

December 12, 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:** Betty Merrill

(8:30 am)

**Sanctuary Guild** Helen Fortune  
**Greeters** Michele, Jacob & Sydney Coffman; Rick & Kelsey Pullen  
**Ushers** Les & Jane Johnson; Harry & Joanne Farley  
**Chair Lift** Willis Lacy

(11:00 a.m.)

**Sanctuary Guild** Sheila Baker  
**Greeters** John DuGene; David & Peggy Langdon  
**Ushers** Randy & MaryLynn Bowling; Mike & Carol Farris  
**Chair Lift** John Hunley  
**Nursery Workers** Will Toler; Len & Haley Dameron; Michael & Michelle Porter; Bob & Caroline Deaderick; Linda Benn

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

Today's floral offering is given by Harry Chipman  
*in memory* of Mary Lou Chipman.

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.*

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

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**Our heartfelt Christian love and sympathies** are extended to Judy Hughes for the death of her father, Walter E. Rylke, who passed away November 10, 2004.

**Hospital Visitor for the Week of December 12-18:** Rob Dyer (710-6280)

**Capsule of Concern:** Judy Hansen, Isabelle Daniels, Ginger Bushman, David Betz

**The Middle School Youth Group** will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. tonight in the fellowship hall with their Christmas Extravaganza Party to follow. Each youth is asked to bring a 'white elephant' or 'gag' gift for the party.

**The Senior High Youth Group** will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. tonight in the fellowship hall. They will leave after dinner to go shopping for some of the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree children. Please bring \$10 to help with the cost of the gifts.

**Youth bells** will meet at 4:45pm and **youth choir** at 5:15pm today.

**Christian Education:**

On December 19 the Christian Education Committee will host an intergenerational class in the fellowship hall for the kindergarten through adult classes who are not meeting for their regular class. The **Your God is Too Small** class taught by the Rev. Terry Diebold will meet at the Diebold's home for brunch.

There will be no Sunday School on December 26 or January 2.

The Christian Education Committee will host a brunch beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 9 in the fellowship hall. All beverages and food will be provided. All Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults will begin at 10:00 a.m.

**All college students** are invited to lunch on Sunday, December 19 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will meet on the sanctuary steps.

**Mission Trip to Mexico:** All college students who are interested in the mission trip to Mexico, May 19-26 are invited to an informational meeting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 19. We will meet in the Undercroft (room below the sanctuary).

Any **Prime Timers** who need transportation to the Christmas Dinner at the Lake of the Woods clubhouse on Wednesday, December 15 are asked to let Lorraine Williams know today. We will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.

**Confirmation:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and older youth who have not been through confirmation are encouraged to let Bruce Harvey, Pastor Fisher, or Pastor Sharp know today if they will participate in the 2005 Confirmation Journey. The orientation meeting will be Sunday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle House.

**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.

**Young Adults** will have a "Secret Santa" gift exchange as part of their holiday party on Monday, December 13 at 7:30 in the Parlor.

**Faith & Grace Circle** will have a Monday luncheon on December 13 at 11:00 a.m. at Lyn Manthei's home.

**Friendship Circle's** Christmas luncheon will be Tuesday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

**Magazine Collection:** Tracey Rembisz is still collecting magazines to give to the hospital. She will gladly cut your name and address off the cover if you cannot. Please leave magazines in the church office. **Important: we cannot accept any catalogs or any magazines over one year old.** Call Tracey at 785-5235 if you have any questions.

**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 [beellett@aol.com](mailto:beellett@aol.com).

**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](mailto:ksjohnson422@aol.com) to make a purchase.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS (December 12-25)

Sun.	12/12	2-4 pm	<b>Open House</b> , The Manse
		4:45 pm	<b>Youth Bells</b> , Sanctuary
		5:15 pm	<b>Youth Choir</b> , Choir Room
		5-6:30 pm	<b>Sacred Dance Ensemble</b> , Undercroft
		6:00 pm	<b>Youth Supper</b> , Fellowship Hall
		6:30 pm	<b>Youth Groups</b>
		7:00 pm	<b>Session</b> , Middle House
Mon.	12/13		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
		11:00 am	<b>Faith &amp; Grace Circle</b> , Lynn Manthei's home
		7:30 pm	<b>Young Adults</b> , Parlor
Tues.	12/14	7:00 am	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> , Bob Evans' Restaurant, Rt. 3W
		1:00 pm	<b>Friendship Circle</b> , Christmas luncheon, Parlor
Wed.	12/15	6:00 pm	<b>Prime Timers</b> , Lake of the Woods
Thurs.	12/16	9:30 am	<b>Thursday Morning Bible Study</b> , Ed. Bldg.
		5:30 pm	<b>Jubilate Ringers</b> , Sanctuary Balcony
		7:30 pm	<b>Adult Choir</b> , Choir Room
Sun.	12/19	12 noon	<b>College Students</b> , Lunch
		4:00 pm	<b>Christmas Vespers</b>
Mon.	12/20	10:00 am	<b>Newsletter Volunteers</b> , Fellowship Hall
		7:30 pm	<b>Young Adults</b> , Parlor
Thurs.	12/23		<b>Office Closed in Afternoon</b>
Fri.	12/24	4:30 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
		7:30 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
		11:00 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
			<b>Office Closed All Day</b>
Sat.	12/25		<b>Christmas Day (No Service)</b>

## BIRTHDAYS

### December

- (12) Dick Berry, Philip Hall, Judy Heberlein, Alease Berry, David Hancock IV
- (13) Kathy Neisser
- (14) Jana Lanceley, Joanne Robb, Susie Gillespie, Tristin Fidler, Kevin Pickett, Laura Eubanks
- (15) Joe Cralle, Elizabeth Piersall
- (16) Carol Johnson, Barbara Atkinson
- (17) Caitlin Weinstein, Jon Spinnanger, Leonard Dameron III
- (18) Sherry Atkinson

## Lectionary Readings for Sunday, December 19

*Isa. 7:10-16; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19;  
Rom. 1:1-7; Matt. 1:18-25*