

The Lord's Day, December 7, 2014  
"The Wonder of God's Deep Grace"  
Matthew 1:2-17  
Rev. Cory Colravy

## Prayer List, Sunday, December 7, 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

### PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

### PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

### PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday ..... Chaplain's Ministry% Mission to North America  
Monday ..... Dawn Colravy\*  
Tuesday ..... Paddy Cook% PEF Evangelist  
Wednesday ..... Memo & Jennie Salinas% PEF, South America  
Thursday ..... Gracie Welch\*  
Friday ..... Peter Siaway% PEF, Atlanta, GA  
Saturday ..... Stephen Armstrong\*  
(\*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

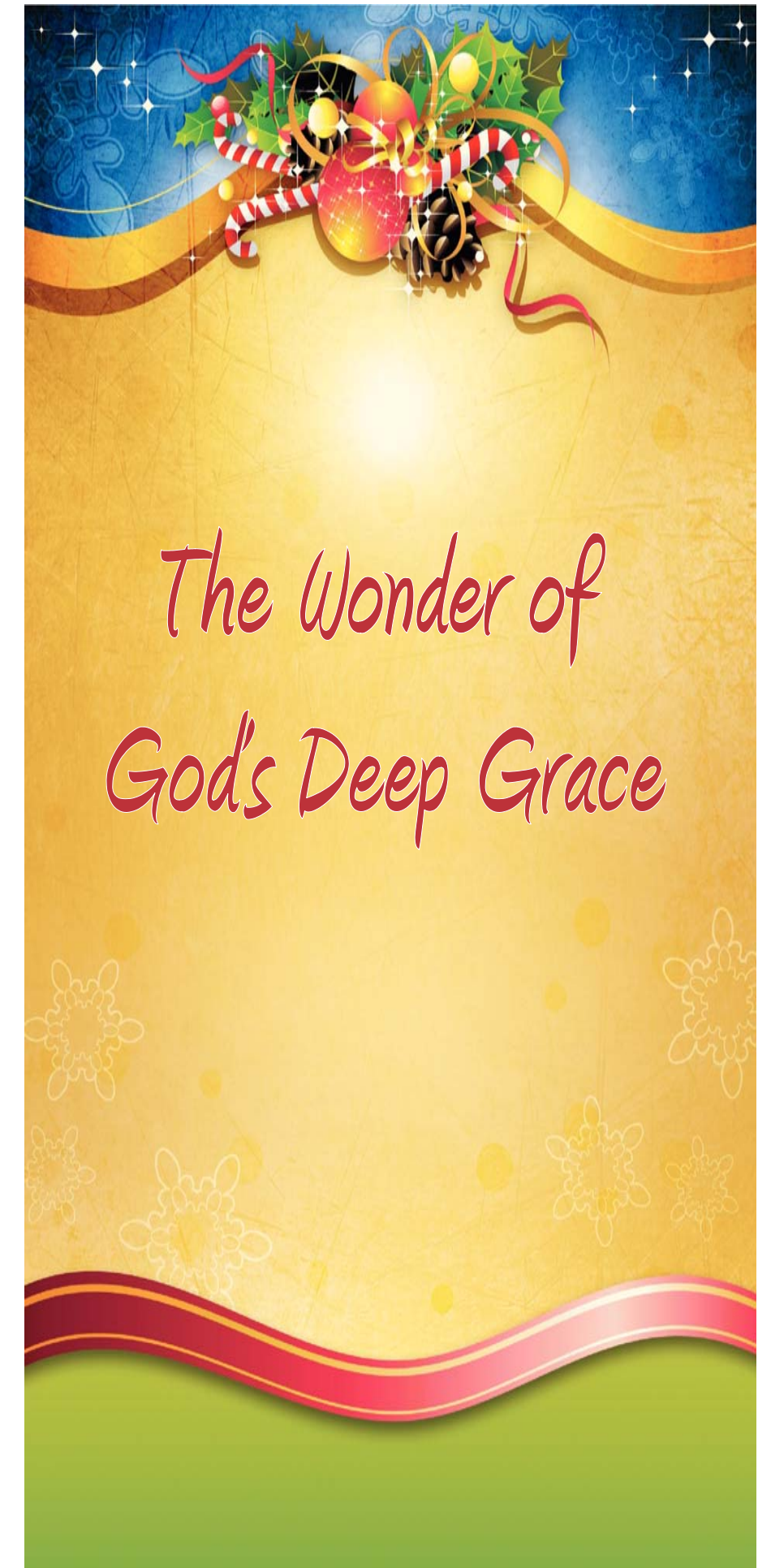
*Cancer:* Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Dawn Colravy (thyroid), Tracy Becker (wife of Concord PC Pastor, John Becker, double mastectomy), Alan Wise (Mara Frazier's family member, prostate cancer), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), John Dudinski (Middleton's friend, 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:* Anna Denny, Abby Stokes Wann (former member), Kristie Delmar

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



# The Lord's Day, December 7, 2014

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.

*"The spirituality of Advent calls us to start our journey in expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. The end time is the period in history when the work of Christ will be consummated, when the powers of evil will be put away forever, when the earth will be restored to the golden age described by Isaiah and St. John."*  
(see Isaiah 65; Revelation 20-22) ~ Robert Webber

### Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

**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).

### Lighting of the Advent Candle of Preparation

**Prelude** "O Holy Night" (C285)  
**The Psalm** Psalm 72:1-7  
**Prayer of Invocation and Praise**  
**\*Call to Worship** Luke 2:13-14  
**\*Hymn Medley of Praise** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (C277)  
"Angels We Have Heard on High" (C278)

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

**Old Testament Scripture Reading** Isaiah 11:1-10  
**New Testament Scripture Reading** Romans 15:1-13  
**\*Hymn Medley of Response** "Emmanuel" (C243)  
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (C244)

### \*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 Gospel Reading** Luke 2  
**Hymn of Confession** (Bulletin Insert) "Gently, Gently"

### Confession of Sin

**Leader:** God blesses those who are gentle and lowly, for the whole earth will belong to them.

**People:** But we have valued toughness over gentleness. We have too often chosen to be concerned with ourselves rather than our brothers and sisters and neighbors. Like the prodigal son, we want to satisfy ourselves rather than our Father.

**Leader:** God blesses those who are hungry and thirsty for justice, for they will receive it in full.

**People:** But instead we have hungered after the pleasures, prestige, and possessions of this temporal world. Like Esau we too have despised our birthright by choosing to satisfy our immediate desires.

**Leader:** Lord, please show us your mercy.

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

**Offertory Special Music** "Sleep Now Little Child"  
Robyn Perry

**Prayer of Illumination** Psalm 119:135

**Sermon** Mathew 1:2-17

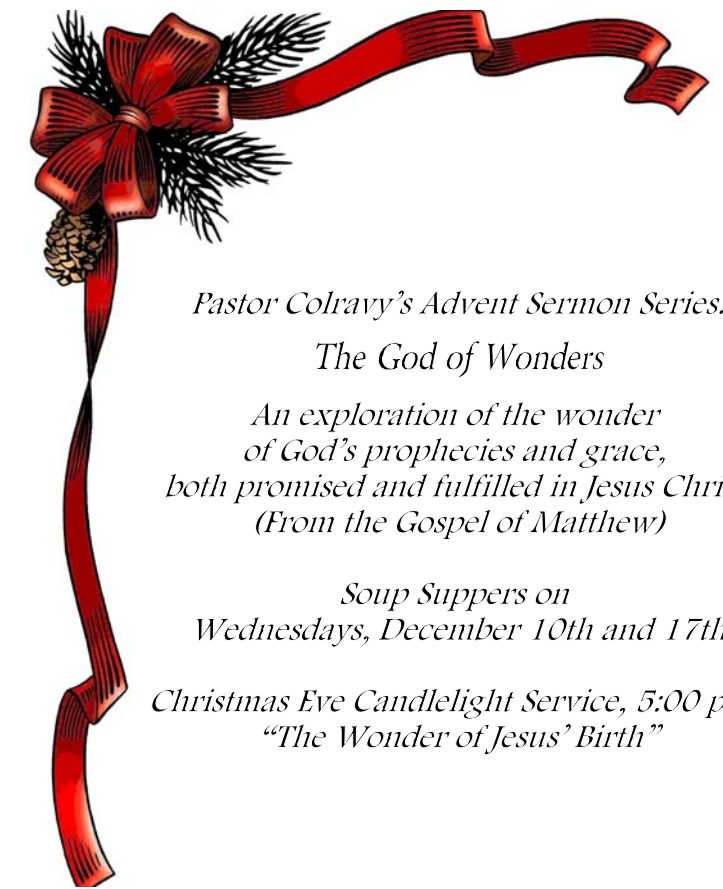
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**\*Hymn of Response** "How Great Our Joy" (C269)

**\*Charge and Benediction** II Thessalonians 3:16

**\*Hymn of Benediction** "Good Christian Men Rejoice" (T207, vv2,3)

**\*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)

Soup Suppers on  
Wednesdays, December 10th and 17th

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

### THIS WEEK, December 7-13, 2014

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.  
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday •WIC Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday •Praise Team Rehearsal, 4:45 p.m., Sanctuary  
•Advent Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.  
•Bible study activities, 6:30 p.m.

◆ **In Our Nursery Today** Sunday School ~ Gracie Welch  
Morning Worship ~ Emily Delmar, Chris Goehring

◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Megan Colravy  
Morning Worship ~ Claire Zechman

◆ **WIC Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. December 9<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting in 2014. The video series "The Parables of God" will resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

◆ **Budget Receipts, November 30, 2014**

Tithes/Offerings	\$ 1,532.75
Operation Christmas Child	200.00
Poinsettias	145.00
Designated Missionaries	250.00
Mortgage Balance	\$239,271.37

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