

December 5 2004

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us! To aid you in our liturgy, we want you to know that the following is our custom: In the *Creed*, we include the phrase, "*He descended into Hell*". In the *Lord's Prayer*, we use the words, "*Forgive us our debts... our debtors*". We encourage you to stand for singing if you are able as the organ sounds the first note of introduction. When appropriate to the hymn, the organist and choir will lead the congregation in singing, "*Amen*". All worshippers are encouraged to *sign* the *Attendance/Friendship* pad, *greet* your friends, and *welcome* visitors.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS, LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS,
and **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** (amplified earphones and telecoil neckloops)
are available from the ushers.

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Liturgist: John DuGene

(8:30 am)
Sanctuary Guild Helen Fortune
Greeters Brett & Kristen Betsill; Les & Jane Johnson
Ushers Wayne Hibbeler; Ted Williams; Rick & Sam Brehm
Chair Lift Jim Toler
(11:00 a.m.)
Sanctuary Guild Sheila Baker
Greeters Keren Pritchett, Amelia & Henry Day; Jim & Heather Carelock
Ushers Jack & Ann Warner; Dave & Meg Bohmke
Chair Lift Bern Mahon
Nursery Workers Sam Brehm; Sharon Humes; Heather Howe; Megan & Morgan Hughes; Heather Garrison & Dorian Torrice

(Child Care is provided in the Education Building for infants through Kindergarten.)

The flowers are given by Isabelle Daniels
in memory of those who gave their lives at Pearl Harbor.

The wreaths on the Sanctuary windows are given by Betty Ellett and Bryan Lewis
to the glory of God and *in loving memory* of Betty's mother and Bryan's grandmother,
Doris Sheppard Ellett Bookman.

The rosebud on the pulpit rail celebrates a birth to one of our church families:

Welcome to the newest member of God's Congregation:

Noah John Timmerman, born November 29, 2004

Noah is the son of Barbara and Eric Timmerman.

The Sacrament of Baptism at our 11:00 a.m. service is celebrated for:

Nellie Kathleen Dameron, born January 22, 2004.

"*Nellie Kate*" is the daughter of Haley and Leonard Dameron, Jr.
and the sister of "Gray".

Liam Bruce Conway, born December 30, 2003.

Liam is the son of Ashley and Daniel Conway.

Our heartfelt Christian love and sympathies are extended to Scott Bushman for the death of his grandmother, **Marcella Albus**, who died Monday evening in Fredericksburg.

Please join the Fisher family for their 10th Annual Open House, Sunday, December 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.,
at The Presbyterian Church Manse, 308 George Street.

Hospital Visitor for the Week of December 5-11: Judy Schulken (899-0131)

Capsule of Concern: Judy Hansen, Isabelle Daniels, Ann Patterson

Hanging of the Greens: Decorating the church sanctuary for Advent and Christmas will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 8:30 a.m. Please come to help as we adorn our house of worship! Call Donna Hudgins (368-9741) or Anne Rowe (373-2321), if you have questions.

The Christmas Vespers Program this year will be Sunday, December 19 at 4:00 p.m. The Youth Choir, Adult Choir, Handbell Choirs, and Sacred Dancers will be taking part in the program.

A Big Thank-You! To all who helped make the **Christmas Alternative Giving Fair** such a fabulous success, and especially to Lynda Baer who organized the whole thing! We supported many ministries through this event, including the Osu North Children's Library, Habitat for Humanity, and Presbyterian Homes and Family Services. They thank all who came and bought their products for a wonderful Christmas present!

Missing Pen Pal Inquiry. . . .When the Rev. Rose Teteki Abbey visited this summer from Ghana, a woman of the congregation indicated interest in having a pen pal with a member of her church, Osu North Presbyterian in Accra, Ghana. She has lost the letter, but has an interested party on her side of the Big Pond who would like to correspond. If you are the one who spoke to Rose about this (or if you also would like to be a pen pal), please let Pastor Sharp know. She'll be glad to connect you!

Ghana Dress/Shirt Update: Congratulations congregation and community friends for your wonderful support of this project. We have now sent \$2500 to the mission fields in Ghana, Africa in the past 18 months. There are some dresses and shirts available now for gift giving. Contact Betty Ellett at 371-3032 or belett@aol.com.

The Web Page Design Committee will meet in the Undercroft immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Anyone interested in working on our church website is welcome to attend.

Make your Christmas shopping hassle free! Purchase a goat, a sheep, a flock of chicks, or honey bees for your special friend or family member. Many other animals or shares of animals are available through *Heifer International*. You will receive a delightful gift card to let your friend or family member know that the gift given in his/her name is a gift of self-reliance for a struggling family. Contact Karen Johnson, 371-2719, or ksjohnson422@aol.com to make a purchase.

The Senior Highs will have angels from the **Prison Fellowship Angel Tree** program to pick up after the 8:30 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. worship services again today. Each angel will have the name and age of a child and type of gift (\$15-20). The children have at least one parent incarcerated and all the children this year are from the Fredericksburg area. The wrapped gifts with the angel attached are to be brought back to the church by December 12. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Bruce Harvey, Trey Talmadge, Lucas Gillenwater, or Justin LeFebre.

The 2005 Confirmation Journey will begin on Sunday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. with an orientation meeting for youth, their parents, and covenant partners. All 8th graders and older youth who are interested in participating in the confirmation classes are asked to let Bruce Harvey, Pastor Sharp, or Pastor Fisher know by December 12. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Bruce either by calling 373-7057 or by email bharvey@fredericksburgpc.org.

Couples with Young Children Fellowship Group: Parents interested in joining the CWYCFG or getting on the email list to receive the current calendar of events can email the committee at CWYCFG@HotMail.com.

Many thanks to the industrious cooks who prepared and served a meal at the **Thurman Brisben Shelter:** John DuGene, Ellie and Kelsey Pullen, Carole Fariss and Kenyon Coble. Also, thanks to the many others who volunteered to help. Our next time to prepare a meal will be Tuesday, December 21 from 5-6:30 pm--please call Donna Hudgins at 368-9741 to volunteer.

The **Senior High Youth** group will not meet today because of their participation in the Christmas parade and the lock-in.

The **Middle School Youth** group will meet this evening at 6 p.m. for supper in the fellowship hall followed by a planning session for their Christmas party on Dec. 12.

All Sunday School classes will continue to meet as regularly scheduled today and on December 12. Classes wishing to meet on Sunday, December 19 are invited to do so, but there will also be an intergenerational class focusing on the Christmas story in the fellowship hall. There will be no Sunday School on December 26 or January 2.

On Sunday, January 9 the Christian Education Committee will host a brunch from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Following the brunch all adult, youth and children classes will meet in their separate classrooms.

The Christian Education Committee will meet on Monday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. on the **second floor** of the Middle House.

The Forever Young Group planning team will meet on Wednesday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. on the second floor of the Middle House.

All returning college students are invited to go to lunch on Sunday, December 19 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please meet Bruce outside the sanctuary.

College students who have signed up for the mission trip to the Yucatan in Mexico, May 19-26, are reminded of a planning meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 19 in the Undercroft (space beneath the sanctuary).

Any college student who is interested in assisting with worship leadership on either December 26 or January 2 is asked to talk with Bruce, Pastor Sharp, or Pastor Fisher.

Advent Calendars: If you are looking for an Advent calendar, you may go to www.pcusa.org/2004advent.

Daily Bible reading booklets, *A Year with the Bible for 2005*, are available in the church office.

The Prime Timers will meet on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse for their annual Christmas dinner. The new reservation deadline is December 8. Please call Lorraine Williams (972-0127) if you would like to make a reservation **or if you need transportation**. The choice of entree' is prime rib (med) or chicken cordon bleu. The cost is \$26 per person and checks are to be made out to Lorraine Williams.



Minute for Mission 2004: A Year of Blessings

2004 has been a great year for the Presbytery of the James as we have attempted to be faithful to God's calling in Central Virginia. During 2004, we were blessed by:

- = Hosting the 216th General Assembly with thousands of visitors and volunteers
- = Adopting Vision 2020 for new and redeveloping congregations through 2020
- = Supporting 37 candidates and inquirers for the Gospel Ministry
- = Chartering Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church on June 6 in Ruckersville, VA
- = Assisting a number of congregations in seeking pastoral leadership
- = Having over 1000 children and youth in Summer and Day Camps
- = Supporting 4 seminary students working in smaller congregations
- = Providing 3 seminary students in small churches for a year-long internship
- = Creating new Mission Posters for congregations to describe the work of the presbytery.
- = Holding conferences for education ministry and leadership ministries with 160+ people participating
- = Holding a Redevelopment Conference for 60+ persons from our congregations

The list continues in many ways as we seek God's leadership as a presbytery. Truly, God has blessed us and continues to bless our ministries together. As we are blessed, so may we be blessings in the name of Christ for others. Together we serve our risen Lord! May 2005 be an even greater year of blessings and service.

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr.
General Presbyter/Stated Clerk

UPCOMING MEETINGS (December 5-13)

Sun.	12/5	12 noon	Young Adults , Lunch
		12 noon	Web Page Design Committee , Undercroft
		4:45 pm	Youth Bells , Sanctuary
		5:00 pm	Neverending Circle , Connie Barnes' home
		5:15 pm	Youth Choir , Choir Room
		5-6:30 pm	Sacred Dance Ensemble , Undercroft
		6:00 pm	Youth Supper (Middle School only), Fellowship Hall
Mon.	12/6	6:30 pm	Youth Group (Middle School only)
		10:00 am	Circle of Joy , Christmas luncheon, Marilyn Lloyd's home
Mon.	12/6	7:00 pm	Mission Committee , Middle House
		7:30 pm	Christian Education Comm. , Middle House, 2 nd floor
Tues.	12/7	7:30 pm	Young Adults , Parlor
		7:00 am	Men's Breakfast , Bob Evans' Restaurant, Rt. 3W
Wed.	12/8	7:30 pm	Stewardship Committee , Parlor
		10:00 am	Forever Young Planning Team , Middle House, 2 nd floor
Wed.	12/8	11:30 am	Circle of Prayer , Pot-luck luncheon at Sue Bevan's home
Thurs.	12/9	5:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers , Sanctuary Balcony
		7:30 pm	Adult Choir , Choir Room
Sat.	12/11	8:30 am	Hanging of the Greens , Sanctuary
Sun.	12/12	2-4 pm	Open House , The Manse
		7:00 pm	Session , Middle House
Mon.	12/13		Newsletter Deadline

BIRTHDAYS

December

- (6) Heather Carelock, Katherine LeFebre, Stuart Weinstein, Leslie Ann Johnson, Rachel Reynolds
- (7) Rob Ciccone, Thaddeus Lyman
- (8) Shirley Phillips, Graham Green III, Barry Hall
- (9) Gwen Woolf, Henry Wood III
- (10) Milton McNatt, Bob Lang, Madeline Stutzman
- (11) Jacqueline Smith, Graham Schattgen

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, December 12

Isa. 35:1-10; Ps. 146:5-10 or Luke 1:47-55;

James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11