

Worship on the Lord's Day

December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Edie Nettles

Liturgist

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP -

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Away in a Manger/Cradle Song

James R. Murray

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT- LIGHT OF JOY

Nell Glover & Margaret Moore

Leader: Advent is a time of to celebrate the joy of living.

People: **Lord of light, we thank you for the gift of life.**

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of relationships.

People: **Lord of light, we thank you for our friends and family.**

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate the earth we share.

People: **Lord of light, we thank you for providing for our needs.**

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate eternal life.

People: **Lord of light, we thank you for sending a Savior.**

Prayer- God of light, we thank you for the many gifts you have given us, and we pray today that you will teach us to be truly joyful. Help us remember that you supply our needs and fill our lives with meaning. Fill our days with keen awareness of your presence and fill our hearts with praise as we celebrate this joyful Advent season. Amen.

(Repeat Song)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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SILENT CONFESSION (Let each pray silently)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON/GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men A-men.*

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Debbie Darby

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response

PRAYER RESPONSE

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descent to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.*

ANTHEM

We Await You

Ruth Elaine Schram

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 1:68-79 & 3:1-6

SERMON

“A Crown of Light”

Reverend Dr. Derek S. Marotta

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory

The First Noel

English Carol

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

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*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.*

*POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain/While Shepherds

arr. Carl Seal

**Please stand, if able*

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December 5 Isaiah 40:28 "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the end of the Earth."

Doesn't this verse echo the thought in Revelation 21:6 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End"?

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Steve & Ruth Rawdon
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
Frank Allen
Edie Nettles- back surgery 9-1-21
Ricky & Debbie Simpson & family
Jim & Hildegard Bell

Bill Dover
Eddie Allan Smith- back
Ina Oates- Piedmont Medical Center
Krystal Jordan- testing & eye surgery at Duke
Lou Anne Hildebrand- gall bladder surgery 11-11-21

Birth

Roman Kyle McDaniel, son of Matthew & Lauren McDaniel and great-grandson of Jim & Lou Beaty, 11-11-21

In the Community and Beyond

Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law)
Jessie Mitchell (Childers' friend) cancer
Ellen Green- ovarian cancer
Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt's sister)
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)
Rick Sturgis (Percival's friend) pancreatic cancer
Cherish Clark Walker (Krystal's friend) cancer
Dale Wray & mother, Peggy (Krystal's friends)
Sawyer Long (Jeff & Kim Parrish's grandson)
John (hip replacement) & Karen (cancer) Blaikie
Linda Strauss (Eddie & Nancy Smith's friend) stage 4 cancer
Betty Jean Walker Feindel (Walker's Aunt) Hospice Care
Charles Gantt (Edie's brother)

Hildegard and Jim Bell's granddaughter, lupus
Vivian Fulmer (Bobby's mother)
Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)
Barbara Good (Debbie Darby's mother) cancer
Heath (Tara Rogers' 3 yr old friend) cancer
John Rogers (Tara's father)
Rick Stallard (Josh's father)
Rowdy Jordan (Krystal's father)
Randy Ransom
Jim Hodnett (First Pres. Church) paralyzed

Bethesda Global Mission Partners:

The Matias Family in Brazil and Tito Palacios in Guatemala

TODAY'S NURSERY WORKERS

Volunteers needed

NEXT SUNDAY'S NURSERY WORKERS

Volunteers needed

DECEMBER USHERS

Debbie Simpson, Jimmy Darby, Todd Russell

The BPC Calendar

Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	Sunday School Worship Pickle ball- Family Life Center
Monday	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Hand Chimes- Ladies' Parlor Boy Scouts- Picnic shelter/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Adult Choir- Choir Room TGI Wednesday Dinner- Fellowship Hal

Life of the Church

WELCOME TO BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN! We are glad you're here. We hope all here will feel at home, strengthened in your faith, and that the Lord will be honored as we worship Him and respond in discipleship. If you have special needs, questions about Bethesda, need assistance, or need nursery services, please see one of our Ushers. If you are a guest who has been attending who is interested in becoming a member, we would love for you to see an Usher to discuss what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of our church. Bethesda is a congregation of the PCUSA.

2021 FLOWER CHART is in the Narthex- sign up to place flowers in Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship and, if you wish info in the bulletin on that Sunday, notify Pat at **803-328-1360** or email bethesda@comporium.net by the previous Tuesday.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the **Glory of God and in celebration**

of Will Johnston's 18th birthday by Trey and Trudy Amick.

Poinsettias- There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for Poinsettias in "memory" or in "honor" of someone. Poinsettias are \$12.00 each, and cash or check needs to be turned in no later than **December 5**. Checks may be made payable to **Bethesda Presbyterian Church**. You may give the cash or check to the **Church Office, Bobby Fulmer, Stacy Russell, or Dorothy Williamson**. The Poinsettias will be in the Church beginning on December 19.

Thornwell Home for Children has received a large matching donation. Every dollar received up to \$150,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. So you can double your donation just by making one!

Mark your checks "Matching Fund" and send it to

Thornwell Home for Children

302 South Broad Street

Clinton, SC 29325

Advent Calendars for Children and Youth Advent Calendars have been ordered for the children and youth. These calendars have been placed in the vestibule. Please take as many as you need for your family and friends.

Food Pantry--A basket is available weekly in the vestibule for **donations** to the Food Pantry. There is also a basket in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to make contributions at the **Wednesday** Night Dinners. Please bring non perishable food items to help us provide for the hungry. These items are distributed to people who request help

through the Bethesda Benevolence Fund and also delivered regularly to local food distribution organizations. Thank you for your contributions to this ministry.

Copies of the **Bethesda Banner Newsletter** for December are available.

New address for **Rev. Doug & Jean Blaikie** is **224 E. Nottingham Rd., Columbia, SC 29210**

Operation Christmas Child

This year we will be collecting packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. There are three ways you may participate in this outreach project:

- Bring your filled shoebox to church on or before **Sunday, December 12**. Directions for packing the shoeboxes are in the vestibule.
- Place a check made out to Operation Christmas Child in the offering plate. There is a \$9 processing fee for each shoebox, which covers shipping and other costs. This is a good way to participate in this project if you are unable to go shopping to fill shoeboxes.
- Go with us to help at the Processing Center in Charlotte on Monday, December 13. Please contact Steve Childers to sign up to be a part of this trip.

Candlelight Memorial Service- A Candlelight Memorial Service will be at 5:15 pm on Christmas Eve, December 24. Please let the Church Office or Derek know if they have someone to remember at that service. Service will be in the courtyard weather permitting. Following will be the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm.

Sunday Worship is available on the YouTube channel on our website. www.bethesdapres.org **Check the Bethesda website for updates, information and family resources.**

The Worship Committee is looking for people to sign up for the flower chart. Chart is located in the narthex of the sanctuary. Also, **John Nettles is looking for people to be liturgist for the coming year.**

The **Bethesda CDC is looking for (3) Teacher Assistants for our fall program**— (1) Full-time and (2) Part-time. Applicant must be 18 years old with a high school diploma and have at least 6 months of experience in a licensed or registered Child Care Center. Applicants must be available **Monday-Friday** until 5:45. Experience driving a 15 passenger bus for school pickup would be a plus! For more information please contact the daycare at **803-328-0149** and ask for **Cindy or Dawn**.

Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Sites December 2021

December 27: 9:00 am- Green Pond Church, 983 Bethel St., Clover

December 29: 9:00 am- Jerusalem Baptist Church, 435 Farris Rd., Clover

December 30: 9:00 am- Green Pond Church, 983 Bethel St., Clover

Thank you in advance for your assistance with these pantries. Questions? Call Catawba Area Agency on Aging. 803-329-9670

How Do I Contact My Pastor? **Rev. Dr. Dereck S. Marotta** is available in the church office Monday – Thursday between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

His telephone number for the **Manse is 803-329-6441**. **His cell phone number is 724-221-4491**. His email address is jdmarotta75@gmail.com and his **blog is revmarotta.blogspot.com**

SESSION

Class of 2021

Trudy Amick
Bobby Fulmer
Jim Percival
Debbie Simpson

Class of 2022

Ernice Bookout
Irvin Jones
Linda Messer
Dorothy Williamson

Class of 2023

Sarah Childers
Jimmy Darby
Susan Hibbard
Todd Russell

John Nettles, Clerk of Session

Todd Russell, Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent..... Esther Bailey
Assistant Adam Cole

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator..... Carol Hope
Vice Moderator..... Nell Glover

STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. Dr. Derek S. Marotta

Interim Coordinator of Children's & Youth Ministry.....

Director of Music..... LaRayne Hall
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Sexton..... Donna Hagler

Caretaker.....

