

**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** Kathy Willis (mother of Damon Lester), Jacob Ritchie, Ruth Colston, Margaret Orr, Eleanor Mahaun (mother of Steve Johnston), Molly Haynes, Denny Snodgrass (father in law of William Moore), Raymond Defriece (uncle of Wayne Moore), Rachel Crabtree Cocke, Michele Wagner (daughter of Willis and Betty Wagner) Kevin Perrigan, John Robinson, Linda Phipps, April Breeding, Juanita Baggett, Beverly Walton (niece of Barbara Baldwin), Rusty Cline, Eleanor Hutton, L. D. Lane, Kathy Dohman, Gary Wallace, J. G. Lester, Chris Osborne (grandson of Jewel), John Williams, Dan Campbell, Ryan Conklin, George Owens, Bea Mason, Katherine O'Quinn Johnson, Madeline Wagner.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated today during morning worship. All are invited to our Lord's table. It is the custom here at Old Glade to hold the elements until all are served and then partake together.

**THANK YOU** to the Patrick Buchanan family for serving as our advent candlelighters this morning.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** are available on the table in the narthex. A special thank you to Nancy Inazu for her work and also to those who contributed.

**YOUTH** will meet today from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**BOARD OF DEACONS** will meet today at 5:00. Incoming officers are urged to attend.

**SESSION** will meet today at 6:00. Incoming officers are urged to attend.

**CIRCLE NUMBER 2** will meet on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 at the fellowship hall.

**CIRCLE NUMBER 4** will meet on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Jeane Hutton at 6:00. Please bring finger food to share.

**CIRCLE NUMBER 3** will meet on December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 for lunch at the Iron Skillet located at Petro Truck Stop in Glade Spring. Husbands are invited.

Announcements continued

**BEST YEARS** will meet on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 at the fellowship hall. All refreshments will be furnished. Men are asked to bring a wrapped man's gift and women to bring a wrapped woman's gift. Questions, speak with Delores Wagner.

**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 450** (led by Anita Robinson) will be offering a "Holiday Fun Day/Parents Day Off" for kids ages 2 through first grade at Old Glade's Fellowship Hall on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be games, crafts, stories, songs, snacks and more! Donations to our "Girl Scout Buddies" on the Jersey Shore and one Food pantry item per child are requested. Please RSVP to [gstroop450@comcast.net](mailto:gstroop450@comcast.net) so we know how many kids will join us. Questions, please call Anita at 276-698-8082.

**SPONSOR A BOX!** The Mary's Lunch Box Meadowview Elementary Backpack Program is hoping to provide food boxes for their families to take home over the Christmas holiday. As we need financial help to make this happen, we are offering individuals and families the opportunity to sponsor a box. Each box can be sponsored for \$10. Simply make your check payable to "Mary's Lunch Box – Christmas" or place money in envelope and mark as "Mary's Lunch Box". Thank you.

**DOUBLE SERVING OF CARING** – The congregation is invited to join the youth for Stone Soup and Christmas Caroling on December 15. Bring a canned item for the soup and gather at the fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. We will split up for caroling, visiting shut-ins and others who will welcome us. Then we will share stone soup upon our return at 7:30. Let the church office know if you or someone you know would like a visit from our carolers.

**MITTEN TREE** has been placed in hallway. Please bring your hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, etc. to be given to school age children.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE** – We will be participating in this outreach again this year. We were unable to obtain spots to work in the Boone distribution center but someone will deliver the boxes to Boone. Deadline is December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PAGEANT** will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning with dinner at 6:00. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** will be held on December 23<sup>rd</sup> during worship. Please invite your family and friends to this special service.

**CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICES** will be held on December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

## Glade Spring Presbyterian Church at Old Glade



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THE SERVICE FOR WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2012 11:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

*(Please register your attendance on the pads located at your pew.)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING: Leader:** *The Lord be with you*

**People:** *And also with you.*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE**

**INVOCATION**

+HYMN 147

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (in unison) Almighty and most merciful Father, we come to the season of Advent with the brokenness of the world in our eyes, the cries of our fellow human beings in our ears and our own sinfulness in our hearts. We come to Bethlehem, as those who need a Savior. We come to the light because the darkness has almost overwhelmed us, but the darkness can never overcome You. We come to Bethlehem as invited guests; to see, to wonder and to be changed by the Child Messiah who is Jesus. For his sake, and by his grace, forgive our sins. Give us hope and eternal life. Help us to move through a worldly holiday of excess to a worshipful Advent and Christmas. Hear now our silent prayers.....

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**APOSTLES' CREED:** (in unison) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI (Page 546)

**MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN 162

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** *Psalm 25; Luke 21:25-36*

**SERMON**

*"The Good News or The Bad News?"*

*Rev. Bird*

\*HYMN 29 (sampler) *Here, O Our Lord, We See You*  
(verses 1-3)

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

\*HYMN 29 (sampler) *Here, O Our Lord, We See You*  
(verses 4-5)

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

*\*Standing as people are able*

In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you. Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!  
(Psalm 25:1-9,20-22)

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."  
(Luke 21:25-36)

**Pastor:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.