



We are glad you chose to worship with us this morning. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to consider the Collierville Presbyterian family. If you have any questions or want to know more about membership you may let us know through the fellowship pad, or by contacting the pastor or another elder.

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 **Shady Grove Presbyterian Church (Memphis, 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^{11/16} (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)

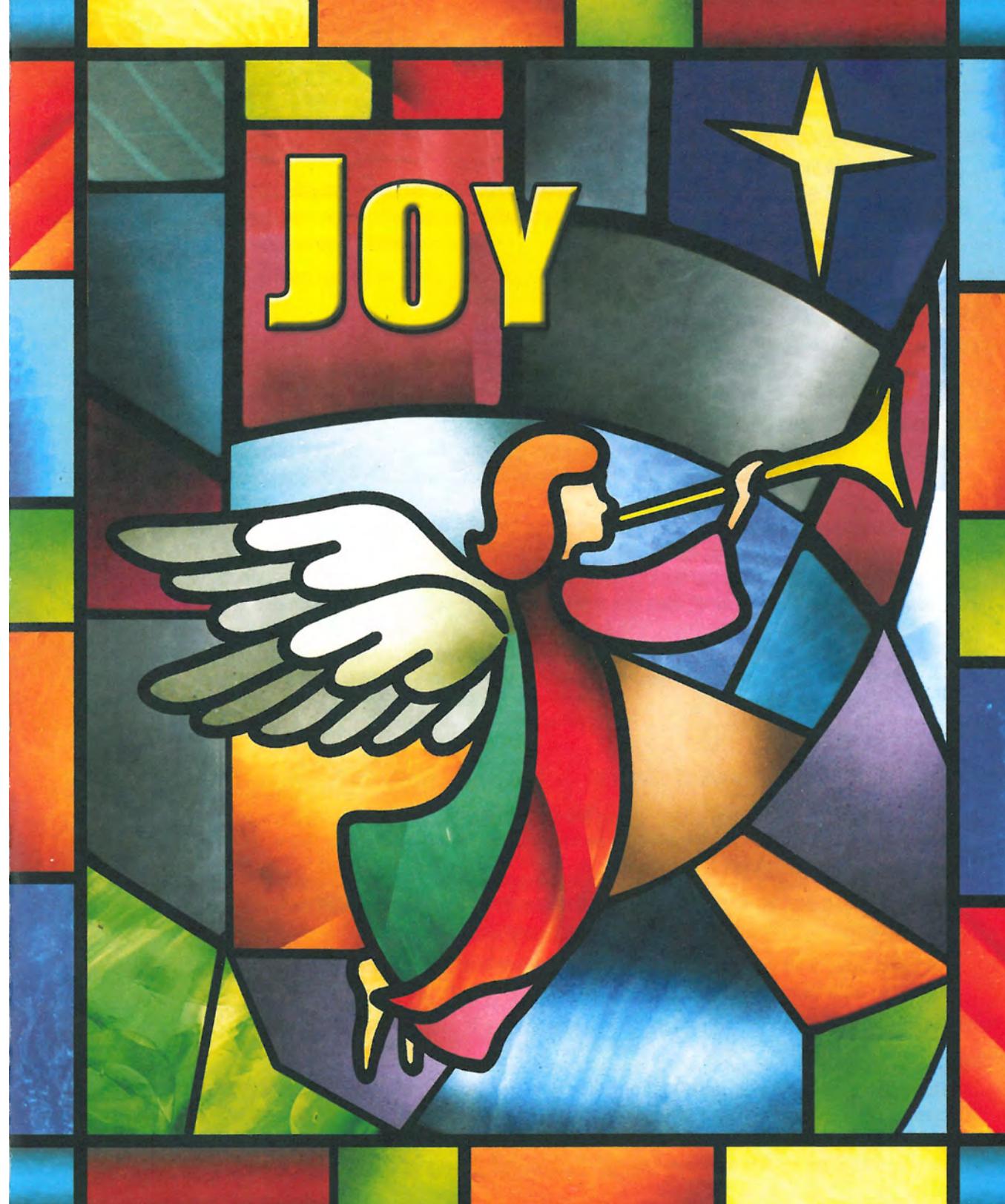
Prayer Requests ...

The Residents of Village of Paijuiles
 The Children & Youth of Our Church
 Mary Ann Harris^(01/10)
 Ben Brownlee^{2/13} (Friend of Jim Wilcox)
 Trish Gurney^{1/12} (John Gurney's mother)
 Tanika Obeysekere^{2/16} (Friend of Cari Barney)
 Faye Ray^{6/16} (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)
 Lucy Talbott
 Virginia Wood
 Families who've recently lost daughters and all those
 who struggle with depression (Joy Sutherland)
 James & Natalee Wilkinson in the loss of his sister
 Aydin (Candy & Chuck Nicholson's grandson)

Collierville Presbyterian Church • Presbyterian Church (USA)

Rev. Mark Wright, Pastor • Renée Murray, Accompanist



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY • 10:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT • DECEMBER 11, 2016

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Gracious God, give us the spirit of Mary, who prayed, "Let it be to me as you have said." Help us this advent and all through our days to be attentive to what you wish to do in and through us that Christ might also be born in us, too. Amen.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

"Prepare the Way"

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

From Isaiah 35

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

People: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

Leader: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

People: Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

Leader: A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;

People: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE *The Jackson Family - Holly, Anthony, Isaiah, Olivia & Isabel*

*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.

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

*HYMN 8

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

This season is supposed to be so holy, God who is coming, yet the din of sales pitches turns us into cynical grumps. As we drive down the streets, the decorations in the windows keep us from seeing the loneliness of the widow within. We send out cards that speak of joy, but we forget that you came so long ago to offer justice to those who have none, not a few words in golden type.

Be patient with us, God of our hearts, as we struggle to speak for the voiceless, to walk with those who have lost their way, to sing of grace which really can offer hope, to be expressions of that love which came to us that night in Bethlehem in the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

(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

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Kate Gurney, violin

*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

"Come, Messiah King"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 1:39-56 (NT p. 57)

SERMON

"Mary Sings Soul"

MEDITATIVE SILENCE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Insert (vs. 1-3)*

"Canticle of the Turning"

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.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(In Unison)* **The Heidelberg Catechism (Question 29)**

Leader: Why is the Son of God called JESUS, which means SAVIOR?

People: Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation is to be sought or found in no other.

GOING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 38

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Canticle of the Turning" (Insert, v4)

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*