

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 *to Jim and Donna Hutton for serving as our Advent Candlelighters this morning.*

STONE SOUP AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING – *The congregation is invited to join the youth for Stone Soup and Christmas Caroling this afternoon. Bring a canned item for the soup and gather at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will split up for caroling, visiting the shut-ins and others who will welcome us. Then we will share stone soup upon our return. Let the church office know if you would like a visit from our carolers.*

CIRCLE Number 4 *will meet tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jeane Hutton. Please bring a finger food to share.*

THE CANTATA *will be presented next Sunday during our worship service.*

CHRISTMAS LUNCH *will be next Sunday following worship. Please bring a dish to share and join together in fellowship hall. Meat will be furnished.*

POINSETTA ORDER FORM *is included in the bulletin. Tomorrow is the deadline.*

DECEMBER 16TH *is our church's scheduled week for the Faith in Action food bank in Abingdon. Times are 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday and Friday and 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Questions, please speak with Susan Henderson.*

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

MARY'S LUNCHBOX *will once again be providing boxes of food for children in our community this Christmas. If you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry, please consider sponsoring a box for \$10. If you are interested in volunteering, the boxes will be assembled on Saturday, November 30 at 10:00 at Meadowview UMC. Please feel free to contact Becky McKinney with questions or for more information at 698-8750 or markbecky@centurylink.net. Mary's Lunch Box still serves 100 students from Meadowview Elementary each week. Donations and volunteers are appreciated. If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Becky. Donations may be given to Colleen Buchanan.*

REMEMBER YOUR SOUP DONATIONS. *Our current total is 1105 cans. Our goal for the year 2013 is 2,013 cans.*

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin 'Adventus,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year (in the Western churches), and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (which is November 30th), and so it will always fall somewhere between November 27th at the earliest and December 3rd at the latest. The liturgical color for this season is purple (Usually a deep purple as opposed to the lighter, red-violet shade of purple associated with Lent). Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

Quote of the week..... "If we seek God for our own good and profit, we are not seeking God."

(Johannes Eckhart)

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THE SERVICE FOR WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

December 15, 2013

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP: (read responsively)

Leader: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

People: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.

Leader: From this day all generations shall call me blessed.

People: The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is the name of the Lord, whose mercy is on those who fear God from generation to generation.

Leader: The arm of the Lord is strong, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

People: God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

Leader: God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

All: God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant, remembering the promise of mercy, the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

INVOCATION

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE

+*HYMN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (in unison) Lord of love, You came to bring us together in Your grace. We instead allow petty and partisan differences to divide us. We anxiously tremble at the bad news loudly heralded in the media. Sent Your spirit of light into the growing gloom of this tense time, that we might find forgiveness and unity in You. Help us to then share it one with another during this sacred season, as well as in the years to come, until You come again. Hear our 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

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

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-3a, Luke 1:68-75
John 1:14-18

SERMON

"On the Edge of Hope" Rev. Bird

* HYMN

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

**Indicates that those who are able may stand
+People may be seated*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. (Isaiah 43:1-3a)

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

(Luke 1:68-

75)

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to

the Father's heart, who has made him known.
(John 1:14-18)