

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 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 *Coronation*

THE SERVICE OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *There's A Song In The Air!*
Sanctuary Choir

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* No. 152
The Hymnbook

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

***THE GLORIA PATRI** No. 546
The Hymnbook

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
The Lighting Of The Bethlehem/Peace Candle

***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night* No. 149
The Hymnbook

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
The Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Organ Offertory *In The Bleak Midwinter*
*The Doxology No. 544
The Hymnbook
*The Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* Page 12
The Hymnbook

THE PERIOD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

THE ANTHEM *Heaven's Child*
John Lineberger, Solo
Claudia Propst, Piano

THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 2:1-14
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THE SERMON *The Peace Born In Bethlehem* Rev. Richard C. Lewis, Jr.

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION** *O Little Town Of Bethlehem* No. 171
The Hymnbook

*THE BENEDICTION

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *The First Noel* No. 156
Choir and Congregation**
The Hymnbook

***THE ORGAN POSTLUDE** *O Sing A Song Of Bethlehem*

*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 Sermon.
- * 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	9:45 AM	Christmas Craft Day
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	PWM General Meeting
	11:00 AM	Worship
	12:15 PM	Rachel Boyce Circle Christmas Luncheon
MONDAY	6:00 PM	Upward Basketball Practice Begins
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
	6:30 PM	Suzanne Elliott Circle Christmas Dinner
TUESDAY	6:00 PM	Upward Basketball Practice
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
THURSDAY	4:15 PM	Community Club to Jackson's and to see McAdenville Lights
SATURDAY	1:45 PM	CLC Class to Billy Graham Library
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Deacons
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship
	6:30 PM	Children's Christmas Concert

Tithes and Offerings and Disbursements
November 27, 2011

General Fund		
Envelopes	\$	5,458.00
Honorariums/Memorials	\$	380.00
Loose Offering	\$	67.00
Sunday School Offering	\$	44.00
Total General Fund Offerings	\$	5,949.00

Total General Fund Offerings year-to-date	\$	339,783.51
Total General Fund Disbursements year-to-date	\$	335,413.34

2011 Tithes and Offerings Goal is \$8,014.02 per week.
Worship Attendance this Sunday was 157.

Designated Funds		
Bonclarken/Carson Cottage Maintenance Fund	\$	155.00
Use Of Building - Falls Family Reunion	\$	50.00
Thanksgiving Offering For Synod	\$	195.00
Appalachia Mission Trip Fund	\$	200.00
Total	\$	600.00

Building/Capital Improvement Fund		
Envelopes	\$	700.00
Total	\$	700.00
Total Building/Capital Fund Offerings year-to-date	\$	41,905.81
Total Building Fund Disbursements year-to-date	\$	48,839.68

Gifts Received In Memory Of:
Christin Dawn Gamble, Pauline Howe Ratchford

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: Ron Schrone, father of Scarlett 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; Jim and Linda Cope, friends of Nancy Hall; 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 Mary B. Kane and family in the death of her mother-in-law, Bertha Holladay Ritchie.

VISITORS last Sunday were Ann Lathrop, Madison and Jody Easler, Rodney Huss, Caleb Whisnant, Autumn Walker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 20 - 131; November 27 - 104 November 20 - 178; November 27 - 157

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY

Infants - Dot Clark, Beth Wolfe, Joann Grier
Toddler/Two-Year-Old Children's Church - Adam and Carla Smith
Three/Four/Five-Year-Old Children's Church - Amanda Rubenstein, Julie Helton

NURSERY WORKERS NEXT SUNDAY

Infants - Dot Clark, Beth Wolfe, Elaine Burleson
Toddler/Two-Year-Old Children's Church - Barbara Oates, Susan Jenkins
Three/Four/Five-Year-Old Children's Church - Kathy Spencer, Sheena Darby

THIS CHRISTMAS, the Children's Choir will be presenting a Christmas Concert for the annual Children's Christmas pageant on December 11, at 6:30 P.M., in the sanctuary. We will be singing many of your favorite Christmas tunes. In addition, if your child would like to share their talent, we use this as a talent show similar to what we have in the spring. Please see Kevin Adams for details.

FOLLOWING THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT, everyone will go to the fellowship hall for a visit from Santa!

ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, the Community Club is sponsoring a trip to Jackson's Cafeteria and to McAdenville to see the lights. The bus will leave the church at 4:15. Please contact Suzanne Elliott if you would like to go on the trip.

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, during the morning worship service, the Sanctuary Choir will present their Christmas cantata, "The Christmas Light." Invite family and friends to come and hear a beautiful presentation of the Christmas Story.

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, the Suzanne Elliott Circle will place another order for Rada Cutlery. Please have any orders to Julie Mooneyhan by today.

PICTURES FOR A CHURCH DIRECTORY will be taken December 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, and January 4. Sign-up sheets are located in the lobby of the Elliott Center. Early Bird specials will be available for December 8, 9, and 10 packages.

THE CLC CLASS will be going to the Billy Graham Library on Saturday, December 10. Please be here to ride on the church bus at 1:45 P.M.

THE MARY KENNEDY CIRCLE will have their Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 15, 11:30 A.M., at the home of Claudette Pearson.

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS will be next Sunday, December 11, during the worship service.

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

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, we will not have Sunday School. The morning worship service begins at 11:00.

DEACONS will meet next Sunday morning, December 11, at 8:00. All newly elected Deacons are urged to attend.

THANKS to everyone who helped prepare **The Pisgah Post** for mailing. Your help was appreciated!

AFTER 13 YEARS of living happily in their cottage at Covenant Village, Nan and Bud Anthony have now moved to healthcare. The transition is quite an adjustment as you can imagine. Nan is in the Woodlands Wing and Bud in the Arbor Wing. They would so enjoy hearing from you.

Nan
1351 Robinwood Road, B-171
Gastonia, NC 28054
(704) 864-6666

Bud
1351 Robinwood Road, B-129
Gastonia, NC 28054
(704) 864-6940 (messages cannot be left on this line)

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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