

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Festival Voluntary

Concerto grosso in G minor, op. 6, no. 8

Arcangelo Corelli

(Fatto per la notte di Natale [Made for the night of Christmas])

(1653-1713)

I. Vivace – Grave

IV. Vivace

II. Allegro

V. Allegro

III. Adagio – Allegro – Adagio

VI. Pastorale: Largo

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Pat Rabun

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: Hope

Robin Austin and family

Reading from John 1:1-9

Congregational Prayer

Lord God, you have filled our past. You are filling our present moment and you will fill our future together with hope, joy, peace and love. Thank you for the crying of a baby long ago that brought hope to our own future, joy to our spirits, peace to our minds, and love to our relationships. Thank you for the coming of Jesus Christ into our lives. Amen.

Response to the Lighting of the Advent Candles

Light the candle *(Please sing stanzas one through four only)*

Carl Schalk

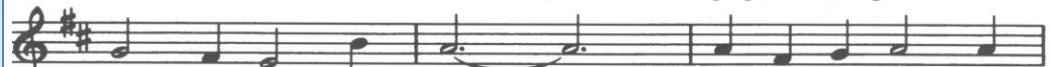
(b. 1929)



(Advent 1) Light the candle of LOVE to-day, the Giv-er of love is
 (Advent 2) Light the candle of PEACE to-day, the Giv-er of peace is
 (Advent 3) Light the candle of JOY to-day, the Giv-er of joy is
 (Advent 4) Light the candle of HOPE to-day, the Giv-er of hope will
 (Christmas) Light the candle of CHRIST to-day, the Giv-er of light is



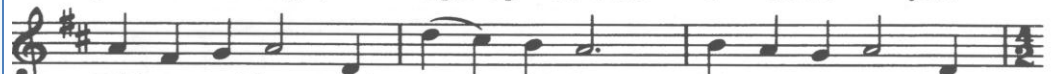
here! _____ Wel-come the love we live and die for, but
 here! _____ Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but
 here! _____ Wel-come the joy we crave and pray for, but
 come! _____ Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but
 here! _____ Wel-come the light we grope and sigh for, but



on - ly Christ can give. _____ Flick - er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give. _____ Flick - er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give. _____ Flick - er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give. _____ Flick - er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give. _____ Flick - er and flame and



glow — with love, light up the world a - round you.
 glow — with peace, light up the world a - round you.
 glow — with joy, light up the world a - round you.
 glow — with hope, light up the world a - round you.
 glow — with light, light up the world a - round you.



Flick - er and flame and glow — with love, light up the world a -
 Flick - er and flame and glow — with peace, light up the world a -
 Flick - er and flame and glow — with joy, light up the world a -
 Flick - er and flame and glow — with hope, light up the world a -
 Flick - er and flame and glow — with light, light up the world a -



round _____ you. _____
 round _____ you. _____
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday,
December 18, 2011
10:30AM



We warmly welcome all who are at worship today. Ushers are available for your assistance. Wireless audio receivers and large print hymnals are available.

Voluntary
Carol Prelude

Hal H. Hopson
(b. 1933)

* Hymn in Procession: "O come, all ye faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

All O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

All True God of true God, light from light eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Choir only *Gloria in excelsis Deo. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; venite adoremus Dominum.*

All Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning. Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

John F. Wade, ca. 1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

* A Bidding Prayer

Rev. Rabun

One: Dear people of God, in this upcoming Christmas season with joy let us hear once more the message of the angels, and in heart and mind go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion to the glorious redemption brought to us by this Holy Child. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died. Let us remember, in Christ's name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, all who are sick and who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number; whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one for evermore. And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ has taught us, saying:

Many: **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.**

One: May God bless us; may Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; may the King of Angels bring us all to join the fellowship of the saints who have gone before us.

Many: **Amen.**

First Lesson

Zoe Laakmann

Genesis 3:8-15: *Adam and Eve rebel against God.*

One: When evening came they heard the Lord God walking in the garden. They went to a secluded place among the trees of the garden to hide from God. Then God called to Adam, "Where are you?" Adam answered, "I heard your voice in the garden. Because I was naked, I was afraid and tried to hide." God asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat the fruit from the tree that I told you not to eat?" Adam answered, "The woman you gave to be with me offered me the fruit of the tree and I ate it." God spoke to the woman, "Why did you do this?" She replied, "The snake tricked me into eating it." God said to the snake, "You will be punished for this. You alone among all the animals will bear this curse. On your belly you will crawl, and you will eat dust as long as you live. For now on you will strike fear in the hearts of the people of all generations. When you attack their heels, they will crush your head." Thanks be to God.

Anthem

God walked in Eden's garden fair

Hopson

God walked in Eden's garden fair, such beauty there none could compare. It soon became a place of shame; there Adam's sin disowned God's name. Kyrie eleison. [Lord have mercy.] A world of peace was swept away when Adam chose to disobey. We too are marked by Adam's fall; we still refuse to hear God's call. Christe eleison. [Christ have mercy.] The tale of Adam is our own. Like him we see God's love made known; yet we rebel and go our way. The bitter cost we then must pay.

Hal H. Hopson, 1997

Heather Bobeck, *soprano*

Dan Hammond, *tenor*

Second Lesson

Andrew Schild

Genesis 22:15-18: *God promises to faithful Abraham that his descendants will be a blessing to all the nations of the earth.*

One: The angel of the Lord called from heaven to Abraham a second time, "I will make a vow with you, yes, by my own name, that I will richly bless you. Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I promise that I will give you as many descendants as there are stars in the sky, or grains of sand along the seashore. Your descendants will rule over their enemies. Because you have obeyed my voice, your descendants will be a blessing to all the nations of the earth." Thanks be to God.

* Carol: "The God of Abraham praise"

LEONI

All The God of Abraham praise, sing praises to God's name, who was and is and is to be, forever the same! The one eternal God, before what now appears; the first, the last; beyond all thought through timeless years!

All God's spirit freely flows, high surging where it will; God spoke of old in prophet's word; that word speaks still. Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand, deep written on the human heart, in every land.

All God has eternal life implanted in the soul; God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. All praise the living God! All laud that hallowed name, who was, as is, and ever shall be still the same.

Daniel ben Judah, ca. 1400, tr. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann alt.

Third Lesson

Dru Hoge

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7: *Christ's birth and rule of peace and justice are foretold by Isaiah.*

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Once they lived in a land of deep darkness, now light is shining on them. For to us a child is born, a son is given; he will rule with authority. He will be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His power will increase, and the throne of David and his kingdom will have endless peace. Justice and righteousness will be his authority from this time onward and forevermore. Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Comfort, comfort, O my people

Hopson

Comfort, comfort, O my people, tell of peace, now says our God; comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load. Speak unto Jerusalem; speak of peace that waits for them; tell that all their sins I cover; tell that warfare now is over. Hark, the herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near, bidding us to make repentance since the kingdom now is here. O that warning cry obey: now prepare for a way; let the valleys rise to meet him; let the hills bow down to greet him. O make straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign. See the glory of the Lord now over earth is shed abroad; all the world shall see this token, God's own word is never broken.

Johannes Olearius, 1671, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9: *The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

One: There shall grow a shoot from the tree of Jesse, and a branch shall spring from his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and might, a spirit of knowledge and a reverence for the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees, or decide by what he hears. He will tend the poor with justice, and defend the rights of the helpless. The wolf and the lamb will live together in peace, the leopard and kid will rest together, the calf and the young lions will feed together, and a little child will take care of them. Cows and bears will eat together, their young ones will leave in peace; the lion shall eat straw like cattle. Even a baby will not be harmed if it plays near the hole of a snake. There shall be nothing harmful or evil on God's holy mountain. The earth shall be as full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters that cover the sea. Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Hopson

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming by faith prophets sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love a-right, she bore for us a Savior when half spent was the night. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

15th century German; 9th century Latin

Fifth Lesson

Elder Janice Blanton

Luke 1:26-35, 38: *The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus.*

One: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth. The angel appeared to Mary, a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. "Greetings, most favored one!" said the angel. "The Lord is with you." But she was deeply troubled by what the angel said, and wondered what this greeting might mean. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for God has been gracious to you. You shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall give him the name Jesus. He will be great; he will bear the title 'Son of the Most High.' The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David, and he will be king over Israel forever. His reign shall have no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be? I am still a virgin." The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy child to be born will be called 'Son of God.'" Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; as you have spoken, so be it." Then the angel left her. Thanks be to God.

Anthem

There is no rose

Hopson

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; alleluia, alleluia. For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space; resmiranda, resmiranda [a wonderful thing]. By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three, pares forma, pares forma [of the same form]. Then leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyous birth; transeamus, transeamus [let us go]. Pares forma. Resmiranda. Alleluia.

Anonymous medieval text

The Little Chapel Women's Ensemble

Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Song Without WordsCraig Phillips
(b. 1961)Hillary Flowers, *cello*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures
 5 here — be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 11 Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall
 16 come to thee, O Is - - - - ra - el.

* Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Rabun

Sixth Lesson

Elder Judy Gibson

Matthew 1:18-23: *Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.*

One: This is how the birth of Jesus took place. Mary, his mother, was engaged to Joseph. Before their marriage, she was to have a baby by the Holy Spirit. Joseph, being a man of principle, and at the same time not wanting to disgrace Mary, desired to have the marriage contract set aside quietly. But just when he resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home with you as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this happened in order to fulfill what the Lord declared through the prophet: "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and he shall be called 'Emmanuel,' a name which means 'God with us.'" Thanks be to God.

* Carol: "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

All Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say:
 Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
 Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Choir only Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss:
 Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
 Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

All Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave:
 Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and call you all to gain his everlasting hall.
 Christ was born to save. Christ was born to save!

Medieval Latin text, tr. and para. by John Mason Neale, 1853

Seventh Lesson

Elder Gary Gischel

Luke 2:8-16: *The shepherds go to Bethlehem.*

One: There were some shepherds in that part of the country, keeping watch through the night over their flocks, when suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terrified, but the angel said, "Do not be afraid; I have good news for you. There is great joy coming to all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. And this is your sign: the baby will be lying wrapped in little strips of cloth, in a manger." All at once there was with the angel a great host of heavenly angels, singing praises to God: "Glory to God in highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds

said to one another, “Come, we must go straight to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they ran and found their way to Mary and Joseph. As was told them, the baby was lying in a manger. Thanks be to God.

* Carol: “Angels we have heard on high”

GLORIA

All Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Choir only *Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Choir only *Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

All See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

French carol

Eighth Lesson

C. Justin Smith

Matthew 2:1-11: *The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

One: Jesus was born at Bethlehem in Judea during the reign of Herod. Wise men came from the east to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who is born to be King of the Jews? We have seen the rising of his star, and we have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was greatly perturbed, and so was all Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the chief priests and lawyers of the people, and put this question before them, “Where is the Messiah to be born?” They answered, “In Bethlehem of Judea, and by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a leader to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the wise men to meet him in private, and learned from them the exact time when the star appeared. “Go and search carefully for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and worship him.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising. It stopped over the place where the child lay. At the sight of the star they were overjoyed. Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned home another way. Thanks be to God.

Anthem

From a distant home

Hopson

From a distant home the Savior we come seeking, using as our guide the star so brightly beaming. Lovely eastern star that tells us of God’s morning, heaven’s wondrous light, O never cease your shining! Glory in the highest to the Son of heaven, and upon the earth be peace and love to all. Glowing gold I bring the newborn babe so holy, token of his power to reign above in glory. Frankincense I bring the child of God’s own choosing, token of our prayers to heaven ever rising. Bitter myrrh have I to give the infant Jesus, token of the pain that he will bear to save us.

Walter Ehret and George K. Evans, 1963

The Little Chapel Men’s Ensemble

Brett Blizzard, *baritone*

John 1:1-14: *Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

One: When all things began, the Word was there already. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. Nothing was created without the Word. The Word gave life, the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and to this day, the darkness has not extinguished it. For a light to be made known, God sent a messenger, a man named John. John was not the light; he came to witness to the light, the true light that comes to the world to shine on all people. The Word was in the world; though the world owed its very existence to the Word, the world did not recognize the Word. However, those who heard and believed received power to become children of God, not children born in a human sense of man and woman, flesh and blood, but rather born as true children of God. So the Word became flesh and lived among us, through the glory of God, full of grace and truth. Thanks be to God.

* Carol: "Joy to the world"

ANTIOCH

All Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

All Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Choir only *Be joyful, sing alleluia; Christ is born, joy to the world. Sing alleluia for Christ the Lord is born. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

All He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

* Collect and Blessing

Rev. Rabun

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. O God, who made us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive the Word made flesh as our redeemer, we may one day with sure confidence behold the Son of Righteousness, who will come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. May Christ, the Incarnate One, fill you with inward peace and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Many: Amen.

* Chiming of the Trinity

Please wait in silence for three chimes signifying the Creator, the Redeemer and the Life-giving Spirit.

* Closing Voluntary

Toccata on GO TELL IT

Richard Elliott

("Go tell it on the mountain")

(b. 1957)

* **All who are able, please stand.**

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The new red cassocks and white cottas worn today for the first time by the Little Chapel Chancel Choir and the Little Chapel Ringers are dedicated to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of Herman and Evelyn Blizzard.

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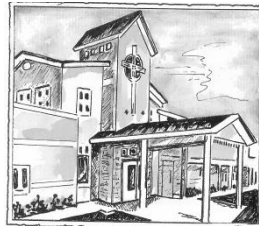
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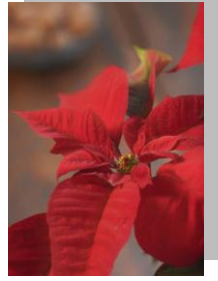
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*We appreciate all who have helped us decorate our church with Poinsettias.
The Poinsettias are given by:*



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In loving memory of our parents
Reuben and Hazel Allen; and,
In loving memory of
Harry and Elizabeth Roach; and,
In honor of our children and grandchildren

Ted's family-Scottie, Kate, Erin and Wilson

In loving memory of Ted Anderson

Harriett and Robert Andrew

In honor of our children and grandchildren:
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Brian, Tricia, Ethan and Emma Ennis; and,
In honor of
Fredericka Powell, Harriett's mother

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In loving memory of
Evelyn and George Welch; and,
In honor of Mary and David Austin

Cynthia and Bob Avent

In loving memory of our parents; and,
In honor of
Airman 1st Class Vincent and Chelsea Long

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In loving memory of Bruce Cartier; and
In loving memory of Marian Cooper; and,
In loving memory of John Fiddner; and
In loving memory of Mac McIver

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Albert and Viola Bancroft; and,
In loving memory of our parents
Joe D. and Thelma Edwards; and,
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In loving memory of my husband
Jack Welles, who loved the Christmas Season;
and,
In honor of Jesus, for His "Birthday"

Shirley Griffin

In loving memory of Jack Griffin

Taylor Hammond

In loving memory of Jessie Hammond

J.C. Hearne, II

In loving memory of John J. Carroll, III

Dru and Jim Hoge

In honor of Sister Rosemary Hoge,
serving her 52nd year as an Ursuline Nun

Larry and Gwynn Honeycutt

In honor of the engagement of
Allison Honeycutt and Nate Clark

Marilyn Kimbro

In honor of James, Lilli, and Noah Kimbro

Mary Jo and Gary Kohunsky

In loving memory of our parents; and,
In honor of our children

Susan Long

In loving memory of my husband, Bob; and,
In honor of my children and grandchildren

Peggy and Jim Mahony

In loving memory of Alma S. Mahony; and,
In loving memory of Lucille A. Mason

Connie and Andy Marhevsky

In loving memory of
Andrew and Dorothy Marhevsky; and,
In loving memory of
Frank and Margaret Race

Margaret and Bryan McIntyre

In honor of our children and grandchildren

Mildred Mclver

In loving memory of
Malcolm C. Mclver III; and,
In loving memory of Malcolm C. Mclver, Jr.

Fredericka L. Powell

In honor of Harriett and Robert Andrew
on their wedding anniversary,
December 22

Marcia and Pat Rabun

In honor of our new church family. Thank you for
opening your arms to us.

Bagley and Nelson Reynolds

In honor of C. Justin Smith,
Director of Music and Organist

Gayle and Jim Rivenbark

In loving memory of their parents

Carol A. Russell

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Horton; and,
In honor of Gerry Williamson

Karen Scheboth

In honor of the LCOB office elves; and,
In honor of the IS/IT volunteers; and,
In honor of my husband Bob, and my children –
Jaclynn, Courtney and Travis

Heather and Bill Schild

In loving memory of Christina Gianoplus; and,
In honor of our parents
Frank and Bridget Bryson; and,
Bill and Jean Schild; and,
In honor of our children Andrew and Kate

Jean and Bill Schild

In honor of our grandchildren:
Andrew, Kate, Ben and Zach

Riley, John, Will and Mason

In loving memory of our grandfather,
John F. Schultz

Linda Shahaltough

In loving memory of my husband,
my parents and my brother

Janice Lewis Willetts

In loving memory of Lowell Bennett Lewis, Sr.; and,
In loving memory of Lowell Bennett Lewis, Jr.

Barbara and Bob Williams

In honor of our grandchildren Emilia, Ana, Alexanne
and Emily Elizabeth

DECEMBER 18, 2011
THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you know of someone who is hospitalized, or of a birth, death, or illness, please notify the church office: (910) 256-2819, ext. 100.

Mickey Trost (Aldersgate); Buddy Marshburn (Brightmore); Jean Mobley, Charles and Johnnie Schiltz, Bill Waterbury (Champions); Katie Stafford (Clare Bridge); Marilyn Gray, Harrison Hein, Gwen Shaw (Davis); Anne Roethlinger (North Chase Nursing and Rehab); Carl Schutt (Trinity Grove)

FOR OUR MEMBERS

Jack Ashby family; Chris Cox; Dorothy and Ralph Horton; Roger Inman; Bertha and Debbie Martin; Gwen Shaw; Phyllis Schutt; Graham Barefoot family;

FOR OUR FRIENDS

Woody Barker; Luke Black; Jennifer Brindisi; Betty Casteen; Kennedy Cobble; Joe Crawford; James Evans; Julie Groves; Ray Groves; Amy Houser; Carlton and Marilyn Kimbro; Tricia Kirchner (Taylor and Bettie Ann Johnson's daughter); Donna Lane; Buddy Langley; Helen Murchison; Rebecca Newman and family; Kathy Powell; Mae Price; Buck Ranson and family; Wilma Steele; Frieda Wilkins; Ed Wilson; Glenn Wilson; Shirley Wilson; our nation's leaders, those serving in the military, their families; and all veterans; those impacted by natural and economic disasters; and, **our missionaries in the Congo: Larry and Inge Streshley.**

We extend Christian sympathies to the family of John "Jack" Gross Ashby, who died December 10, 2011. Jack became a member of the Little Chapel in March 1999. Jack is survived by his daughter Harriet Ahsby Bonds and husband Robert of Walterboro, SC and son Jack Gross Ashby, Jr. of Wilmington. Grandchildren Ashby Bonds, Jack Bonds and Robert Bonds all of Walterboro, SC.

We extend Christian sympathies to the family of Graham Ballard Barefoot, Jr. who died Friday, December 9. Graham and his wife Jane joined the Little Chapel in June 1999. Graham is survived by his beloved wife Jane Robinette Barefoot; a brother David; a sister Roxana Miller; his children, Suzanne B. Meacham, Elizabeth B. Vinson (Mark), Layton M. Barefoot, and Eleanor B. Smythe (Gus); step-children, Rodney Lee Robinette (Kelly), Sarah Shults (Douglas) and Mary Robinette; grandchildren, William, Anna, and Eleanor Meacham, Graham, Blake, and Taylor Vinson, Austin and Isabelle Smythe, Ryan and Mitchell Robinette, and Mary Beth and Conly Sults; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

Date of Attendance: December 11, 2011
Sunday School 53; Worship: 138
Worship Service Offering: \$6,186
Weekly contributions needed: \$7,620
Year to Date Offering: \$291,062
Year to Date Budget: \$381,000

REMINDERS:

If you have not had the chance to return a pledge card, it isn't too late. You can mail it or drop it off by the church office. Pledge cards are available in the narthex, or to receive one please contact the church office at (910) 256-2819 ext. 100.

2012 ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

We have updated the numbers to the offering envelopes. Please pick up your envelopes, available in the fellowship hall. You are asked to please contact the church office if you do not see your offering envelopes and a number will be assigned to you.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We would like to remember our Little Chapel staff with our appreciation for all that they do for us all year. If you wish to make a contribution to Staff Christmas Gifts, please make your check payable to the Little Chapel and mark **"Staff Christmas Gifts."** You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or leave it in the church office.

~Personnel and Planning Committee

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

CANNED FRUIT IS THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD OF THE MONTH.

We are up to 342 canned goods donated to the Salvation Army!

Challenge to the congregation: another 100 this week?

WANTED: FILLED AND WRAPPED CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES.

Please apply label for male/female/either on the wrapped shoebox and place where designated on the table in the fellowship hall. These will be delivered on Christmas Day with Meals on Wheels. If anyone needs empty boxes to fill, please pick one up. Possible list of items to be included is available.

Contact: Helen Swartz, 350-7904; or, Jean Northrop, 686-5376.

THE CUPBOARD IS BARE

The food pantries in Wilmington are running low and need our help to fill them up. During the month of December, we ask you to bring canned goods to worship with you and place them in the basket in the chancel. The Salvation Army suggests “meals in a can”. They particularly need ravioli, beef stew, spaghetti, tuna fish and chicken. Also, needed are cans of peaches and other fruit. If you wish to make donations, please put them in the basket located in the chancel.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received today. Half of this offering will be sent to the PC(USA) for their Christmas Joy Offering. This will be distributed equally to:

PC(USA)

- 1) the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, providing critical assistance to church workers, and
- 2) support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial and ethnic colleges.

MEALS ON WHEELS

- 3) The other half of our Christmas Joy Offering will be given to help sustain the Meals on Wheels ministry.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

The Christmas Eve service special offerings will be received at both services. One half will be given to the Salvation Army for their many Christmas projects; the other half will be sent to the Church World Services Blanket Program, which provides blankets for our neighbors around the world during times of disaster.

TILESTON OUTREACH

Please bring NO donations for Tileston Outreach until 2012. We have no space here at the church to store your gifts until January. Special needs for Tileston guests will be highlighted in the January newsletter. Thanks for your support of our mission to Tileston during 2011! We'll count on your help again next year.

THIS WEEK AT THE LITTLE CHAPEL

Elders of the Month: Linda Allen and J.C. Hearne

This month's card ministry: Dianne Matthews

This month's Usher Captains: Dru and Jim Hoge

SUNDAY 12/18/11

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00AM

Children's Choir

9:15AM

Sunday School

10:15AM

Festival Voluntary begins

10:30AM

Lessons and Carols Worship Service

Heather Noe, Nursery Caregivers

MONDAY 12/19/11

6:30PM

Session 2012 budget meeting

~ rm. 201

TUESDAY 12/20/11

9:30AM

Pat Vass, Dec. 20-23 Visitation

Prayer and Share ~ rm. 102

Hellen Langford, *Devotion*

WEDNESDAY 12/21/11

7:00PM

Longest Night Worship

Service ~ sanctuary

THURSDAY 12/22/11

6:00PM

LCOB Ringers ~ sanctuary

7:30PM

Chancel Choir ~ choir rm.

SATURDAY 12/24/11



5:00PM

Christmas Eve Children's Service

7:30PM

Festival Voluntary begins

8:00PM

Christmas Eve Communion Service

SUNDAY 12/25/11

Christmas Day

Christmas Day Meals on Wheels

10:00AM

Worship

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

12/26/11 and 12/27/11

The church office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

