

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

GATHERING IN JESUS NAME

PRELUDE "BRING A TORCH" (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 "BELLS OF CHRISTMAS" JOINT CHOIRS

* CALL TO WORSHIP: †

LEADER: Shower, O heavens, from above,

PEOPLE: and let the skies rain down righteousness;

LEADER: let the earth open, that salvation may spring up.

PEOPLE: Look, the young woman is with child

LEADER: and shall bear a son,

PEOPLE: and shall call His name Immanuel.

*HYMN "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING" No. 133

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER UNISON

EXPRESSING OUR FAITH IN GOD

*STATEMENT OF FAITH - (IN UNISON) "THE APOSTLES CREED" On Screen and No. 716

**"GLORIA PATRI" On Screen and No. 622

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Call to Confession: When he (prodigal son) came to his senses, he said "...I will...go back to my Father and say to Him; Father I have sinned against heaven and against You..."(LUKE 15:17-18)

Prayers of Confession: (unison) O Holy Lord of hope, in this season of holy anticipation, hear us as we come to You with humble hearts. You created us to feel the deep joy of Your presence and to share in the wonders of Your love. You created us to be people of prayer, to be people who discover You in prayer and grow deeper in our love of You through prayer. You created us to be a people of awe and wonder who look around our lives and discover Your presence everywhere, bringing light and life to everything. You created us to be all of these, yet we can become so wrapped up in the struggles of life that we shut out You and Your joy. We can become so busy that we never pray, let alone discover You in prayer. We can become so focused on this and that, that we never look up from our lives to discover Your mystery all around us. Touch our hearts this morning so that we can become people of joy, prayer, and gratitude who shine in Your presence. (continue in silent prayer) Amen. (N. Graham Standish)

Assurance of Forgiveness: But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away. (I John 1:9)

SPECIAL MUSIC 10:15 HOW FAR IS IT TO BETHLEHEM CHOIR
CANDLE LIGHT CAROL LADIES ENSEMBLE

EXPRESSING THANKS TO GOD

8:00 am Advent Candle
CHILDREN'S TIME 10:15 am Advent Candle ANDREA BARNES

(Children remain in Sanctuary no children's church today)

SPECIAL MUSIC 8:00 am O, HOLY NIGHT KIM GLASSCOK & TRIO

SPECIAL MUSIC 10:15 am MARY DID YOU KNOW CHOIR
AVE MARIA JULIE LUCKS

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: "WHAT CHILD IS THIS" TRADITIONAL ENGLISH

*THE DOXOLOGY (No. 625) and PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING
HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON LUKE 1:26-38..MATTHEW 1: 18-23..LUKE 2:1-16(NIV).....3 READERS

SERMON Larry Guin, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORDS

*ADVENT & COMMITMENT "SILENT NIGHT HOLY NIGHT" No. 147

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 "HALLELUJAH CHORUS" G.F. HANDEL

***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 5th 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 HOME 395-2175 CELL 668-5236
STEVE ALLEMORE - WORSHIP LEADER 8:00 AM SAM SUDDARTH - SONG LEADER 8:00 & 10:15AM
MARY JO BRYAN- WORSHIP LEADER 10:15 AM JULIE BIRDSONG- CHOIR DIRECTOR 10:15AM
MELANIE STAUDT, Pianist SVETA IATSKAYA, Organist
DATE: DECEMBER 23, 2007 COLOR: PURPLE
† Isaiah 45:8; Isaiah 7:14

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: Worship 8:00 am - 56, 10:15 am - 101; Sunday School - 72
DUTY ELDER FOR THIS WEEK: Charles Strasser
DUTY ELDER FOR NEXT WEEK: Sherry Windrow

Week Of December 23, 2007

TODAY 8:00 am **Worship Service**
9:00 am **Sunday School**
10:15 am **Worship Service**
5:30 pm **No adult choir practice**

MONDAY 9:00 am **No Women's Bible Study(will resume on January 7, 2008)**
5:00-7:00 pm **Christmas Eve Communion, Candles, and Readings**

TUESDAY Holy Nativity, Christ was born!!!

WEDNESDAY Praise and Worship will resume on January 9th (Meal deficit: \$99.22)

THURSDAY 7:00 pm **Aerobics**

SATURDAY

NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 am **Worship Service Brunch to follow, Men leading Worship**
Jaime Groce will bring the message.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION WITH CAROLS, CANDLES, AND READINGS

Communion served to families and groups: 5:00-6:00 pm
Carols, Candles, and Readings: 6:00-6:45 pm
Communion served 6:45-7:00 pm

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO: Kim Hardison on the 23rd; Brad Bondanza on the 25th; Sveta Iatskaya on the 26th; Rachel Robertson on the 27th; Beverly Medlen on the 28th.

HAPPY DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES TO: Steve and Julie Lucks on the 27th.

Please check your Church mailbox, located outside the gym entrance in a milk crate.

THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF PETE AND BETTE MOSLEY ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, 7:30-UNTIL (we fall asleep) FOR A TIME OF COUNTING BLESSINGS OVER THE PAST YEAR, AND A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR WITH GOOD FRIENDS. BRING A FINGER FOOD AND FRIENDS
Call 776-2317 to RSVP and Directions

YEAR END GIVING

The treasurer reports that several special year-end gifts have been received and have been used to pay on the second mortgage.

Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God."

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Matthew 1:18-23

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered 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 as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

Luke 2:1-16

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to his own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ^[a] the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

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

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 6th -12th 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

Rachel, the daughter of a widowed shepherd, finds a beautiful bell in the dusty streets of Bethlehem. A wise woman in the village tells her to keep the bell until something happens. Then Rachel will know it is time to give the bell away. ***The Christmas Bell*** by Kenzer Rolf is a beautiful picture book about the Nativity.

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 26,- **No story time, Merry Christmas**

CPWM

Resolution Revival !!

Sunday, January 6th 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, “ “ “ “ “ “
Bill Crowther & Melvin Lucks by Steve, Julie, & Jennifer Lucks
Our loved ones, by Brad and Donna Bondanza
In Honor of: All our many blessings, “ “ “ “
Ellen Crowther & Helen Lucks by Steve, Julie, and Jennifer Lucks
Paul Evans; Don & Lois Geary by Don & Sheila Geary

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 24th.

Name: _____

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

Total amount Enclosed or Attached: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

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)
(heart surgery last Tuesday)

11/25

Family and Friends of
Mike Hays
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 yrs young, 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

Ryleigh Rummage - MDO student

Unbelievers and those who may witness to them

Monique Williams (Jade's sister in England)

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

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)

Family of Marie Fuqua (Ed's mother)

12/12

Wendy Skinner

Jake List

Monique Williams (miscarriage)

Family of Harry Ross

Steve Smithson (Jessie Mattox)

Ralph and Karen Hofer (Jennifer Thompson-Treece)

Brandon Hajdu (family of close friend of Susan Groce. He is in an iron lung at Vanderbilt due to car wreck)

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)

Lauren Weber (Diane Riggs)

Horace Jarvis (Cindy Rose's father)

James Rettig Liver cancer (Duncan's friend)

Brad Bondanza (praise)

Adelaine Regas (infant facing cleft pallet surgery)

Marshall Morgan (propstate) L. Moses

Kate Patterson (cancer has returned) L. Moses

Lindsay Montgomery (cervical cancer) L. Moses

Praise for first great-grandchild Evelyn Montgomery (L. Moses)

Dot and Tony Tidwell (Pam Cammuse aunt and uncle)

Lost daughter Sheila to breast cancer

(funeral Sunday or Monday and daughter Darlene has stomach cancer)

Family of Robert McCord (Jean Fast's brother)

God With Us, to Save Us

Luke,

Matthew

Luke

Introduction: Foretold 700 years before it happened and now over 200 years after the event, the Birth of Jesus is still the greatest story ever told.

A virgin conceiving a divine Son.....

Each gospel writer begins the story in a different way.

Matthew _____

1. The message came to Joseph at night.

2. The baby (Jesus) had no earthly father.
Jesus is from the Holy Spirit.
God's Spirit _____

3. Two names for the baby
Jesus - He will save His people.
Emmanuel – God with us.

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)