

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

December 22, 2013

11:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(read responsively)*

**Leader:** Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:

**People:** The Messiah is coming.

**Leader:** Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, who pondered and planed wood:

**People:** The Messiah is coming.

**Leader:** Not announced by prophets, priests, and kings, but by two women, who were the first to know:

**People:** The Messiah is coming.

**Leader:** Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least expect it, look among the straw and the stars:

**All:** The Messiah is coming.

**INVOCATION**

**ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE**

+\*HYMN 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(in unison)* God our Savior, we ask for Your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know Your story, we resist the costs of following You. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice You intend. Make us messengers of the peace You bring. As we wait for You, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. Hear now our silent prayers.....

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

\*APOSTLES CREED *(Page 35 in front of hymnal)*

\*GLORIA PATRI *(Page 581 in hymnal)*

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND PRAISE**

**MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

\*HYMN 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**CANTATA**

**AS I WENT TO BETHLEHEM**

*(see insert)*

\*HYMN 134

*Joy to the World*

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Indicates that those who are able may stand

+People may be seated

**WELCOME!** *Glade Spring Presbyterian Church endeavors to provide a sanctuary of joy, charity and fellowship in which all feel invited to participate and worship. Whether a member, friend or visitor of Old Glade, each individual is valued and respected as a child of God and as an essential part of the body of Christ. As a whole we, the congregation, seek to grow spiritually, to nurture each other, to respond to the needs of the less fortunate and to serve and praise God. You are welcome here today and year round.*

**PRAYER CONCERNS** *Chris Osborne, Anne Schults (friend of Sonny Porterfield), Damon Lester, Mike Riley. Please pick up from the table in the narthex a prayer list. Each week the list will be updated in the bulletin.*

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** *the Jay Robinson family for serving as our Advent Candlelighters this morning.*

**THE CANTATA** *will be presented today during our worship service. Thank you to Michael, Andy, Glory and the choir for enriching our worship in this most special way.*

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** *will be held today following worship. Please join us in the fellowship hall for good food and fellowship.*

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** *will be collected during worship today. Please see insert and envelopes in your bulletin*

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING COMMUNION SERVICES** *will be held at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.*

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2014** *are available in the narthex. If you do see one with your name, please speak with Ann Bird or Clark Hutton.*

**PENNIES FOR HUNGER** *will be collected next Sunday during worship.*

**CIRCLE NUMBER 2** *will meet on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 in fellowship hall.*

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** *will be held on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.*

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE** *for Officers, Class of 2016, will be held during worship on January 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**BOARD OF DEACONS** *will meet on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.*

**SESSION** *will meet on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.*

**THANK YOU** *for your generosity. We have reached and exceeded our goal for soup donations. A total of 2,545 cans were donated. Thank you to those who donated, the Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Men.*

**FROM MARY'S LUNCH BOX – Becky McKinney** *- “Thank you for your outpouring of love and kindness for the ministry of Mary’s Lunch Box. With the support of your church family, we spread the love of Jesus to 150 children! Each received a large bag of food and a special treat, a box of candy canes with a story that used the candy canes to explain the birth, sacrifice and mostly the love of Jesus. You can read the story that was shared with the children at [www.childrensministry.com/articles/christmas-candy-cane-story](http://www.childrensministry.com/articles/christmas-candy-cane-story). Thank you again for making Christ merry for so many in our community.”*