

## The Poinsettias

are given

### TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF

Sarah Carolyn Walters by Mark & Susan Walters  
and her sister Rachel

Our parents, Al & Jane Rihl and George &  
Delores Van Deventer by Bob & Jordy Rihl

Mr. Glenn Dunlop by Debra & Billy Hatcher

Mr. & Mrs. William G. Hatcher, Sr., by Billy &  
Debra Hatcher

Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Cheshire, my parents, by  
Joanne Pierce

Our parents by Tom & Frances Loughran

Our parents by Charles & Cathie McClure

Mr. & Mrs. L. Allen Millward by their daughters

Baby Claire Moody by Great Aunt Linda Fleming

Bates Foley by Martha Folley

Anthony P. Nunziato, husband; Micah Anthony  
P. Nunziato, grandson, by Thelma I. Nunziato

Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Mauldin, Sr., and Mrs. W. S.  
Mauldin, Jr., by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Brown, Mrs.  
Carol Mauldin and their families

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bowen, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs.  
Lee Smalley by Mr. & Mrs. George Bowen

William Ryans by Carol Ryans

Mr. & Mrs. William J. Anderson by Lynn  
Anderson Black

Our parents by Anne & Bill Alston

Parents and grandparents, Mildred & Ken  
Norkus, Mary & Roger Rossman and dear  
family friend Patricia Johnson by the Norkus  
family

Our parents by Don & Pat Lewis

Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Donald C. Townsend  
and Mr. & Mrs. Cecil C. Hagood by Don &  
Jenny Townsend

George & Beverly Wells by Ora & Natalie Parish

John & Dorothy Dunsmore by John & Diane  
Dunsmore

Charles & Ethel Heintz by John & Diane  
Dunsmore

William Daniel Burroughs by his family

Marian Losch by Mr. & Mrs. John Clark and Jason

Our son, Matthew Clark, by Mr. & Mrs. John  
Clark & Jason

Our grandparents by Mr. & Mrs. Russell

Winifred Faour and Emma Jewett, our mothers,  
by Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Jewett

John Rheney Palmer, M.D., by Moselle Palmer

Penny Pennington by Daniel & Peggy McMillan

### TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF

Mrs. Billie McPherson by Cherry McPherson

Our parents, Russell's, Meredith's and Marquez'  
by Ed & Maria Russell

Joey Johnson by his wife, Margaret

John & Cris Oliver by Roger & Carol Finch

Our granddaughters, Bennett Elizabeth Lyday  
and Carter Heaton Boyd, by Dr. & Mrs. Michael  
Boyd

Josiah & Jenn Jones by Nancy Parks

Our dear children and grandchildren by Jenny &  
Don Townsend

Our mothers, Rita Wannemacher and Lazetta  
Mapes, by Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher

Our children by Ed & Maria Russell

Leona Ilinitch and Donald Law by Ilona Ilinitch  
Law and McDonald Law

Nick & Aimee Parish by Ora & Natalie Parish

## This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 20 – December 26

### SUNDAY, December 20

8:00 a.m. ....WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and *wgac.com* Broadcasts

9:45 a.m. ....Sunday School

Nursery I (Birth–23 mos.)..... Nursery 1

Nursery II (24–47 mos.)..... Nursery 2

Preschool (4 years old)..... Covenant Hall

K-5 ..... Children's House

Grades 1-2 ..... Children's House

Grades 3-4 ..... Children's House

Grades 5-6 ..... Youth House

Grades 7-8 ..... Youth House

Grades 9-12 ..... Youth House

Special Education..... Deacons' Room

Young Adults..... Covenant Hall

Young Families..... Covenant Hall

Adult..... Covenant Hall

11:00 a.m. ....Morning Worship ..... Sanctuary

On the final verse of the second hymn, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.

5:00 p.m. .... Sunday Prayer Meeting..... Youth House

6:00 p.m. ....Evensong: A Christmas Festival..... Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. ....Student Christmas Party..... Gray Home

### THURSDAY, December 24

5:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Service ..... Sanctuary

Church Office Closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25.

### Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Ora Parish & Mark Walters.

Ushers are Will Boyd, Will Crews, Mark Goodell, William Jewett & Barry Smith.

The Deacon on Duty is Ed Russell.

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Charles Bowen & Charles McClure.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lanier Adams, William Jewett, Andrew Norkus, John Norkus & Mark Walters.

The Deacon on Duty will be Barry Smith.

### Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

Dr. Stan Pylant, *Director of Music*; Mr. Mark Dickens, *Organist*

Mr. Landon Gray, *Director of Student Ministries*

Mrs. Shirley McBride, *Secretary/Bookkeeper*

Mr. Scott Doss, *AV & Digital Media Director*; Mr. Charles Caruso, *Sexton*

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## Christ Church, Presbyterian The Lord's Day, December 20, 2015

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Spiritual Awakening

Spiritual awakening is mainly about more and more people seeing and savoring the glory of Jesus Christ. And that glory shines most brightly when His beauty is seen most clearly, and savored most dearly.

– John Piper

### The Morning Service, eleven o'clock

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. Revelation 1:5

† indicates the congregation standing; • indicates seating for those detained

The prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship. Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices, and respectfully refrain from unnecessary conversation.

- **The Brass & Organ Prelude** – Oh Come, All Ye Faithful..... Marvin Fabio Mann, Mel Jewett, *trumpet*; Mike Boyd, Mark Goodell, *trumpet*; Kay Lovingood, *tuba*

**The Choral Call to Worship** .....Randy Edwards

Hope, peace, joy, and love! These are gifts You bring from above.

Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be light of Your love reflected in me.

**The Scriptural Call to Worship** ..... Luke 2:8–11, 13–14

**Pastor:** And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

**People:** And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord....”

**Pastor:** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**People:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!

- † **The Hymn of Adoration** – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 218) ..... REGENT SQUARE Angels, from the Realms of Glory

† **The Prayer of Invocation & Adoration** .....The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor



† **The Confession of Faith** ..... The Apostles’ Creed

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. (\*universal)

† **The Gloria Patri** (*page 735 in the Trinity Hymnal*)..... GREATOREX

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. Amen, Amen.

**The New Testament Lesson**.....1 Thessalonians 5:2-9 (*page 987*)

**The Response** .....Isaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, and the flower fades,  
People: But the Word of our God stands forever.

**The Congregational Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**The Response to God’s Grace** – Emmanuel (*sung by all*) .....MCGEE

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

**The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication**

(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

**The Offertory Anthem** – Living Light..... David Lantz

From the God of all creation comes the gift of living light.  
Mary holds the tiny baby Who will grow beyond her sight, Who will grow beyond her sight.

Fragile baby, Holy Christ child, gift of hope to all the earth,  
May the light of Your salvation shine beyond Your humble birth.

*Refrain:* Light of Hope, light of peace, light of joy and light of love;  
From the God of all creation comes His light of hope and peace,  
Comes His light of joy and love, comes His light from heav’n above.

Brighter than the star of Beth'lem is Your radiance on this night.  
Glow forever in each heart like a candle burning bright. *Refrain.*

From the God of all creation comes the gift of living light.  
The holy child we meet this night.

Ms. Alicia Markyna, flautist

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 214*).....GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

*On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.*

**The Old Testament Lesson** ..... Isaiah 11:10-16 (*page 576*)

**The Response**

Pastor: This is the Word of God. People: Thanks be to Thee, O God.

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Sermon** – ADVENT FOR AWAKENING ..... The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn of Response** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 263*) ..... CRUCIFER

Lift High the Cross

† **The Benediction**

## Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today. It is our desire that, as prayers are raised, hymns and anthems are sung, and God’s Word is proclaimed, our worship will bring glory to God and gladness to His people. Indeed, we pray that you will personally be blessed by the corporate worship of the Triune God and return to worship with us next Lord’s Day. If you would like to know more about Christ Church, how to become a member, or, most importantly, how to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, please talk with our pastor or an elder standing by him in the narthex after the service.

## Advent Wreath

The third purple candle, the last to be lit in the outer circle of the wreath, is known as “The Angels’ Candle.” It represents the message of peace with God through Christ that the heavenly host delivered on the night of the Messiah’s birth. "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the high-est, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" (Luke 2:13-14).

## Evensong

Join us for our annual Christmas Evensong featuring Orchestra, our Sanctuary and Children's Choirs and the Augusta Youth Chorale this evening at 6:00 p.m. Along with this special music in worship, the Rev. Jones will deliver a message from Hebrews 1:1-4 entitled, "What's the BIG Deal about a Little Baby?" Bring family, friends and neighbors to celebrate with us our glorious Savior's Birth. Come and worship Christ the New Born King!

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Our Savior is born! Be sure to join us on Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m., as we worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord on the eve of His birth. There will be heartfelt music involving a string ensemble, a children's message by Landon Gray, Director of Student Ministries, and a homily by the Rev. Jones concerning "The Real Present."

## Scripture Memory

This week’s memory verse helps equip us to follow Christ as His disciple. Let us memorize 1 John 2:15, 16, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world” (Series D: Being Christ’s Disciple; Topic: Separate From the World).

## Welcome New Members

As God has truly blessed Christ Church, Presbyterian with growth, please join us in wel-coming these new members to our Church family:

Jim & Baylee Avery	Landon & Andrea Gray
Covenant Child, Delylah Avery	Andrew & Sara Head
Mark & Susan Crenshaw	Audrey Nabholz
Roger & Carol Finch	Stan & Kirsten Pylant

## Other Announcements

**Student News** — Make plans to join us for our Christmas party this evening at 7:30, in the home of Andrea and Landon Gray located at 739 Bradford Lane in Evans. Come, enjoy a time of fellowship one with another! There will be holiday games and you are encouraged to wear a tacky Christmas sweater.

On Wednesday, December 23 at 1:00 p.m., we will have a touch football game at Patriots Park located at 5445 Columbia Road in Grovetown. Everyone is encouraged to come and play – not just the youth! Let me know soon if you can make it so that I can organize teams. Contact Landon by phone at 423-605-9321 or via email to youth@christchurchpres.org.

**Adult Sunday School Classes** — We are excited about the upcoming start of our new Adult Sunday School curriculum. We will begin sign up for classes on December 27 and conclude on January 3. Classes will begin on January 10, 2016. Four courses of Unit 1 will be offered: "God's View of Marriage," "The Parables of Jesus," "The Existence of God" and "Development of the Canon." Please make it a priority to begin the new year by being a part of this opportunity to grow in knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

**Midweek Gathering** — As we enjoy the Christmas season, there will be no midweek gatherings through the last weeks of December. We will resume this time of fellowship and prayer on January 6, 2016.

**Children's Choir** — The Children's Choir will be taking a break through the rest of December. Therefore, children in 4K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will remain in the Sanctuary during the evening service. We will resume our choir practices on January 10, 2016.

**Year-end Giving** — Please remember that, in order for gifts to be credited to fiscal year 2015, contributions must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2015.

**Church Office Holiday Schedule** — The Church Office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day (December 24, 25 and January 1, 2016). The Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until noon on December 29, 30 and 31.

## Pray for Our Missionaries

Please remember these missionaries and organizations designated for special prayer in our worship services today and in your daily prayers this week:

Greg and Julianne Allen, *New Tribes Mission*  
Rick and Betty Aschmann, *Mission to the World (PCA), Bogota*  
Dick and Nancy Baggé, *Wycliffe Bible Translators, Kenya*  
Bob and Andrea Burnham, *Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine*