



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.

COLLIERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 1, 2017

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 **Bethel Springs Presbyterian Church (Bethel Springs, 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
 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
³Kitty Brewer (Mary Ann Epperson's niece)
⁴Aydin (Candy & Chuck Nicholson's grandson)
³James & Natalee Wilkinson in the loss of his sister
³The Family and Friends of Christopher Waters (Renée Murray)
²The Family of Randal Ross (Linda Stamps)
⁴Families who've recently lost daughters and all those who struggle with depression (Joy Sutherland)



Rev. Mark Wright, Pastor
 Reneé Murray, Accompanist

Welcome! We are truly glad that you are here today! We hope that you will experience the love and presence of God today as we seek to glorify God and live as His faithful disciples. If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guests and hope that you will feel at home and a part of our family of faith. Feel free to be yourself, a beloved child of God.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY • 10:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS • JANUARY 1, 2017

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way, the truth and the life: suffer us not to stray from you, who are the way, nor to distrust you, who are the truth, nor to rest in any other thing than you, who are the life. Teach us by your Holy Spirit what to believe, what to do, and wherein to take our rest. We ask it in your Name's sake. Amen.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

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

Pastor: Welcome to this ancient place:

All: House of prayer for many nations; home to all who come.

Pastor: Welcome to this gathering place:

All: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.

Pastor: Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

All: Generous God and generous Savior, touch us through your Spirit.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *Insert* "How Can I Keep from Singing"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Pastor: Holy God, Maker of all,

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, Son of Mary,

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, breath of life,

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings. *(In silence, offer your own personal confession.)* In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people, I confess to God that I have sinned in thought, word and deed. I have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as I should. I own my responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

All: May God forgive you, Christ befriend you, and the Spirit renew and change your life.

Pastor: Amen

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All: Amen.

*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

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25 *(OT pp. 215, 216)*

SERMON

"Choose"

MEDITATIVE SILENCE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Insert (with alternate v. 4)* "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(In Unison)* John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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)*

GOING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "This is the Day" *(Insert v4)*

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*