

A Service of Lessons and Carols

10:30 a.m.

December 27, 2009

Gathering of God's People

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Concerns of the Church

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Opening Prayer

Prelude

In Dulci Jubilo

Leo Sowerby

*Call to Worship

Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

O earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

Hymn of Praise 23

Gloria

Angels, We Have Heard on High

Celebrating God's Grace

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison **572** Lord Have Mercy Merbecke

***Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.***

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri **579**

***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.***

*Greeting One Another in Christ's Name

The Peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

Proclaiming God's Word Lessons and Carols

Prayer for Illumination (Sung)

***O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We
hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!***

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Dave Hockett

Hymn 40

Joy to the World

Antioch

Second Lesson Isaiah 63: 7-9 Pat Hockett
Hymn 28 *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

Third Lesson Matthew 1:18-25 Betty Bush
Anthem Jamaican Folk Song
The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

Fourth Lesson Luke 2:1-20 Blake Hardy
Hymn 32 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Fifth Lesson Matthew 2:13-23 Suzanne Anzalone
Anthem *A La Ru* Hispanic Folk Melody

Sixth Lesson John 1:1-14 Melissa Ham
Hymn 41 *O Come All Ye Faithful* Adeste Fidelis

*Affirmation 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo *In The Bleak Mid-Winter* Guntar Holst
Pat Hockett, Soprano

*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. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

O Lord hear our prayers for:

Church Members

Susan Baggarly; Joanne Foster; Pat Hockett; Pat Fox; Archie Fountain; Penny Fort; Virginia Suty; Florence Landers; Pat Cooper; Bob & Joanne Foster; Pete Garcia and family; Beauford Roberts.

Family & Friends of Church Members

Jerry Kopp (friend of Albert Wallace); **Mary Katherine Wood** (granddaughter of Oliver & Pat Wood); **Jose Smith; Carley Scroggins** (cousin of Wendy Taylor); **Dean Pritchett** (Friend of Marvin Ham); **Claudia Mertl** (friend of Baggarly family); **Ruth Anne** (friend of Linda McElroy); **Dorothy and Fred Kobus** (sister & brother-in-law of Ruby White); **Rufus Thompson** (brother of Ruby White & Chris Lizama);

Jeannie & James Lassiter, Melvin & Lorraine Saunders (cousins of Ruby White); **Ruth Hays Smith** (friend of Susan Baggarly); **Vivian Rice** (friend of Carol Hatfield); **Sarah Griffith** (mother of Nardina Turner); **Becky Diaz** (cousin of Raymond Baggarly); **Taylor Hulsey** (12 year old critically ill cancer patient); **Byrdie Bevel** (Aunt of Pat Woods); **Inez Rutledge** (mother of Wendy Taylor's office manager); **Kathy Westervelt** (sister-in law of John & Vicki Westervelt); **Good Shepherd Clinic; Dick & Barbara Fox** (Pat Fox's brother and sister-in-law); **Richard Sandifer** (brother-in-law of Walter & Gwen Taylor); **Dianne Campbell** (friend of Ruby White); **Steve & Cheryl Lewis** (son-in-law of Dr. Charles & Margaret Carter, friends of Carolyn Fox); **Debora Bryson & family** (friends of Elaine & Ronnie Piper); **Mel Griffith** (father of Deanie Turner); **Christopher Brewer** (Betty Bush's grandson); **Jack Silvernail** (uncle of Corina Barbee); **Michael Foster** (Bob & Joanne Foster's son); **Jasper Hartz; Justin Elliott** (friend of Laura Parkhouse).

Military

Marc Maketo; Josh Hamby; Jason Ali-Talha; William R. Robinson; Alan & Regina Simpson Gulke; Daniel Hudalla; Kyle Hudalla; Morgan Nickerson, Ryan Tewell; Philip Ham, John Ham, Chris Lankford, and Spencer Hardy.

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.

Going in God's Name

*Hymn of Commitment 56 *The First Nowell*

*Benediction

Postlude *Joy to the World* *Wilbur Held*

Areas of Service – December 27, 2009

Fellowship – Women of the Church

Greeters – Beth Trebendis & John Anzalone

Ushers – Billy Luetkemeyer, Brian Luetkemeyer, Linda
McElroy, John Westervelt

Worship Assistant – Alan Bergmann

Worship and Music Notes

The first Service of Lessons and Carols was held in December of 1918 just after World War I ended. Eric Milne-White, a chaplain at Cambridge University was dismayed at the widespread disillusionment with Christianity which took hold throughout Europe in the wake of the most vicious and deadly fighting Europeans

had ever known. Milne-White hoped to use the message of universal salvation prevalent in Advent and Christmas texts to help heal the spiritual wounds and divisions created by war. Today's service has been modified from the original fit with our local traditions but the basic format is the same. A set of seven readings is used, with prayers and hymns in response. The Old Testament readings come from the final portion of Isaiah, a portion dominated by the theme of universal salvation. The readings from the "Infancy narratives of Luke present Jesus as the Savior of all humankind, not as the political/military Messiah who was expected. Hearing familiar texts this context allows us to experience them in a new way, so the words become fresh again.

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Minute for Mission: The Synod of South Atlantic

Christians often want their church to be all about them. But the church is to be all about God and what God is trying to do in their community and beyond. They pray "Thy kingdom come, they will be done", but often they are unwilling to do whatever it takes to reach people in their community and beyond for Jesus Christ.

The church is the only institution that exists for those who are outside its membership. So church members are called to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations", their ministry is simple: "Love your neighbor

as yourself.” This purpose is point: God has placed the church where it is to reach out to those who do not know him yet. Their plan is purposeful: “You will be my witness in Jerusalem (the community) and Samaria (the country) and to the ends of the earth.”

Fleming Island Presbyterian, a new church development in Orange Park, Florida has followed this simple plan with great results. In 2008, forty-one of its 278 members traveled to Diamondhead, Mississippi where they reached out to share God’s love with hurricane victims. Fleming Island is the Presbytery of St. Augustine. The Synod of South Atlantic’s sixteen presbyteries have 978 churches and 271,397 members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a “Get a Grip” Program. Please bring your gently used luggage, carry-on bags, backpacks, etc., to be donated to Securus House. These pieces of luggage will help women & children transport their belongings from one residence to another with dignity. Check your attic, basement or closet for luggage (*grips*) you are no longer using. This is a great opportunity to help others. If you would like additional information, contact Jane Luetkemeyer.

The Book Club is reading “Three Cups of Tea” by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. We will discuss the book on January 14, 2010 at 6:30 in the church parlor. Nancy Parkhouse will be leading the discussion, we would love to have you join us!

Evening Bible Study meets on the first, third, fourth and fifth **Tuesdays at 6:00 PM** in the church parlor. **Please Join us!** Bring your Bible and a friend.

The Church at Prayer meets at 1:30 PM every Tuesday, in the parlor, to intercede on behalf of the church and community. Please join us. If you would like more information, contact Ruby White.

The Juanita Hambrick Circle meets at 10:00 AM the second Tuesday of each month. All are invited to attend.

The Breakfast Bunch meets the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Dwarf House on Tara Boulevard. *Everyone is welcome!* For additional information contact Eloise Belle Isle.

Good Shepherd Clinic prayer requests are located in the pink box in the narthex. Please be sure to check the box, and pray daily for the concerns listed.

Please make your prayer requests by using the card found in the friendship pad or you may call the church office (770-478-8118) during the week. All names will be printed in the bulletin and included in prayers during the week and the following Sunday. Please keep the prayer list current; advise the pastor or church office of changes as soon as possible.

Items we save to benefit various organizations:

Campbell Soup UPC codes and cancelled postage stamps (with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch border) for the PCUSA's Duvall Home in Florida.

Presbyterian Women save brown money (pennies).

Used print cartridges benefit Clayton Family Care.