

POINSETTIAS

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Our Loving Mother, Dorothy G. Hamilton with love by Smith and Hamilton Family
Lois Wade (Nana) by Ashley, Nathan, and Andrew Snider
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Walters by Jann Walters
James Wiese by Mrs. Aileen Wiese
Michele Wiese by Mrs. Aileen Wiese

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF:

Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Bennett by Becky Grafton
25 dedicated deacons by Jenny and Sylvia
Carolyn Drose and Bill Hamilton by Beth and Bob Georgen
Bob's parents, Trish and Bill Georgen by Beth and Bob Georgen
Lillian, Paul, and Adeline Kriese by Betsy Williams
Doris Fox by Donna and David Purcell
Our grandchildren: Lincoln, Maggie, and Koen by John and Mona Gilbert
Our children: Justin, Jenny, Corey, Alicia by Jean and Lance Lewandowski
Our granddaughter, Harper, by Jean and Lance Lewandowski
Betsy Holtzclaw by Jim and Priscilla Holtzclaw
Our children and their families by Jim and Priscilla Holtzclaw
Jervey Jones by Betsy and Derek McLaughlin
Our children, Abby Grace and Cole by Betsy and Derek McLaughlin
My granddaughter, Catherine Grace Robinson's University of Alabama
graduation by Roberta Morton
Grandchildren, Sully, Maddie, and Tad by Tommye Owen
My Sunday School teachers: Jim Frye, Lindy Coleman, Kevin Mikles and
Henry Shepard by Nancy Parrish
Gammy and Papa, Mimi and Robby, Grandpa and Ann by Cameron and Nicholas Patrick
Meg and Charlie Powell with much love from their children and grandchildren: Akiva,
Ezra, Miwa and Jason Kamras, William, Chip, Diane and Ben Powell, and Saya Powell
My Children, English and William by Gloria Purcell
Our sons, Trevor and Derik and their families by Cliff and Liz Shelor
Roberta Shepard by Brenda and Henry Shepard
Grandparents: Jim Shumate, Cliff and Liz Shelor by Trevor and Jackie Shelor
Caitlyn and Emily Shelor by Trevor and Jackie Shelor
With heartfelt thanks for the Fellowship Committee by Jerry Smoak
Our grandchildren, Grayson, Caroline, Abigail and Elloise by Papa and Gee Smoak
Clarkson Wade by Graham and Blair Wade
Mrs. Jean Watson by Taffy and Robert Tamblyn
Her preschool class: Amelia, Arabella, Caroline, Connor, Erik, Hadley, Julia,
Lydia, Miriam, Oliver, William and Avery by Dee Bee and John Wright
Our Sunday School class: Brooke, Cameron, Ellie, Faith, Katie, Manning and Mary
by Dee Bee and John Wright
Ginnie Yarborough by Barbara C. Kinard
Westminster Church Family by Charlie and Meg Powell
Our grandsons: Ezra, Akiva, Chip and William by Charlie and Meg Powell

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 20, 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Concerto I for Organ and Strings: Andante G.F. HANDEL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Boyd Family
David, Meredith, Haley, and Peggy Inabinet

Leader: Love is more than a flicker within the human heart.

People: Lord, reveal your love, and make us new.

Leader: In a hurried world with little time for others,
Advent calls us to remember that...

People: Love is patient.

Leader: In a world where often we become consumed by our own interest,
Advent calls us to remember that...

People: Love is kind.

Leader: In a world where often we are quick to anger and slow to forgive,
Advent calls us to remember that...

People: Love is not easily angered, and through love we come to forgive.

Leader: This Advent let us behold the love of God embodied in our Savior's birth.

People: God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them.

Unison Prayer: **Gracious Lord, as we continue our Advent journey, we pray that being rooted and established in love we may have the power to grasp how wide, how long, how high, and how deep is the love of Christ. True love was not only born at Christmas, but revealed for all to see. May we come to know this love in our lives and share it with those around us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(Children five years and younger are invited to go to Children's Church in the Sunday School building.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

♦ CAROL Once in Royal David's City IRBY

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| <p>1. <i>Choir</i>
Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild;
Jesus Christ, her little child.</p> | <p>3. <i>All</i>
Jesus is our childhood's pattern;
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless;
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.</p> |
| <p>2. <i>Choir</i>
He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.</p> | <p>4. <i>All</i>
And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.</p> |

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Mary H. Bowden and John H. Bowden by Beth and Bob Georgen
Donna Glisson by Beth and Bob Georgen
Sheril Turner and Kaite Bilow by Becky Grafton
Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Barry Jr. by Becky Grafton
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Ben Powell, and Saya Powell
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Polly Purcell by David and Donna Purcell
Doug Purcell by David and Donna Purcell
Barbara Shumate by Trevor and Jackie Shelor
Norman W. Shepard by Brenda and Henry Shepard
Seab C. Jones by Brenda and Henry Shepard
Ruby T. Jones by Brenda and Henry Shepard
Catherine A. Himelright by Taffy and Robert Tamblyn
Col. Loring K. Himelright by Taffy and Robert Tamblyn
John and Beth McCarter by Betsy Williams
Joan Miller McCarter by Betsy Williams
Buford Baskin by The Baskin Family
Our Grandparents by David, Meredith, and Hadley Boyd
John William Bruce by The Bruce Family
Jim and Jean Bessinger by Rick and Doris Cobb
Julie Drose Leonard by Carolyn Drose
Doretha and Leon Hearn by Debra Frasier
Mary and Ed Overcash by Lynda and Tom Higgins
John and Clara Higgins by Tom and Lynda Higgins
Our Sisters, Lois and Lila, by Roy and Jule Ann Hoffman
Our Parents by Roy and Jule Ann Hoffman
Loved Ones by John and Fran Ligon
Agnes H. and D. T. Livingston, Jr. by Rita, Tom, Dave, and John Livingston
Rita G. Spivey, Maggie Spivey, Evelyn Spivey, and Frances S. Williams
by Rita, Tom, Dave and John Livingston
William "Bill" Maastricht by Dorothy Maastricht
Rev. Mac McCoy by Sara McCoy
Loved Ones by Peter and Karen McInnes
Kristi Mikles by Kevin Mikles
My son, Travis Robert Baker, with love by Ann and David Morris
Dorothy Eaddy, Sister of Anna Lee Myers, by Dr. and Mrs. William Myers
Adronna Finklea, sister of William Myers, by Dr. and Mrs. William Myers
Rev. and Mrs. Herman Lowe, Karen's parents by Karen and Dale Norman
George Schmid (Debbie Hansel's Dad) by Charlie and Meg Powell
Ed Small by Carole and Walter Russell
Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Russell by Walter and Carole Russell
Our brother, Bill Jr., with love by Smith and Hamilton Families

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

Dec. 24 5:00 pm

A Christmas Eve Service for Families with Young Children
*All who want to participate will have a part in recreating the nativity.
 An offering for Thornwell will be received.*

Dec. 24 6:30 pm

Brief Prayer and Candle Lighting Service
*For those grieving at Christmas: we'll remember our loved ones who have passed on before us.
 We will meet in Covenant Hall.*

Dec. 24 7:00 pm

Carols, Communion, and Candlelight
*A more reflective service of worship on the eve of our Savior's birth.
 An offering for Thornwell will be received.*



Westminster Prays

Mack Shieder	Chut Moody	Mary Ashley Barbot
Walter Russell	James Neighbors	Terry Garrett
David Keller	Esma Harris	Kristi Atkinson
Martha Garrett	Jeff Reeves	Susan Odom
Hannah Warren	Jerry Brown	Kim Phillips
Brian Moody	Bill Noonan	Irene Grafton
Lydia Crosby	Ruth Hewett	Barbara Blackburn
Tami Russell	Harold Fountain	Matthew Lamb
Billy McCue	Shirley Winter	Kalaila Martin
Josh Higgins	James Shumate	Robert Seiber
Carol Walsh	Allene Baranes	Carol Mattox
Gary Woods	Speck Daniels	Rita Angle
Dot Daniels	Jan Erickson	Charlotte McPherson
Nancy Nunn	Vickie Kelly	Rachel Mallard
Sally Minnick	David Morris IV	Atim Oliver
Ted VanDeventer	Clif Green	Rebekah Broome
Carolyn Brunnick	Derek Fountain	Elloise Smoak
Eleanor Grayson	Alfred Hardee	Lisa Wilcox
Jim Coggins	Robert Tamblyn	Brittany Michael
Evie Frith	Nancy Smoak Penley	

Prayers, Sympathy and Support are extended to

David Bednarczyk and family upon the death of his bother in law, David Corwin.
 and
 Charlie Powell and family upon the death of his mother, Carolyn Louise Walters Powell.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

David Bednarczyk

CAROL

God Walked in Eden's Garden Fair
 Choir

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM
 HAL HOPSON

God walked in Eden's garden fair, such beauty there none could compare.
 It soon became a place of shame; there Adam's sin disowned God's name.
Kyrie eleison.

A world of peace was swept away when Adam chose to disobey,
 We too are marked by Adam's fall; we still refuse to hear God's call.
Christe eleison.

The tale of Adam is our own, like him we see God's love made known;
 Yet we rebel and go our way. The bitter cost we then must pay.
Kyrie eleison.

THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

Allyn Bruce

♦CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 Choir and Congregation

VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.*

3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.*

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Emmy Stokes

OFFERTORY Gentle Mary Laid Her Child MICHAEL BURKHARDT
Instruments

THE SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 Shelby Earnst

◆CAROL Angels We Have Heard on Hih GLORIA
Choir and Congregation

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| 1. Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!</i> | 3. Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!</i> |
| 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!</i> | 4. See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!</i> |

THE EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1, 2, 7-11 Chuck Towne

CAROL On This Day Earth Shall Ring PERSONT HODIE
Choir ARR. DAVID CHERWIEN

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us. *Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth
Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him
from the cold would hide him. *Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him. *Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us. *Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

◆THE NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 Daniel Smoak

◆CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES
Choir and Congregation

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| 1. <i>All</i>
O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! | 3. <i>Choir</i>
Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest!
Venite adoremus:
Venite adoremus;
Venite adoremus Dominum. |
| 2. <i>All</i>
True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! | 4. <i>All</i>
Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! |

◆PRAYER

◆CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN
Choir and Congregation

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| 1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!" | 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!" |
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