

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2011

11:00 A.M.

**In the Name of the Father, Who created us,
In the Name of the Son, Who sets us free,
In the Name of the Holy Spirit, Who makes us one**

LET US WORSHIP...

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

Joy!

THE SERVICE OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Procession: A Great And Mighty Wonder*

The Christmas Light

by Patrick M. Liebergen

Presented by the Pisgah ARP Church Sanctuary Choir

***THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

No. 546
The Hymnbook

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Lighting of the Angels/Love Candle

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Stan Burriss, Solo

Advent Prayer For Peace

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Offertory

Advent Joy

John Lineberger, Alice Stewart, Payton Clark, Adam Smith, Soloists

*The Doxology

No. 544

The Hymnbook

THE WORD OF GOD

I John 3:1

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THE SERMON

What Kind Of Love

Rev. Richard C. Lewis, Jr.

He Comes In Love

Glory To God In The Highest!

A Celebration Of Carols

Congregation To Join Choir in Singing of Carols

Bulletin Insert

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE ORGAN POSTLUDE**

How Great Our Joy!

*Congregation Standing

** The Congregation is asked to sing The Choral Response with the Choir.

WELCOME! We are delighted that you have come today to offer worship to the Lord Jesus Christ with us. We are especially pleased to welcome all who visit, and ask that you please remember to sign the attendance registers located in each pew. We hope you will join us again.

If you would like to be included in special announcements and prayer requests by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to the church office. Visit us at pisgaharpchurch.org

General Information:

- * All children are invited to come to the front during The Gloria Patri for the Children's Message.
- * Nurseries are provided during the service, and are located in the Elliott Center. (directly behind this building)
- * Restrooms are in this building in the halls behind the pulpit. (Women - Upstairs and Men - Downstairs)
- * Restrooms (Ground Level) are also available in both buildings behind the sanctuary building.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 AM	Elders
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship
MONDAY	6:00 PM	Upward Basketball Practice
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
TUESDAY	11:30 AM	Pisgah Community Club
	6:00 PM	Upward Basketball Practice
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
SUNDAY	11:00 AM	Worship - Merry Christmas!

Tithes and Offerings and Disbursements
December 11, 2011

General Fund		
Envelopes	\$	8,363.00
Honorariums/Memorials	\$	485.00
Loose Offering	\$	44.00
Sunday School Offering	\$	35.00
Total General Fund Offerings	\$	8,927.00

Total General Fund Offerings year-to-date	\$	364,376.51
Total General Fund Disbursements year-to-date	\$	350,411.71

2011 Tithes and Offerings Goal is \$8,014.02 per week.
Worship Attendance this Sunday was 182.

Designated Funds		
Bonclarken/Carson Cottage Maintenance Fund	\$	253.00
Cemetery Trust Fund - Christmas Memorial	\$	50.00
Upward Basketball	\$	60.00
ARP World Missions	\$	100.00
Total	\$	463.00

Building/Capital Improvement Fund		
Envelopes	\$	225.00
Honorariums/Memorials	\$	650.00
Total	\$	875.00
Total Building/Capital Fund Offerings year-to-date	\$	53,934.87
Total Building Fund Disbursements year-to-date	\$	48,839.68

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Praise and answered prayers:

Prayer requests for church members: Emery Hunt, Jerry Spearman, Faye Adams, Madeline Helton, daughter of Patrick and Julie Helton; Clyde Foy, Jr., Roger Whitley, Nancy Boyd, Barbara Mauney, Martha Flowe Robinson, Eva Nell Crawford, Morningside; Margaret Spencer, Aubrey Craig, Buddy Mooneyhan, Lou Bingham, Gordon Pearson, Dean Thompson, Tony Dula, Gail Greene, Judy Craig, Martha Leagan, Jane Carson

Prayer requests for friends of the church: Rita Beamguard, Don Gilleland, Beverly Baysden's dad; Blake Robinson, son of Gale Entler, and friend of Cherrie Weaver; Steve Little, friend of Jack and Beverly Kimbro; Ron Schrone, father of Scarlette Weaver; Lemuel Whisnant, friend of Dan Ratchford; Mike Jackson, father of Terry Jenkins (Jane Falls' neighbor); Paige Royston and family, a family in the week day school; Dennis Thomas, Faye Adams's son-in-law; Lyle Stone, friend of Trish Duran; Jennifer Lineberger, John Lineberger's cousin; Kerry Taylor, Michele Crawford's stepfather; Betty Lohman, Beth Jarvis's sister-in-law's mom ;Chris Newton, Michele Crawford's brother; Mike Ware, friend of Mark Lowe; Betty Jo Bolick, Judy McCarthy's sister; Pam Hoffman, Doc Thompson's sister; Joe Higginbotham, friend of Bryan and Kathy Gamble; Chuck Cole, friend of Bryan and Kathy Gamble; Sadie Absher, Chris and Jessica Absher's daughter and Johnny and Teresa Walker's granddaughter; Lynn Heatherton, friend of Emery Hunt's grandson; Jon Robinson, friend of Beth Faulkner; Robert Thompson, Pat Thompson, and Cindy Sheets, Angie Dula's uncle, aunt, and cousin; Mandy Roberts, Sharon Pearson's cousin; Ty Williams and family, friends of Angie Dula; Fred Morrow, Jr.; Gary England, Donna Messer's stepfather; Ann Hamrick, friend of Janet Dula; Mildred McCaslin, Alesia Pendleton's grandmother; Todd Mayes, son of Judy Craig; Victor Duran, Sr., Trey, Bobby, and Connor Duran's grandfather; Jeff Hicks, friend of Luther Clark; Betty Smith, close friend of Angie Dula; Cassie Mangum, friend of Jane Falls; Emery Boulette, David Pilot's grandfather; Libby Bradley, Laradon Pilot's mother; Lester Conner, Alesia Pendleton's uncle; Jerry Humphries, Angela Foy's dad; Elsie Hord, Myra Carson's mother. **Please pray also for wisdom, protection, and peace for our nation, her leaders, and our service people.**

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Donna Whitley and family in the death of her father, George P. Flora, on Saturday, December 10.

VISITORS last Sunday were Caleb Whisnant, Sandy Michaels, Rodney Huss.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 4 - 123; December 11 - 129 December 4 - 139; December 11 - 182

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY

Infants - Dot Clark, Beth Wolfe, Treasure Teague
Toddler/Two-Year-Old Children's Church - Tracy Adams
Three/Four/Five-Year-Old Children's Church - Amanda Rubenstein, Julie Helton

NURSERY WORKERS NEXT SUNDAY

Infants - Dot Clark, Beth Wolfe, Rebecca Howe
Toddler/Two-Year-Old Children's Church - Beverly Baysden/Julie Helton
Three/Four/Five-Year-Old Children's Church - Robert and Beverly Baysden

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR will present their Christmas cantata, "The Christmas Light," this morning during the worship service.

PICTURES FOR A CHURCH DIRECTORY will be taken December 21, 22, and January 4. Sign-up sheets are located in the lobby of the Elliott Center.

A CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE is Saturday, December 24, at 6:00. Invite your family and friends.

ELDERS installed last Sunday were Kevin Adams, Curtis Hopper, and Roger Whitley. Deacons ordained and installed were Treasure Teague and Doc Thompson. Robbie Foy, Henry Oates, and Maxy Wolfe were installed.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, we will not have Sunday School. Nursery and Toddler classes will be provided. The morning worship service begins at 11:00.

GOOD NEWS! Our Toddler Class has grown and your help is needed! With our increased number of class members, we need teachers to help with the teaching and Christian growth of these little ones. Please contact Linda Valentine or the church office if you are available.

THE PISGAH COMMUNITY CLUB will meet at Market Street on Tuesday, December 20, at 11:30. Everyone is welcome.

OUR CHRISTMAS PROJECT for the week day school this year will be a cash donation to the Calvary Home for Children in Anderson, SC. This is a Christian, non-profit organization that takes care of children who have lost their parents by accident or sickness and some parents who may be too ill to take care of their children. If you would like to help by giving a donation, please contact Ms. Annie by December 30.

THE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE PACKAGE SETS have been placed on a table in the hallway in the Elliott Center near the bulletin boards. They will be there through Sunday, December 25. Please pick up your envelopes as soon as possible. Envelopes remaining on the table after December 25 will be mailed to your residence at a cost to the church of more than \$2.00 per box. Thank you for helping us to avoid this extra expense.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS are generally effective when delivered. This means that a check placed in the church offering in January of 2012 cannot be deducted for tax purposes in 2011 even if it is dated in 2011. There is only one exception - checks dated in 2011 that are mailed and postmarked in 2011 are deductible in 2011 even though not physically received by the church until 2012. This applies also to "Bill Pay" checks issued by your bank on your behalf.

YOU MAY HAND DELIVER a contribution to the financial secretary or the church secretary through noon on Friday, December 30, 2011, and it will be included on your 2011 contribution statement.

REMEMBER THAT A CASH CONTRIBUTION placed in the offering plates at any time cannot be deducted for tax purposes unless it is in an offering envelope with your name clearly indicated so that they can be included on your contribution statement.

CHRISTMAS HONORARIUMS/MEMORIALS are still being accepted. Poinsettias and honorariums/memorials will be listed in next Sunday's bulletin.

IF YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR A NEW CHURCH HOME, please contact the minister or any member of this congregation. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about Pisgah.

In continuation of a long-standing tradition at Pisgah, we will once again be decorating the sanctuary with Christmas Poinsettias on Sunday, December 18 and Sunday, December 25. This is an opportunity to honor or remember special people, loved ones, and friends.

Pisgah Women's Ministries has made it possible for us to purchase poinsettias from Ford's of Gastonia at a cost of \$12.00 each. In order to have uniformity, all poinsettias will be red and wrapped in green paper with red ribbon.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the order form below and return it to the church office with your check no later than Sunday, December 11. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO FORD'S. NO CASH, PLEASE.

If you prefer to give an honorarium/memorial rather than purchase a poinsettia, these will be listed along with the poinsettias in the bulletin. If you are giving an honorarium/memorial, please make check payable to Pisgah and mark it "Christmas Honorarium" or "Christmas Memorial." These checks need to be in the church office no later than Sunday, December 11.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Name of person placing order

Number of poinsettias ordered ___ at \$12.00 each (tax included)

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