

The Lord's Day, December 21, 2014
"The Wonder of God's Protection"
Matthew 2:13-23
Rev. Cory Colravy

Prayer List, Sunday, December 21, 2014

PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

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

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PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday Pat Wood% PEF Prison Ministry
Monday Peter Bakelaar% MTW, Japan
Tuesday David & Karen Story% RUF, FSU, Tallahassee, FL
Wednesday Bruce & Pam Sinclair% Westminster Bible College, Kampala, Uganda
Thursday Ross & Amy Middleton% Church planters, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Friday Chuck & Wyema% Enterprise Europe church planters
Saturday Tate Stroh*
(*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), Brian Neal, Ben Hollo

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

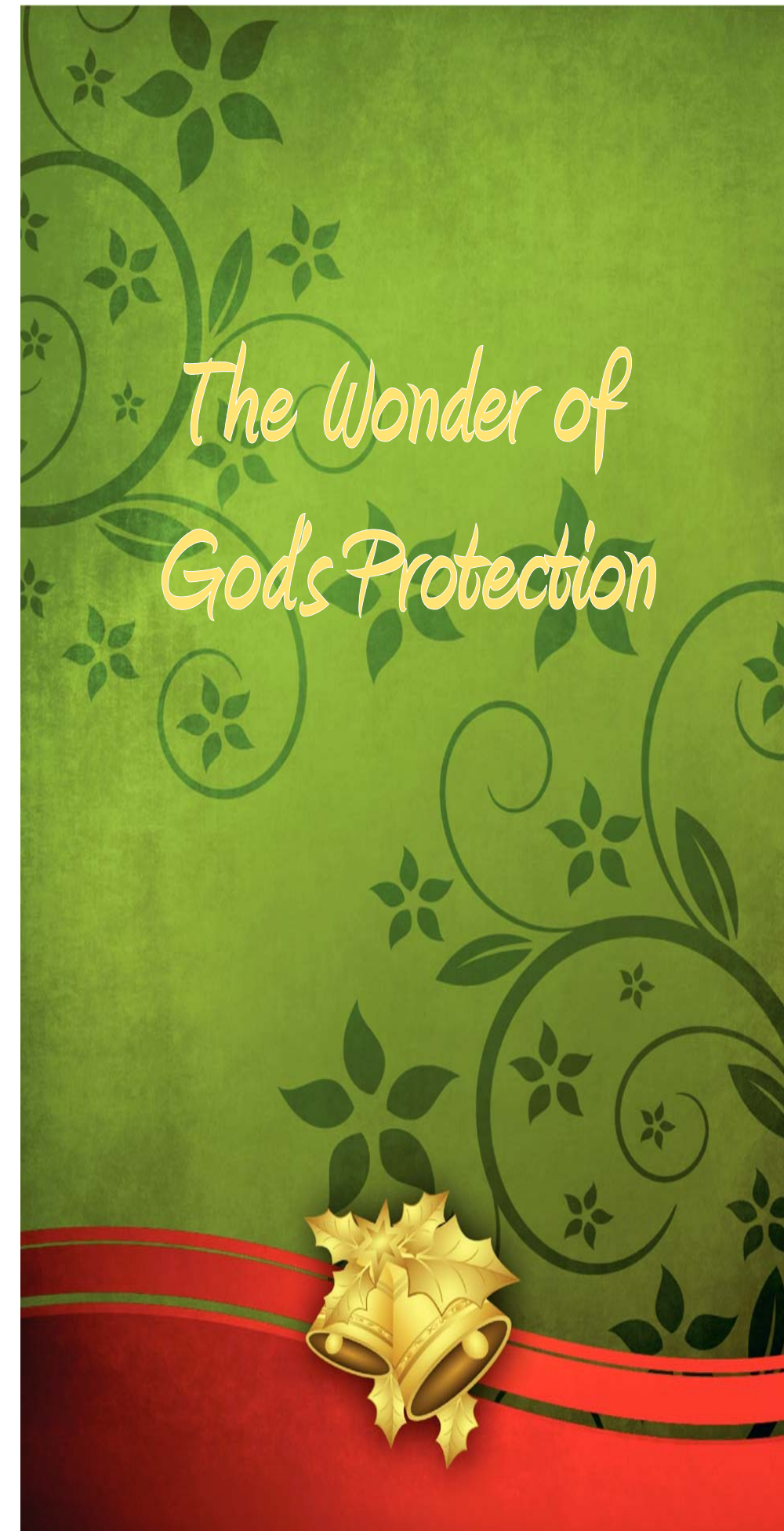
Cancer: Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Dawn Colravy (thyroid), Tracy Becker (wife of Concord PC Pastor, John Becker, double mastectomy), Alan Wise (Mara Frazier's family member, prostate cancer), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), John Dudinski (Middleton's friend, skin cancer & chemotherapy), Gerald Skipper (Jan Langham's brother-in-law), Ruth Weber (Pastor Colravy's cousin, ovarian cancer), Charlene Elliott (CCS parent, blood cancer)

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), Robert Corr (Claire Phillips' brother, Parkinson's disease), Joy Thomas (Dawn Welch's mother, COPD), Carola Bickford (Barbie Shold's friend, knee surgery), Tyson Wellcome (Rocky Welch's cousin, facial injury & reconstructive surgery), Cheryl Gaudiano, Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, (chemotherapy & radiation), Helen Newman (Dawn Colravy's mother, MRSA infection), Jan Langham (back surgery)

Special Need: Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty Hill's parents), Melody Barton Lane family, Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Randy Tucker (Patty Ann Bruner's son, stroke recovery), Andrew & Lauren Walker Bahati (Andrew's immigration Visa)

Expectant Mothers: Abby Stokes Wann (former member), Kristie Delmar

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



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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.

"For whatever reason, God chose to make man as he is ~ limited and suffering and subject to sorrows and death ~ He had the honesty and the courage to take His own medicine. Whatever game He is playing with His creation, He has kept His own rules and played fair. He can exact nothing from man that He has not exacted from Himself. He has Himself gone through the whole of human experience, from the trivial irritations of family life and the cramping restrictions of hard work and lack of money to the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair, and death. When He was a man, He played the man. He was born in poverty and died in disgrace, and thought it was worthwhile."
~ Dorothy Sayers

Lighting of the 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.

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

Prelude "Away in a Manger" (C261)
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (C279)
"What Child Is This?" (C281)

The Psalm Psalm 24

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

*Call to Worship Luke 1:46-55

*Hymn of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" (C271)

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 126

Leader: What does the fifth request of the Lord's Prayer mean?

People: And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors means ~ Because of Christ's blood do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

Old Testament Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:10-17

New Testament Scripture Reading Romans 1:1-7

Hymn of Confession "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" (C291, vv. 1,4)

Confession of Sin

Leader: God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

People: But we are often at war with one another. In a thousand little ways we demand to be catered to. We seldom esteem others as more important than ourselves. We often create strife by demanding our way rather than by walking in God's Spirit.

Leader: God blesses those who are persecuted because they live for God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

People: But we have too often retreated from the disapproval of others. We've sought to please the world, rather than risking the disapproval of those who need the Messiah. We regard rejection for righteousness as a burden to be borne, rather than an honor to be humbly received.

Leader: Lord, please show us your mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon I John 2:1-2

Children's Devotional Matthew 2

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Proverbs 15:16

Offertory Special Music "What Child Is This"
"Silent Night"

Ethan Delmar, Caroline Delmar and Glenda Delmar

Prayer of Illumination Psalm 119:136-137

Sermon Matthew 2:13-23

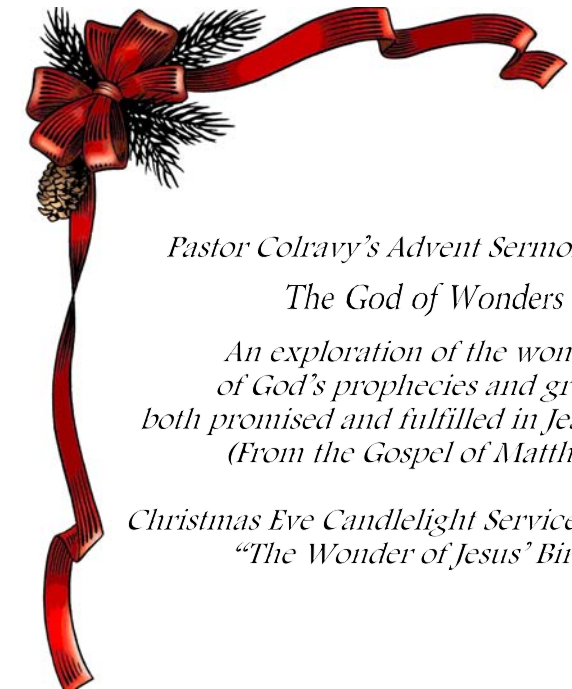
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*Hymn of Response "Joy to the World" (C270)

*Charge and Benediction I Corinthians 16:23-24

*Hymn of Benediction "Go Tell It On the Mountain" (C258, v.3)

*Postlude



Pastor Colravy's Advent Sermon Series:

The God of Wonders

An exploration of the wonder
of God's prophecies and grace,
both promised and fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
(From the Gospel of Matthew)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m.
"The Wonder of Jesus' Birth"

Please note, there will be no Sunday School or
snack fellowship on Sunday, December 28, 2014

THIS WEEK, December 21 - 27, 2014

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday •Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m.
Thursday •Christmas Day
Next Sunday •No Sunday School. Enjoy your family!

Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Sunday School ~ Kim Thompson
Morning Worship ~ Jane Perry, Robyn Perry
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Morning Worship ~ Ann Bingham, Heather Neal
- ◆ **WIC Bible Study:** Will not meet again until January 6, 2015
- ◆ **Budget Receipts, December 14, 2014**

Tithes/Offerings	\$ 2,209.10
Building Fund	1.00
Communion Offering	401.00
Mortgage Balance	\$ 239,271.37

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