# JENKINS CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Our purpose is to glorify God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by sharing Jesus, as Savior and Lord and helping people trust Him through WORSHIP, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, OUTREACH, FELLOWSHIP, and SERVICE TO OTHERS.

## ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE

GATHERING IN JESUS NAME "NOEL NOUVELET" (French Carol )

SHARING COMMON CONCERNS

WELCOME & GREETING EACH OTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE (See Bulletin Inserts)

Please sign the attendance register and pass it to other people in the pew with you. Please indicate what service you attended, 8:00 am or 10:15 am

PRAYER/PRAISE REQUESTS - Write on pew card and place in offering plate to be put in the bulletin.

We Pause for a Moment of Silent Prayer, Preparing Our Hearts for Worshiping God. Use this time to make yourself available to God and His word. Lift up in prayer to His Throne the concerns which have been spoken.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES - Welcoming Jesus, The Light Of The World.

\*OPENING - 10:15 am "How Great Our Joy"(Chorus Only) Choir/Congregation No. 144

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: †

**LEADER:** Rejoice in the Lord always.

PEOPLE: Again I say, Rejoice.

LEADER: Let you gentleness be known to everyone.

PEOPLE: The Lord is near.

**LEADER:** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me.

PEOPLE: because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the oppressed.

*HYMN	"JOY TO THE WORLD"	No. 125
*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND *THE LORD'S PRAYER	ADORATION	UNISON
	EXPRESSING OUR FAITH IN GOD	
*STATEMENT OF FAITH - (I	N UNISON) "THE APOSTLES CREED"	On Screen and No. 716
*"GLORIA PATRI"		On Screen and No. 622

#### **CONFESSING OUR SIN**

**Call to Confession:** Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

**Prayers of Confession:** God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. (Continue in silent prayer) Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness:** Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. (Micah 7:18 NIV)

A HYMN IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS "THE ADVENT OF OUR GOD" No. 120

#### **EXPRESSING THANKS TO GOD**

SPECIAL MUSIC	8:00 am	I MISS MY TIME WIT	'H YOU	PEGGY DONEGAN
	8:00 am	Advent Candle		
10:	15 am Bell	s of Christmas and More	Than a Child (Child	ren and Adult Choirs)
CHILDREN'S TIM	E 10:15 am	Advent Candle		ANDREA BARNES
# (Children may leave for Children's Church)				

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE:** Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you. (Deuteronomy 16:17)

OFFERTORY MUSIC:	"SING ALOUD"	(German Carol)	1

\*THE DOXOLOGY (No. 625) and PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

HYMN	"CHRISTMAS HYMN MEDLEY"	Nos. 152,157,166,141		
HEARING GOD'S WORD				
SCRIPTURE LESSON	MATTHEW 11: 1-11	(NIV)		
SERMON	"HE IS THE ONE!!"	Larry Guin, Pastor		
*ADVENT & COMMITMENT	RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORDS "WHAT CHILD IS THIS?"	No. 137 1 & 2		
WE GO FORTH SERVING GOD				
*BENEDICTION – (Blessing) TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD *CHORUS -10:15 am "Emmanuel" Choir/Congregation - No. 134				
PASSING THE BLESSING *POSTLUDE	"RAISE NOW YOUR SONG ON HIG	H" (C. Saint-Saens)		

#### \*PLEASE STAND WHERE THIS MARK APPEARS IF ABLE.

We have childcare available for Infants to age 2 and Toddlers 2 to 4 during both services. INFANT / TODDLER NURSERY: NANCY SUDDARTH

# We have Children's Church for age 5 through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. (Children remain in sanctuary through the children's message). Children stay in regular worship on Sunday's when we celebrate communion or on days we have special programs.

#### LARRY GUIN, PASTOR KIM GLASSCOCK - WORSHIP LEADER 8:00 AM DEBRA ECKERT- WORSHIP LEADER 10:15 AM MELANIE STAUDT, Pianist DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2007 † Isaiah 40:3; 2 Peter 3:13; Isaiah 11:6

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: Worship 8:00 am - 59, 10:15 am - 95; Sunday School - 67 DUTY ELDER FOR THIS WEEK: Melanie Staudt DUTY ELDER FOR NEXT WEEK: Charles Strasser

#### Week Of December 16, 2007

8:00 am Worship Service
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
11:30 am Children's Choir Practice
5:30 pm Christmas Dinner hosted by the Kitchen Committee bring a
dessert and join in the Fellowship and Carol Singing
9:00 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Aerobics
6:00 am Men at Prayer
9:00 am MDO
7:00 pm Women's Exercise Class
Praise and Worship will resume on January 9th (Meal deficit: \$99.22)
9:00 am MDO
7:00 pm Aerobics
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8:00 am Worship Service, 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship
5:30 pm

Note to Men: There will be no Men's Fellowship Breakfast in December.

**HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:** Pam Cammuse on the 17th; Josh Clemons and Wyatt Geary on the 18th; Daniel (Baker) Perry on the 19th; John Waggoner on the 19th; Jacob Baker on the 22nd; Drew Robertson on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

HAPPY DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES TO: Don and Sheila Geary on the 21st.

**The Sanctuary Sunday School Class** plans to do an advent study based on the movie, The Nativity Story, from 11/25 - 12/23, and then start the New Year with a study on 'Good to Great in God's Eyes' by Chip Ingram. You will be blessed by joining us or any of the other adult Sunday School classes.

## **Christmas Baskets for Graceworks**

Jenkins Church will once again support Graceworks this Christmas by supplying 15 baskets for distribution in the community to those in need. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals or groups to give something back to the community. We are happy to announce that the baskets have all been signed for. Our church has responded to a need as usual. Thanks!!!

Matthew 11:1-11

1 After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

2 When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

4 Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. 6 Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written:

" 'I will send my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you.' 11 I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

READER: THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD. PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**.

#### Sermon Outline: He is the One! Matthew 11:1-11

John Asked Jesus, "Are you the Expected One, or should we look for another?" The situation: John the Baptist was in prison. He had been critical of the king and now the king, Herod, held John's future in his hands. Sitting in jail, this man of the fields had time to think and wonder and question and doubt.

John had prepared the way for Jesus. He had proclaimed\_\_\_\_\_

It is possible that Jesus had not met his expectations of the Messiah. He had probably heard about Jesus' activities, His preaching and teaching in the towns of Galilee, but some had expected Him to form an army. Was Jesus really the One? John likely knew that death was in his near future. He needed to know. John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the One.

#### Our doubts.

How did Jesus respond to John's question? Tell him what you hear and see. The blind see The lame walk Lepers are cleansed The deaf hear The dead are raise up The poor have the gospel preached to them.

## **Upcoming/Ongoing Events for Jenkins Youth**

Next Sunday, December 23 - No Youth Meeting December 27-30 - Winter Retreat. We will meet at the church at 8:00am Today: No youth meeting. Join us for the church-wide Christmas Dinner and caroling.

Wednesday - No dinner or service. We will resume January 9th. **Battle of the Bands - Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 7:00pm.** \$10.00 entry fee per band, \$100 cash prize to the best band. All types of music welcomed. (Lyrics and content must be clean.) \$5.00 general admission. Concessions available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the youth mission trip to Caguas, Puerto Rico in 2008. To register a band or to have your questions answered, contact Susan Groce at 615-776-2339 or 615-308-0364.

Join us for an evening of entertainment on Saturday, January 19, 2008 – Jenkins Cumberland Presbyterian Church Youth will host a Songwriter's Coffee House at 7:00pm featuring Country and Christian music songwriters. Advanced reservations and tickets are \$8.00 and \$10.00 at the door. Priority seating is \$60.00 for a table of 8 (limit of 3 tables). Coffee, soda and desserts will be sold at an additional cost. All proceeds benefit the youth mission trip to Caguas, Puerto Rico in 2008. To purchase tickets, make reservations or to have your questions answered, contact Susan Groce at 615-776-2339 or 615-308-0364.

#### COLUMBIA YOUTH WINTER RETREAT UFC: ULTIMATE FAITH CHALLENGE

 "...You have wrestled with God and with men, and you have won." Genesis 32:28b When: December 27-30, 2007
Who: all 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders in Columbia Presbytery And adult leaders in Columbia Presbytery
Where: Mountain Lake Christian Retreat Center Why: why not?
How much: \$90.00 per person

(includes lodging, meals while there, transportation, and a long-sleeved retreat t-shirt) **Form and Deposit of \$50 due December 10.** Let me know ASAP if you are attending the winter retreat in Gatlinburg December 27-30, 2007

## Fundraisers for Jenkins Youth Mission Angel Tree

The youth of Columbia Presbytery will be participating in a mission project in Caguas, Puerto Rico July 6-11, 2008. They have been working very hard to raise money for their trip. So far we have raised \$8,143.48 of the \$43,200 needed for our participants to attend. The youth have worked hard, but still have a long way to go. There are some participants in need of more help than others. During this season of Advent and giving, would you consider making a contribution to a particular participant. Their names and envelopes can be found on the mission Angel Tree located in the lobby. You may select an angel and place your donation in the offering plate or give to Susan Groce.

## Will Work for Mission Money!!!!

Is the stress of Christmas getting to you already? Let our youth help...Here's how: The youth are willing and able to work for you by helping you decorate, wrapping presents, running errands for you, baby-sitting, and even post-Christmas cleaning!!!

Please contact Susan Groce at the church or on her cell phone (308-0364) to make arrangements for this holiday service. Jenkins Youth are serious about earning the money for their mission trips!!!

## **Church Library News**

Revisit the true meaning of Christmas through stories from women about their most heartfelt Christmas memories in Janice Chaffee's book, *One Silent Night: Women's Stories about Christmas.* These stories celebrate the birth of Jesus and the love He offers us today.

The church library is located in the pastor's old office. Check out books by signing your name, phone number, and book title on the sheet located on the desk.

## NOLENSVILLE LIBRARY - MS. KAREN'S STORY TIME

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for some great stories, crafts and fun! December 19,- A Jingle Bell Christmas

## CPWM

## Resolution Revival !!

Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 Come renew your spirit with a Women's Revival!! More details soon.

## **Christmas Poinsettias for Sanctuary**

## We have these Poinsettias ordered so far

In Memory of: Maderline McArthur, by Charles and Sara Strasser Mr. & Mrs. Adam Strasser, by Jerry and Ruth Bowers Mr. & Mrs. John Bowers, """""" Don Smith, by Jim and Pam Baker (Pam's dad) Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes, by Mary Beth and Bill Roland Sara Roland, """""""""" Mike Hayes, by Gail Simpson Mr. & Mrs. Giles Thomas, by Joyce and Charlie Thomas Mr. & Mrs. James Davis, """"""""" Our loved ones, by Brad and Donna Bondanza In Honor of: All our many blessings, """"""

Poinsettias will be ordered to decorate our sanctuary on for the celebration of Christmas. If you would like to purchase one in honor or in memory of someone, the cost is \$10.00 per plant. Simply complete the form and make your check payable to Jenkins CPC (Form is below for your convenience). You may mark your Check "poinsettia" or put your money in an envelope and write "poinsettia" on the outside and drop in offering plate. The poinsettias may be taken home with you after the Christmas Eve evening communion and Candlelight services on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 per plant

Total amount Enclosed or Attached:

 **Our Prayer List**: We leave names on for four weeks at a time. If a name has been removed and you wish to add them back on, please feel free to contact the office or fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate.

#### 11/18

Scott Barnes David Dew & Jeanne Martin (Sister & bro-in-law of Bill Martin) Gail Simpson & Family (mother passed) Susan Dornan Brad Bondanza (heart surgery last Tuesday) Family of Taylor Douglas Baird (Infant child of Doug and Christi Baird) Mike Street - (Brother of Wes Street) Family of Scotty Gatlin - (Nicki Naron) Ralph Hofer Family of Forrest Gibbs (Meg Coates' neighbor) 11/25 Family and Friends of Mike Havs Richard Woodruff Sherry Windrow Rick Nute cancer (Lisa Rippy Church members to step up and serve where needed Jerry Hofer Jason Hargis Pearl Crockett 80 vrs vouna, broken knee (Susan Dornan) Nathan Jackson, Chemo is shrinking tumors!!! (Susan Dornan David & Carrie Rohr Justin Adams James Smith Family of Gene Samples

Debbie Martin's Dad (surgery Fri) Family of Nellie Williams (Mary Beth Roland's Aunt) Helen Curtis (cancer) Amy Hart (Jessie Mattox) teacher at PHS hip replacement surgery Student from Columbia Academy killed Rvleigh Rummage - MDO student Unbelievers and those who may witness to them Monique Williams (Jade's sister in England) Ralph and Karen Hofer (Jennifer Thompson-Treece) Brad Whtie (Tommy Clark) job Katie Reagan (Tommy Clark) - Surgery Family of man who died in dump truck accident in subdivision Dr. Leitchner to Iraq, Pam Cammuse Ellen Wachter Marsha Groce Nancy Suddarth 12/2 Robert McCord (Brother of Jean Fast, pneumonia) Beverly Lamp (Broken neck, surgery last Friday. Friend of Clemons) Steve Groce (Jaime's father detached retina) Family of Sam Moore (Jim Baker employee) Angie Williams (biopsy)

12/5 **Diane Riggs& Mom** Logan Masengill (student at RHS heart attack) People to be drawn to the true meaning of Christmas 12/09 John Haley (Melanie Staudt) Katie Oaks (daughter of Melanie, performance jitters) Family of Marie Fugua (Mark's mother) 12/12 Wendy Skinner Jake List Monique Williams (Jade Williams) Family of Harry Ross Brandon Haidu (family of close friend of Susan Groce. He is in an iron lung at Vanderbilt due to car wreck) Steve Smithson (Jessie Mattox) **Dillon Holt's family** Nancy Suddarth -Praise! Mandy Williams (Pam Cammuse friend Breast biopsy not good) The Webb Family (Shareece Russell) Yatsky's visas Sara Bennett (Nicki Naron) Laura Weber (Diane Riggs) Horace Jarvis (Cindv Rose's father)

Remember those who are homebound or in Nursing Homes. Pray for our troops as they serve around the world. Pray that God will safeguard them and provide for their needs, whether physical, spiritual or emotional. Pray for peace for the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches in Buenaventura, Columbia, South America.(Church Bombings)