

GOING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Creator of Stars of Night” (Hymn 4, v4)

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Remember in prayer ...*

We experience unity in the Spirit as we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in this Presbytery and around the world as well as for the Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Workers in 63 countries. Today we lift up the **First Presbyterian Church (Selmer, TN)**.

Those in Mission

- ◆ Robert Gamble and his missionary work with “This Child Here”
- ◆ The Plath Family and their missionary work in Rexburg, Idaho
- ◆ Andrew & Caroline Toney-Noland and their mission work in Nepal (Alisa Free)

Graduate & Undergraduate Students

Ava Jett	Alyssa McArthur
Griffin Jett	Kara Robinson
Allison Kerr	Ethan Williams
Madeline Lunsford	Ethan Wright

Our Country and the Men and Women of Our Armed Forces

Will Locastro<sup>11/16</sup> (One-year tour to Kosovo)  
Michael Foster (Heather Foster's Brother-in-law)  
Daniel Hewitt (Karen Wimpee's nephew)  
Blake Merr (Billy & Lynn Staggs)  
Jeff Cross and Family (Lynn Staggs)

*Prayer Requests ...*

The Residents of Village of Pajjuiles  
The Children & Youth of Our Church  
Mary Ann Harris<sup>(01/10)</sup>  
Ben Brownlee<sup>2/13</sup> (Friend of Jim Wilcox)  
Trish Gurney<sup>1/12</sup> (John Gurney's mother)  
Tanika Obeysekere<sup>2/16</sup> (Friend of Cari Barney)  
Faye Ray<sup>6/16</sup> (Melanye Lunsford's mother)  
Billy Staggs  
Dotty Coulson  
Cathy Church

Mary Ann Epperson  
Lucy McDonald  
Margaret Hewitt (Karen Wimpee's mother)  
Jessica Ballard (Alisa Free)  
Karen Ermeling (Suzi Arant's aunt)  
Neighbor having surgery, our military and our nation (Billy Staggs)  
<sup>4</sup>Randy Harris and family in the loss of his mother  
<sup>4</sup>Sherry Lynch in the loss of her mother (Joy Sutherland)

**Collierville Presbyterian Church • Presbyterian Church (USA)**

Rev. Mark Wright, Pastor • Renée Murray, Accompanist



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY • 10:30 A.M.  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT • DECEMBER 4, 2016

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*(As we prepare ourselves for worship, let us individually pray.)*

**Lord of Advent, in our worship send us your Spirit to call us and challenge us to prepare for the coming of the Holy One, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

**“Comfort My People”**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(\*Please stand if able.) (Responsive)*

Leader: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

People: **The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.**

Leader: He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

People: **Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.**

Leader: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the faling together, and a little child shall lead them.

People: **The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

Leader: The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

People: **They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*Karen Wimpee, Glenda Kendrick, and Alisa Free*

\*CANDLE LIGHTING RESPONSE

**“He Came Down”**

**He came down that we may have hope, he came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have peace, he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.**

\*HYMN 602

**“Song of Zechariah”**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

**Goodness Incarnate, we must confess that we have not lived as your children. We sit in our lonely lives feasting on bitterness, when we could be feasting with those we are told not to trust. We wait for all our desires to be taken care of by you, rather than filling the lives of others with your grace and hope. Forgive us, God of this holy season. Wash us clean with the ever-flowing waters of your grace and mercy. Help us draw near to others, so you might heal their brokenness, touch their loneliness, embrace their grief, and love them as you did when you came to us so long ago.**

*(In silence, offer your own personal confession.)*

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Sung by all)* **“Gloria Patria”**

**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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

\*THE DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION **“Old Hundredth”**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

**“One Small Child”**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Luke 1:67-80, 3:1-17** *(NT pp. 58, 60)*

SERMON

**“First Baptist”**

MEDITATIVE SILENCE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 2

**“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(In Unison)* **The Apostles' Creed**

*(Located on inside, back cover of the hymnal. Alternate Text: Holy Spirit to be spoken where Holy Ghost would be spoken.)*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Located on inside, back cover of the hymnal. Alternate Text: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.)*

THE EUCHARIST *(Insert)*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*