

THE LORD'S DAY ~ December 13, 2015

Third Sunday in Advent

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

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 Christ-child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown.
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.

~ G.K. Chesterton, *A Christmas Carol*

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross. Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see *"the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful"* (James 5:11). Therefore, in the promise of the Gospel, *"be patient"* and *"establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand"* (James 5:8). Like John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as *"the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up"* (Matthew 11:5), so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also. He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His holy Church, so that *"sorrow and sighing shall flee away"* (Isaiah 35:10).

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

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Prelude "O Come All Ye Faithful" (T208)

The Psalm Psalm 146

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

*Call to Worship I John 4:14, 16

*Hymn Medley "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (T223)
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (T224)

*Confession of Faith "In Christ Alone" (1)

Leader: *Christian, in Whom is your hope found?*
People: In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Leader: *And in Whom is God's wrath satisfied for your sins?*
People: In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Leader: *Christian, how do you know God's wrath for your sins was satisfied in the death of Christ?*
People: There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Leader: *So what has Christ secured for you?*
People: No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Old Testament Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

New Testament Scripture Reading James 5:7-11

Children's Devotional Luke 2:22-40

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (C259)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Philippians 4:12-13

Prayer of Illumination Psalm 1:1-3

Sermon John 9:39

"He Came to Bring Judgment"
2015 Advent Series: **HECAME**
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation Luke 22:14-23
Reading of the Law Matthew 7:7-14
Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that even though we have been united with Christ, our thoughts and words are divisive. We have been comforted with His love, but have withheld our love from others. We have fellowship with the Spirit of God, yet we still seek our own way. Forsaking unity, we have acted out of selfish ambition. Exalting ourselves, we have sought to be praised. Neglecting our neighbor, we have looked to our own interests above all else. But You, O God, have not withheld your love from us. You became nothing so that we might gain everything. Have mercy upon us, according to your great compassion through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:8, 10-12
Special Offering Covenant Mercy Ministry
Special Music of Meditation "All of You" (2)
Distribution of Elements
(Please note that grape juice is in all the inner circles of cups
and wine is only in the outer circle.)

*Charge and Benediction II Thessalonians 3:3

*Hymn of Benediction "How Great Our Joy" (C269)

*Postlude

THIS WEEK, December 13 - 19, 2015

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, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday •Advent Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
•Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
•Kids' Quest, 6:30 p.m.
•Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Morning Worship ~ Heather Steele, Natalie Smith
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Morning Worship ~ Jane Perry, Robyn Perry
- ◆ **WIC Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.
No more meetings until January 5, 2016.
- ◆ **Budget Summary:**

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$ 5,262.84
Tithes/Offerings, December 6, 2015	\$ 11,005.38
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$ 99,269.54
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$ 88,868.57
Mortgage Balance	\$ 222,175.87

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AM Sermon Notes
The Lord's Day, Sunday, December 13, 2015
"He Came to Bring Judgment"
2015 Advent Series: **HECAME**
John 9:39
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

Prayer List, Sunday, November 8, 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. Culppepper, 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 Stephen Armstrong*
Monday Cliff Wilcox% Circle PCA church plant, Pace, FL
Tuesday Bryan Walker* Andrew Bahati*
Wednesday Stephanie Pike Swanson% Mission to the World
Thursday Kristie Delmar*
Friday Chaplain's Ministry% Mission to North America
Saturday Rocky & Dawn Welch#
(*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, Ian Harris

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), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), Gerald Skipper (Jan Langham's brother-in-law), Ruth Weber (Pastor Colravy's cousin, ovarian 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)

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), Tyson Wellcome (Rocky Welch's cousin, facial injury & reconstructive surgery, Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Charlie Saunders (O'Lear family member), Mike Kline (Warren & Judy Kline's son, heart problem), Alaina Gilmore (leg development problem), Ron (Dawn Welch's brother-in-law, stroke), Linda Hopkins' family member (amyloidosis), David Hill (heart blockage), Cheryl Gaudiano, Virginia Palmer (knee replacement), Dell Simpson (fall), Judy Kline (knee replacement), Roger Leete (CIDP)

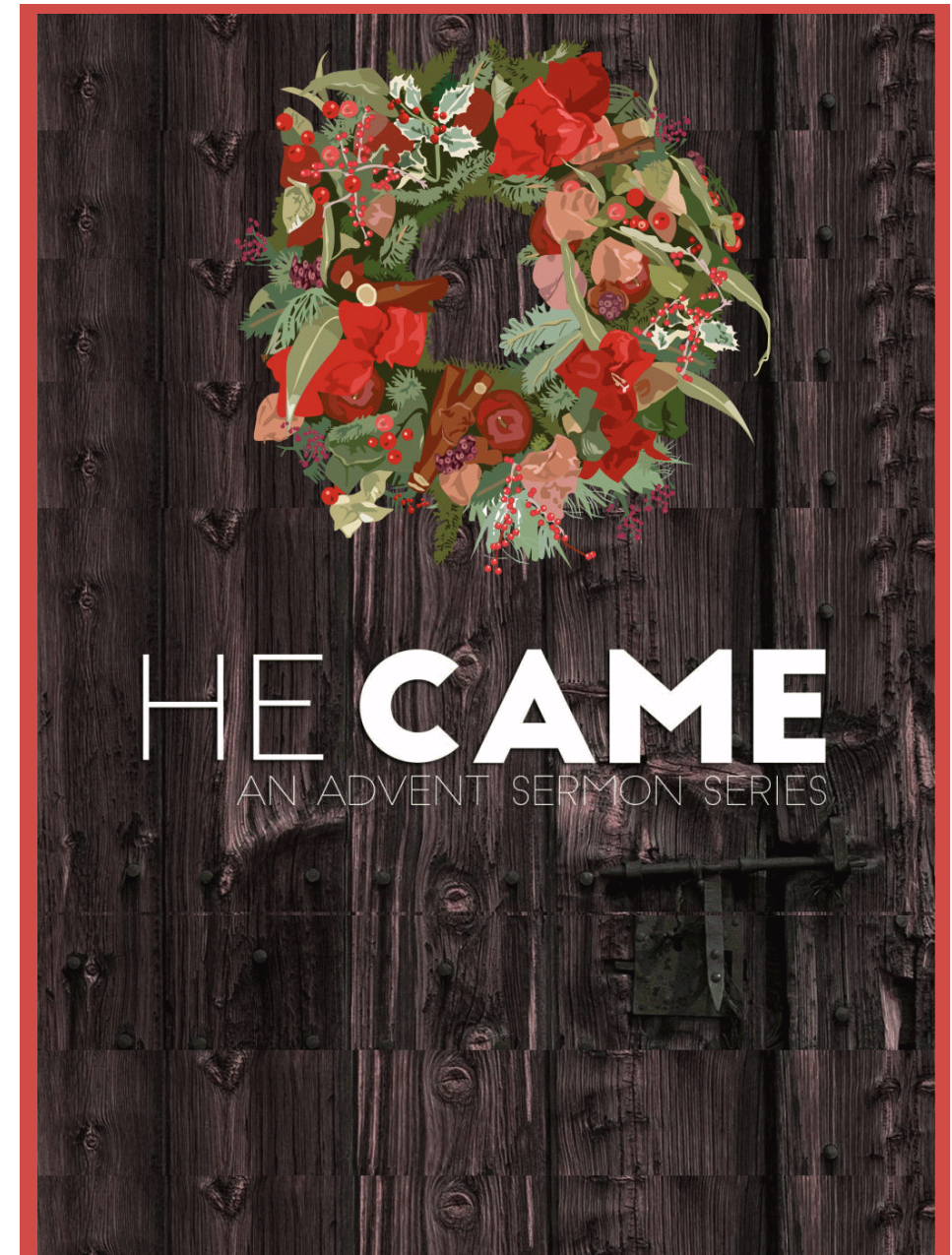
Special Need: Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty & Chris Hill's parents), Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Randy Tucker (Patty Ann Bruner's son, stroke recovery), Dawn Welch family

Expectant Mothers: Kendall Branscomb, Kristi Hinkle Dugan

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



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.... to Fulfill Prophecy
November 29th

.... to Destroy the Works of the Devil
December 6th

.... to Bring Judgment
December 13th

.... to Be King
December 20th

.... to Seek and Save the Lost
December 24th