

Midnight The Lord's Day, December 18, 2016  
"Handel's Messiah (4) The Shaking of the Heavens and the Earth"  
2016 Advent Series  
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

## Prayer List, Sunday, December 18, 2016

### PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PASTOR AND STAFF

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Pastor  
Mrs. Glenda L. Delmar, CCS Principal  
Mrs. Martha A. Middleton, Executive Administrator  
Ms. Roseanne S. Culpepper, CCS Office Manager  
Mr. Bryan M. Walker, CCS Bookkeeper  
Mr. Jonah Cleveland, Youth Director  
Mr. Jeff Delmar, Music Leader

### PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

### PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

### PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday ..... Elijah Sato\*  
Monday ..... Rocky & Dawn Welch#  
Tuesday ..... Mara Frazier\*  
Wednesday ..... Paddy Cook% PEF Evangelist  
Thursday ..... Memo & Jennie Salinas% PEF, South America  
Friday ..... Peter Siaway% PEF, Atlanta, GA  
Saturday ..... Emad Mikhail% MTW  
(\*Happy Birthday, #Happy Anniversary, %Missionary)

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AT HOME AND ABROAD

**Currently Deployed Overseas:** Randy Miller (Joyce Post's grandson)

**Currently Serving at Home:** Shawn Rost (Warren & Judy Kline's son-in-law), Ben Hollo, Ian Harris, Seth Armstrong, Ezra Swanson

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

**Cancer:** Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), Charlene Elliott (CCS parent, blood cancer), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, chemotherapy & radiation), Charlotte Bass (4 year old friend of Mara Frazier, Aplastic Anemia), Larry Treston (Wendy Russell's father), Wayne Bingham, Dorothy Buckner (Janice Chilton's mother)

**Illness:** Brian Schreiber (Fred & Carrie Hayes Schreiber's son, blood disease), Fran Coyne (friend of the Steele's, aortic valve stenosis), Johnny Langham (Jack & Jan Langham's son), Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Charlie Saunders (O'Lear family member), Linda Hopkins' family member (amyloidosis), David Hill (heart blockage), Cheryl Gaudiano, Roger Leete (CIDP), Gloria Hawkins (Glenda Delmar's mother, stroke), Derrick Jensen (family friend of Raquel Clark, ALS), Rich Simpson (hip replacement), Michael Kline (mini-strokes), Hope Park (Anna Denny's friend, needing heart transplant), Warren Kline, *Joyce Post (back surgery)*

**Special Need:** Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty & Chris Hill's parents), Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Dawn Welch family, Dell Simpson, Terrie Cleveland family, Esme Bahati




**Expectant Mothers:** Kristie Delmar

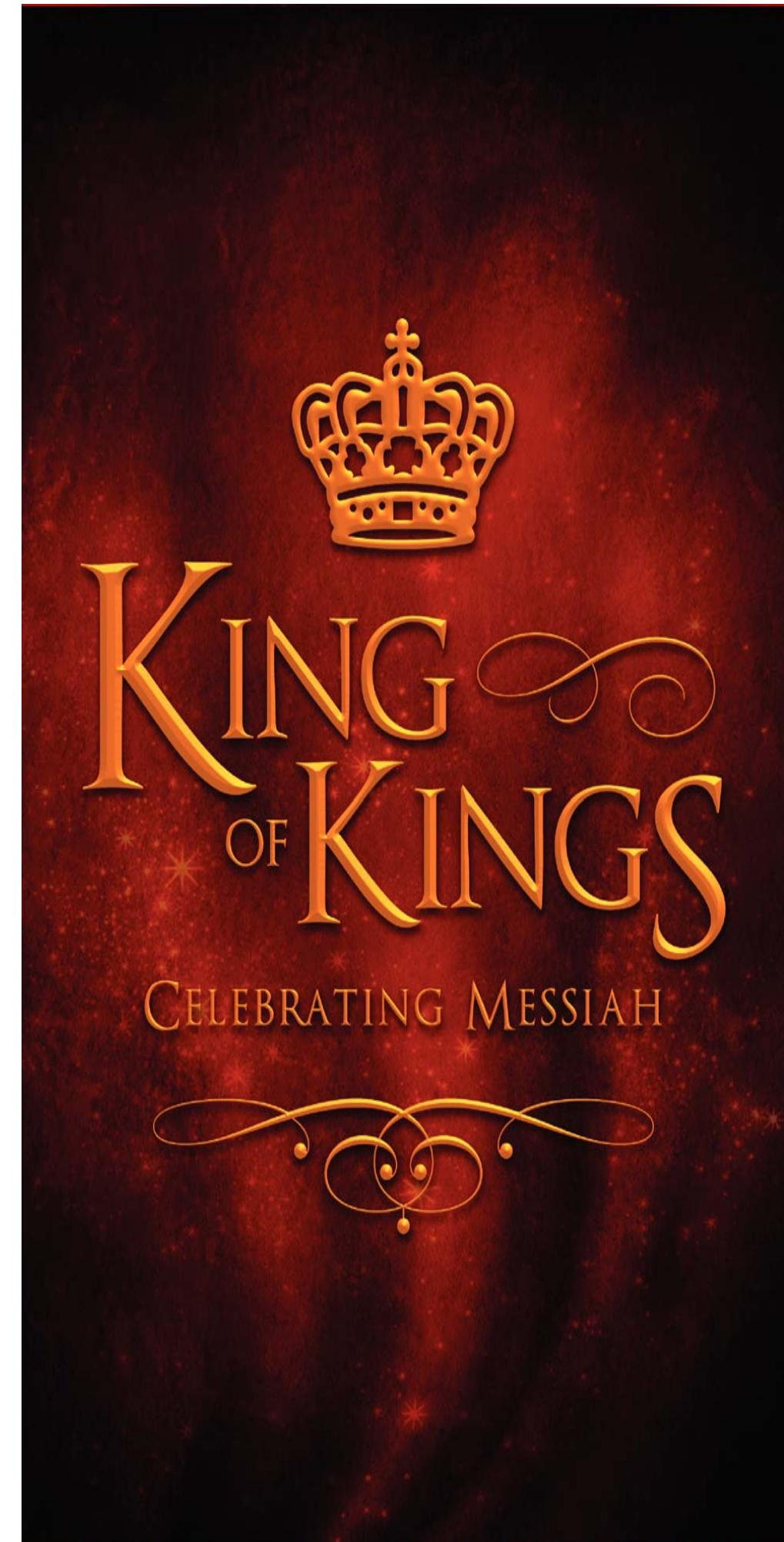
*\*Names in italics are new to the list this week.*



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# The Lord's Day, December 18, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.  
Fourth Sunday in Advent

## Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and need strength;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Preparation for Worship Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

Framed in light,  
Mary sings through the doorway.  
Elizabeth's six-month joy  
jumps, a palpable greeting,  
a hidden first encounter  
between son and Son.

And my heart turns over  
when I meet Jesus  
in you.

~ Luci Shaw

### Advent Candle of Love

### Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

**God's Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary.** The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that *"the virgin shall conceive and bear a son"* (Isaiah 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, "God with us." The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary and is thus *"descended from David according to the flesh"* (Romans 1:3). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; He is called *"Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins"* (Matthew 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately *"did as the angel of the Lord commanded him"* (Matthew 1:24), we also live by faith in this holy Gospel. And, of course, God did this all out of His immeasurable love.

Prelude Special Music "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
Amelia Delmar, Glenda Delmar

Prelude "It Came upon a Midnight Clear" (T200 with refrain)

Refrain: *Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God evermore!  
Good news, great joy for all!  
Melody breaks through the silence: Christ the Savior is born!  
Jesus, the love song of God!*

\* For those who are able, please stand at these times.  
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### Prayer of Invocation and Praise

\*Call to Worship Luke 1:46-55

\*Hymn Medley of Praise "Joy Has Dawned" (1)

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation.  
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory;  
But a humble gift of love ~ Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,  
As the Mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother's breast, vuln'erable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.  
Gold ~ a King is born today. Incense ~ God is with us.  
Myrrh ~ His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of Heav'n, given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!  
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (T214)

\*Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed (T846)

Old Testament Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:10-17

New Testament Scripture Reading Romans 1:1-7

Children's Devotional "The Holy Night" (Luke 2)

Hymn of Confession "O Come, O Come" (T194, vv 1,3,4; Tune: T662)

### Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father,  
we confess that in our hearts  
we have too often prayed like the Pharisee,  
"God, I thank you that I am not like other men."  
Father, forgive me.

With the tax collector we bow our heads,  
and cry out to You,  
"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Lord Jesus, Savior, Brother, Friend, and King,  
help me get my eyes off my selfish self,  
and fill me with Your joy,  
help me see the poor and needy all around,  
and fill me with Your love,  
help me get my eyes upon You crucified,  
and fill me with Your peace, and  
help me fix my eyes on resurrection glory,  
and fill me with Your hope.

Holy Spirit, we praise You  
that He who began a good work in us  
will bring it unto completion  
at the Day of Christ Jesus!

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
make us all holy and happy in You.  
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

I John 2:1-2

### Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Proverbs 15:16

Offertory Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (T201)

Prayer of Illumination Psalm 119:136-137

Sermon Haggai 2:6-7

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\*Hymn of Response "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (T196)

\*Charge and Benediction I Corinthians 16:23-24

\*Hymn of Benediction "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (T207, v 1)

\*Postlude

Please note, we will observe the regular Lord's Day worship at  
10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 25, 2016  
and Sunday, January 1, 2017. However, there will be no  
Sunday School or snack fellowship on either Sunday.

### THIS WEEK, December 18 - 24, 2016

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.  
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Monday •CCS Christmas holiday begins  
Next Sunday •**Christmas Day** ~ No Sunday School. Enjoy your family!  
•Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

#### Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Morning Worship ~ Johanna Richards, Anna Richards
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ No Sunday School on Christmas Day  
Morning Worship ~ Ann Bingham, Natalie Smith  
Will not meet again until January 3, 2017
- ◆ **WIC Bible Study:**
- ◆ **Budget Summary:**

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$ 5,262.84
Tithes/Offerings, December 11, 2016	\$ 4,652.25
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$ 92,247.91
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$ 111,092.68
Mortgage Balance	\$ 206,224.11

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