

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.*

WE EXTEND *our Christian love and sympathy to Mona Buchanan and her family upon the death of her sister, Judy Trent Yarber. Please remember Mona and all those who knew and loved Judy in your prayers.*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU *to Bob and Mary Kay Stanberry for serving as our Advent Candlelighters this morning.*

DEACONS *will meet this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. and*
SESSION *will meet this afternoon at 6:00 p.m. Newly elected officers are asked to attend.*

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, *Clark and Jeane Hutton extend a cordial invitation to their church family to celebrate with them at a drop-in open house this afternoon from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Their address is 32364 Ramblewood Dr., Glade Spring, VA*

YOUTH *will meet today from 6:00-7:30 in fellowship hall.*

CIRCLE Number 3 *will meet on Tuesday at 12:00 at the church to carpool to their Christmas luncheon.*

STONE SOUP AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING – *The congregation is invited to join the youth for Stone Soup and Christmas Caroling next Sunday, December 15th. 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 on Monday, December 16th, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jeane Hutton. Please bring a finger food to share.*

THE CANTATA *will be presented on Sunday, December 22nd during our worship service.*

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH *will be on Sunday, December 22nd, following worship. Please bring a dish to share and join together in fellowship hall.*

POINSETTA ORDER FORM *is included in the bulletin.*

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.*

THE MITTEN TREE *is ready for your donations of hats, scarves, gloves, socks, etc. to be distributed to school children in need of these items.*

REMEMBER YOUR SOUP DONATIONS. *Our current total is 1105 cans. Our goal for the year 2013 is 2,013 cans.*
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – *Please submit all articles to the church office by tomorrow for inclusion in December newsletter.*

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..... "Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet." (Unknown)

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THE SERVICE FOR WORSHIP ON THE LORD’S DAY

December 8, 2013 *11:00 A.M.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(read responsively)*

Leader: Christ shall come, God’s gift to the world;

People: That the desperate should find hope

Leader: That the persecuted should find peace

People: That the lonely should find love

Leader: That the dejected should find joy.

All: O Christ of the world, your time is now!
We wait, we watch, we wonder! Come!

INVOCATION

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE

+***HYMN 83** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
(Amen)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *(in unison)* Lord of light, forgive us for living in the dark. We shy away from Your illumination, preferring to hide our sin in the shadows. We forget that Your bright Spirit can cleanse and heal the sin sick soul. Have mercy on us, Glorious Redeemer, and let your love light shine upon us, so that we might be aglow to lighten the darkened lives of others. Hear us as we seek Your grace.....

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND PRAISE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

(respond “renew us in your love”)

***HYMN 129** *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*

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 49:8-13; I John 1:5-2:2*

SERMON *“Lighten Up!”* *Rev. Bird*

*** HYMN 109** *Blest Be the God of Israel*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

***Indicates that those who are able may stand**

+People may be seated

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 49:8-13

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, "Come out," to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves." They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

1 John 1:5-2:2

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.