

The Lord's Day, December 4, 2016
"Handel's Messiah (2): The Harbinger"
 2016 Advent Series
 Rev. Cory D. Colravy

Prayer List, Sunday, December 6, 2015

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. Art Stroh, Youth Director
 Mr. Scott Perry, Music Leader

**PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS
 PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS
 PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES**

Sunday Ellie Richards*
 Monday Panama City Rescue Mission% Thurman Chambers, Director
 Tuesday Pregnancy Resource Center% Patty Adams, Director
 Wednesday Leah Marks*
 Thursday Dawn Colravy*
 Friday Tim Carper% RUF, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
 Saturday Cliff Wilcox% Circle PCA church plant, Pace, FL
 (*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)
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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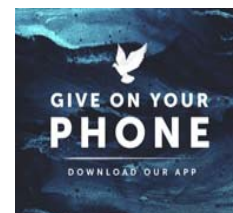
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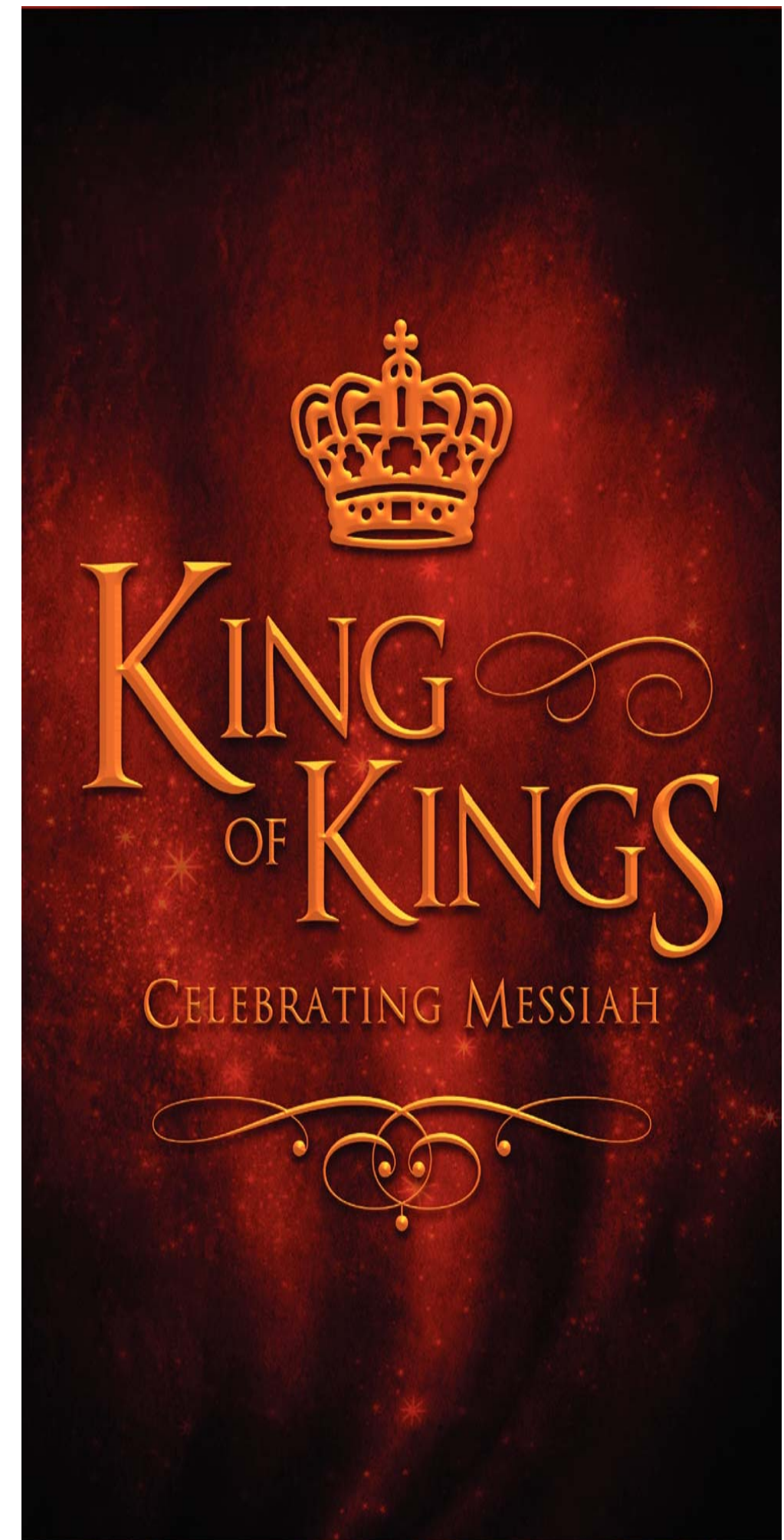
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MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Second 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.

*"A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain.
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'"*
~ Isaiah 40:3-5

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Preparation

By the Preaching of Repentance, We are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord
"John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent'" (Matthew 3:1-2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. John's work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, *"a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots"* (Isaiah 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is *"a signal for the peoples"* (Isaiah 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. *"With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips"* (Isaiah 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the *"root of Jesse"* comes to us, *"even he who arises to rule the Gentiles"* (Romans 15:12), that *"we might have hope"* and be filled *"with all joy and peace in believing"* (Romans 15:4, 13).

Prelude

"Jesus Messiah" (Bulletin Insert)

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

***Call to Worship**

Luke 2:13-14

*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

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***Hymn Medley of Praise**

"Your Name" (1)

Humbly to the earth You came, born into this world to save.
God with us, Emmanuel, now we adore Your Name

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower. Your Name is a shelter like no other.
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder,
'cause nothing has the power to save but Your Name.*

Jesus, in Your Name we pray; come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name.

*Your Name is Wonderful, Counselor. Your Name is Everlasting Father.
Your Name ~ Mighty God and Prince of Peace,
Nothing has the power to save but Your Name.*

God with us, Emmanuel. God with us, Emmanuel.
God with us, Emmanuel. Now we adore Your Name.

"All to Jesus, All the Glory" (2)

Like a prisoner who wakes and his chains are gone,
Like a dead man rescued from the grave,
I'm delivered out of darkness into the light
To sing my great Redeemer's praise.

*All to Jesus, our great Savior! All the glory! All the glory!
Crown Him Lord and King forever! All the glory! All to Jesus!*

You alone could bear the weight of the sinner's cross
And the curse of all my sin and shame.
You alone would give Your life for a wretch like me.
I live to glorify Your name!

What wondrous love is this to pay my ransom?
How vast the mercy that would die for me?
I come before You in complete abandon;
Take my life and let it be; All to Jesus!

There is nothing I can bring that would be enough.
I love You because You first loved me.
I am longing for the day when I see Your face,
And evermore my song will be:

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

New Testament Scripture Reading

Romans 15:1-13

***The Apostles' Creed for Children**

I believe God made the world, the sky, the stars, the animals, and all the people in the world.

I believe that God's Son, Jesus, came into the world from heaven. That's what we remember on Christmas. I believe Jesus died on the Cross for my sins, for all the wrong things I do. But three days after He died, He became alive again. And He went into heaven, and now He is sitting by His heavenly Father again. I believe that someday soon He is going to come back to the world and I will see Him.

I believe the Holy Spirit, Who is God, lives inside me when Jesus is my Savior. I believe that God loves the people in my church and that He wants me to love them too. I believe that God forgives me of all the wrong, sinful things I do, because Jesus died for me. But God doesn't want me to keep doing what is wrong and sinful. I believe that someday I will live with God forever in heaven in my brand-new body!

I love You, Jesus, because You first loved me.

Children's Devotional

"The Priest Who Could Not Talk" (Luke 1)

Hymn of Confession

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (T193)

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we humbly ask
that you would grant us a very meaningful
and Christ-honoring Advent season.
We sadly confess we have done
so little
with so much.

Forgive us Lord,
for not bending the knee,
to your holy will in all things,
for not reading the Book,
to find our daily manna,
for not searching our hearts,
to root out our idols,
for not facing our sins,
with courage and confidence,
at the foot of the Cross of Christ.

Deal with us, not according to our sins,
but according to your tender mercies, O God!

Holy Spirit, grant us the most important gift of all,
a fresh sense of your saving presence, and
a renewed resolve to live,
really and truly live,
an abundant life of faith fully trusting You,
a living faith working through love,
in all things, at all times,
toward all people,
redeeming the time,
to the praise of Christ's glory.
Amen.

Offertory Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (T208)

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:135

Sermon

Isaiah 40:3-5

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***Hymn of Response**

"Joy to the World" (C270)

***Charge and Benediction**

II Thessalonians 3:16

***Hymn of Benediction**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" (C271, v.11)

***Postlude**

THIS WEEK, December 4-10, 2016

Today	•Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. •Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m. •Morning worship, 10:30 a.m. •WIC Christmas Party, Hinkle home, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	•WIC Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	•Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m., Sanctuary •Advent Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m. •Bible study activities, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	•Church-wide Work Day, 8:00 a.m.

◆ In Our Nursery Today	Morning Worship ~ Emily Delmar, Chris Goehring
◆ Nursery Next Week:	Sunday School ~ Megan Colravy Morning Worship ~ Heather Steele, Claire Zechman
◆ WIC Tuesday Morning Bible Study:	Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.
◆ Budget Summary	

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$ 5,262.84
Tithes/Offerings, November 27, 2016	\$ 2,399.30
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$ 77,970.66
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$ 105,875.21
Mortgage Balance	\$ 206,362.44