess (Broken hip/surgery)
Becky and Jack Canady (Esther Bailey Family)
Myrtle Conley (Teresa Curtice's Mother)
Bill Donels (friend of Sanford's)
Ken & Joy Fleming (friend of Davis's)
Karen Guinness (friend of Jim & Lou Beaty)
Gary Lee Jones (Dawn Westmoreland's uncle)
Marianne Schein (Jim Beaty's sister)
Myra Smith
George Stabler (Williamson Family)
Bobby Williamson (eye problems)

Those who have recently lost loved ones: Family and Friends of Carol Duncan
(Pam Jackson's mother), Dolly Youmans (Edie Nettles aunt), & William
Jackson (Johnnie's Florist)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

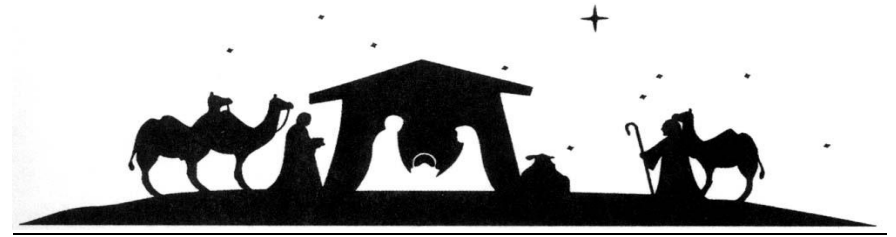
Deborah Adkins
Mary Burgess (Patsy Walker's sister-in-law)
Gene Cornwell
Bob Dickson (Jerry's brother)
Rev. Don den Dulk (friend of Sanford's)
Makaylah Graham (Ballard Family)
A.G. Hagler
Carl Melton
Tony Plott (motorcycle accident)
Maleah Railey (G. Blackmon's Niece)
Mamie Thrower (Patsy Walker's sister)
Neil Williamson
178 Engineer Battalion (soldiers & families)
Our Mission Partners: The Matias family in Brazil and Tito Palacios in
Guatemala

The Homebound – Catherine Bookout, Mae Carroll, Mason Caveny, Clea
Cavey (C. Hughes mother), Jerry Gardner, Catherine Johnson, Lyle Neely (B.
Johnson's brother-in-law), Robert Rockholt, Gladys Williamson

*If you or someone you know would like to be placed on the Prayer List,
please contact the church office.*

Welcome to Bethesda Presbyterian!

We are so glad you're here. If you are visiting Bethesda today, we hope you feel at home and that you'll be strengthened in your faith. Above all, we pray that the Lord will be honored as we worship Him, hear His Word, and respond in discipleship. Members and guests, please sign and pass the red fellowship pad in your row. If you have special needs or questions about Bethesda, please speak with an usher.



BPC Christmas Worship

- ❖ Saturday, December 24th at 5:30. A brief prayer and **candle lighting service** to remember our loved ones who have passed on before us. We meet on the front steps of the church.
- ❖ Saturday, December 24th at 6:00. Join us on Christmas Eve for **Carols, Communion, and Candlelight**, a service of worship on the eve of our Savior's birth. A special offering for the church Benevolence Fund will be taken. A nursery is provided.
- ❖ Sunday, December 25th at 11:00. The Sunday of Christmas, we'll gather for a "come as you are" **worship service at 11:00**. Sunday School does not meet today.
- ❖ Sunday, January 1st at 11:00. New Year's Day, we'll gather at 11:00 am for worship with communion. One service only, and Sunday School does not meet today.

We're off to see the lights of Christmas! Join us for a trip to see the Christmas lights at Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia. We will leave at 3:30 on Tuesday December 20th, have a meal on the way, see the lights, and return home around 9:30. Tickets purchased ahead of time are \$8 for Adults and \$6 for kids 3-12 (under 3 free). The signup sheet is in the vestibule. Questions? Call Carol Hope at 328-8841.



This Week at Bethesda

Sunday	9:15am	Morning Prayer
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:55am	Congregational Meeting
	11:00am	Worship – Lessons & Carols
	4:00pm	Boys Basketball Practice (16 & up)
Monday	7:00pm	Session
	9:00am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	3:30pm	Riverbanks Zoo Christmas Lights
Wednesday	7:00pm	Basketball Practice (15 and under)
Thursday	6:00pm	Basketball (8-9 yr. olds)
	7:00pm	Girls Basketball
Friday	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Saturday	5:30pm	Prayers for Saints Service – Front Bricks
	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Service

Remember to pray for your Director of Youth and Children’s Ministries search team. We are now receiving applications, and you can help by referring qualified candidates. Applications are available at www.bethesdapres.org or by calling the church office. The search team is: Sarah Childers, JoEllen Smith, Randy Ransom, Missi Hunsucker, Emily Faris, and Pastor Daniel.

Thank you to those who brought non-perishable food items and hygiene products today for families in our church and PATH food bank, which serves needy families in the York County area. We collect items like these on the last Sunday of every month.

The BPC financial picture: Through the month of November, we have spent \$249,528 and received \$240,212. Please remember the church in your year-end giving. *If you want to make a contribution and want it to go towards your 2011 contributions, please have it in the church office by noon on December 27th.* We want to have a strong financial finish to 2011.

2012 Offering Envelopes are in the vestibule this morning.



A **Meeting of the Congregation** is set for 10:55 this morning. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the following report of the Elder Nominating Committee:

Biblically, the office of elder is one that is held in high esteem. Guided by the qualifications and descriptions of elders in Scripture (I Timothy 3 and Titus 1) and our Book of Order, the ENC is pleased to nominate the following candidates who would each serve a three year term, beginning in 2012.

Diane Arnold names Matthew 22:36-40 as verses that speak to her and teach her how to pray for the church.

Faye Boyd. Matthew 17:20 points Faye toward the support that she has received from God in her life.

Reggie Clawson. Psalm 121 ministers to Reggie: her eyes are lifted to the Lord who is our source of strength.

Jimmy Darby sees the promises of Jeremiah 29:11-13 as a source of hope for himself and all other believers.

Mott Hutchison tries to live her life under the guidance of Faith, Hope, and Love: those three great words from I Corinthians 13.

Billy Johnston names Luke 6:31 (the golden rule) as a great verse for helping him make the best decisions in life.

The Elder Nominating Committee: David Ballard, Lou Beaty, Sara Jones, Nancy Moore, and Beth Smith

There is NURSERY CARE available during the 11:00 worship service for children under the age of four. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

TODAY’S NURSERY WORKERS

Infants: Lisa & Emily Faris

2-4 Year Olds: Anita & Benny Coxton & Rebecca Simpson

NEXT SUNDAY

Infants:

2-4 Year Olds:

DECEMBER USHERS

11:00– Beth Smith, Steve Childers & Irvin Jones

DECEMBER CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Melissa Wallace, Gwen Carpenter, & Emily Sharpe



*We are grateful for the beautiful poinsettias
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in memory or honor of loved ones*

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by: Eddie A. Smith Family
by: David & Gloria Ballard
by: Teresa King
by: Dr. Robert Walker

Donation to: Cemetery Association in lieu of poinsettias by Mr. & Mrs. Todd Russell in honor of Sarah F. Wampler & William E. Russell, Sr. and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Dunlap, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. James W. Feemster, and Mr. & Mrs. Elie B. Russell.

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