

December 19, 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: Billie Plank

(8:30 am)

Sanctuary Guild	Helen Fortune
Greeters	Bill & Jacqui Nix; Harry & Gerry Smart
Ushers	Bill & JoAnn Kinnamon; Pete & Jane Kolakowski
Chair Lift	Kristen Betsill

(11:00 a.m.)

Sanctuary Guild	Sheila Baker
Greeters	Tim, Karen, Caitlin & Ian Duffy; Vince, Heather, Christopher & Scott Summerford
Ushers	Robert Estell; Betty Merrill
Chair Lift	Len Dameron
Nursery Workers	Courtney Nix; Chas & Sharon Robertson; Brian & Erma Baker; Tommy Manuel & Laura Eubanks; Michele Coffman

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

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*.

Hospital Visitor for the Week of December 19-25: Caroline Deaderick (373-0013)

Capsule of Concern: Judy Hansen, Isabelle Daniels, Ginger Bushman, Donna Hughes, Mary Jane King, father of Gyles Norwood. Email and/or ecards may be sent to Donna Hughes at info@sharp.com.

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

Poinsettias: Please remember to take home your poinsettias after the 11:00 a.m. service today.

Deadline for December 26th Bulletin: Because there are a large number of bulletins this week, plus the newsletter, please have any bulletin input to the church office by noon on Monday, December 20. Thank you.

Newsletter Folders: The office needs your help again folding and labeling the monthly newsletter. It will be done Monday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please call 373-7057 and let Carrie know if you are able to help out, or just show up; we can find a job for you, especially at this busy season!

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.

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.

Sprunt Lecture Series: The congregation is warmly invited to attend the Sprunt Lectures at Union-PSCE, which will address, "The Civil War as a Theological Issue." Mark Noll, professor of Christian Thought at Wheaton College, will deliver the free lectures, which begin on Monday night, January 24 at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church and conclude on Wednesday, January 26, with a luncheon at Union-PSCE. For a complete schedule of events or for further information, please contact Cheryl VanOrnam (278-4228) or look up www.union-psce.edu/sprunts.

Young Adults will meet Monday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor for a discussion of the *Screwtape Letters*.

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. today. We will meet in the Undercroft (room below the sanctuary).

Returning college students are invited to a luncheon today following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will meet on the steps outside the sanctuary and walk downtown for lunch.

The **Senior High Youth** group wants to express their **gratitude** to the congregation for their generosity and overwhelming response to the Angel Tree Project. Gifts were delivered yesterday to the families in the Fredericksburg area and gifts are being shipped to families in the Danville/Chatham area of Virginia. Approximately 53 children will receive two gifts each from our church. This is more than double of any previous year. Lucas Gillenwater and Justin LeFebre deserve a big thank you for coordinating the project this year and we appreciate Bill Nix challenging us to take more children.

Our youth groups will not meet this evening or on December 26. The Senior Highs might meet on January 2, but the Middle School Youth will not meet until January 9. The Senior Highs will go skiing on January 28-30 and the Middle Schoolers on February 12.

The 2005 Confirmation Journey will have sixteen 8th graders participating this year. Any other 8th graders or older youth interested in joining the Confirmation Journey are asked to talk with Pastor Sharp, Pastor Fisher, or Bruce Harvey. All youth, their parents, and covenant partners will meet for an orientation meeting on Sunday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Undercroft. Please be in prayer for the following youth as they prepare to begin this important step in their faith journey:

Matt Bohmke, Allie Brooks, Amy Ciccone, Caitlin Duffy, Sarah Fisher, Emma-Lee Gillespie, Griffin Hamilton, Sydney Harcourt, Rachel Horne, Alanna John, Anna Lowery, Daniel Lockett, Jaeger Spratt, Evan Sullivan, Andy Toler and Megan Vyverberg.

Some **Sunday School** classes, Kindergarten through adults, may be meeting in their regular classrooms today. Preschool classes will meet in their regular classes. All others are invited to the fellowship hall for an intergenerational class based on the book, *IN GOD'S NAME*. This will be a fun time of sharing and learning together with all different age groups.

Sunday School will not meet on December 26 or January 2. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 9 beginning with a brunch in the fellowship hall from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Children, youth and adult classes will meet in their separate classrooms after the brunch.

Some dates to keep in mind as you look ahead to January are:

Wednesday, January 12 – Prime Timers meet at Olive Garden for lunch

Wednesday, January 19 – Wednesday Night suppers and activities resume

Saturday, January 22 – ‘Hoedown’ with Big Circle Dancing and other activities

Tuesday, January 25 – Luncheon for the Forever Young Group (a group for older adults who have difficulty getting out)

UPCOMING MEETINGS (December 19-26)

Sun.	12/19	12 noon	College Students, Lunch
		4:00 pm	Christmas Vespers
Mon.	12/20	10:00 am	Newsletter Volunteers, Fellowship Hall
		7:30 pm	Young Adults, Parlor
Tues.	12/21	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast, Bob Evans' Restaurant, Rt. 3W
Thurs.	12/23		Office Closed in Afternoon
Fri.	12/24		Office Closed All Day
		4:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
		7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
		11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sat.	12/25		Christmas Day (No Service)
Sun.	12/26		

BIRTHDAYS

December

- 19) John Reynolds, Timothy Sweet, Megan Keffer
- 20) Frances Russo, Martha Helmen, Stephanie Brown, Heather Lyall
- 21) Bob Morecock, Wayne Wray, Terry Clarke, Amelia Day
- 22) Amy Talmadge, Nicole Noel, Allison Eisensmith
- 23) Miriam Gerard, Richard Manthei, Vicky Wilder, Casey Paul, Meghan Harcourt, Sarah Harcourt, Hanna Porter
- 24) Michael Paul
- 25) David James, John Oplinger, Christopher Farley, Thomas Hancock

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, December 26

Isa. 63:7-9; Ps. 148;

Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23