

## **Poinsettias**

*The beautiful poinsettias in the chancel area are placed there to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones by members of our congregation and community.*

### ***IN HONOR OF ...***

Morgan, Lilly, & Graham Fox by Carolyn Mumford  
Joyce Blank by the Knox-Wilhelm Circle  
Beverly Blevins by the First Grade Sunday School Class  
Bobbie Williams by the First Grace Sunday School Class  
Ernie Bolen by Joe & Diana Roy  
My great-grandson, Schaefer McDaniel, by Wilma Thiede  
Grant & Caroline by Beth Harper  
Martha Schueler by Jimmy Adams  
The Thompson Family by Lee Inman Thompson  
Dr. Wayne Lord and the Chancel Choir by Melba M. Aiken  
My Wonderful Grace Family by Polly Hargrove  
Mark & Lorelee Kokovich by The Family Foundations Sunday School Class  
Daisy Lyle by Garrett & Briggs Dorn  
Our granddaughters, Allison & Molly, by Bob & Mary Pettit  
The teachers of the Stillwell Class by The Stillwell Class  
Jordan, Ashlyn, Reagan, Maya, Sean, Lauren & Ryan by Joe & Laura Lusk

### ***IN MEMORY OF ...***

Dot & Johnny Ouzts by Barbara & Bob Sweeney  
Mary Ann Bennett by Guy H. Bennett  
Margaret Mumford & J.P. Mumford by Carolyn Mumford  
Mary Ann Bennett by Mike, Lori & Julia Smith  
Mary Ann Bennett by Charles, Michelle & Jerry Bennett  
Robert D. Young by Bob & Glenice Young  
Bob Setzer & Harold Proffitt by Mike & Karen Proffitt, J.P. & Kim Adams, and Nick & Kristin Bradley  
John Steele by his children & grandchildren  
Robert Kershner by Marie Kershner & Debbie Harmon  
Jesse Harmon by Debbie Harmon & Marie Kershner  
Helen Bolen by Joe & Diana Roy  
Jim Stewart by Ginny Stewart  
Loved ones by Wilma Thiede  
Trenece Zachary Lipton by Fred & Marilena Conrad  
Jimmy Nunamaker by Betsy Nunamaker  
Buddy Lemmon by Carolyn Lemmon  
Nathaniel Y. & Maria C. Santos and Abner B. & Alice W. Roof by Terry, Lena, Kristofer & Kristian Roof  
Louie Wanninger by Betty Wanninger & family  
Gwen Wilson by Ed Wilson & family  
Bill & Mary Blitchington by Brenda Skipper & Cindy Smith  
Carl & Rosa Rogers by Lou Ann, Don, & Kyle Sink and Megan & John Bush  
Al Steedley by his family  
Rick Hargrove by Mary Jane Wisenbaker  
Bill Wisenbaker by Mary Jane Wisenbaker  
Kate & Marion Adams by Jimmy Adams  
Elizabeth S. Thompson by Henry Thompson  
Our parents, Raymond & Coywee Melton and Wade & Donna Busch by Sam & Katharine Melton  
My dear wife and our mother by Lee I. Thompson and Jerry, Rod & Steven Thompson  
Leonard H. Aiken, Sr. by Melba M. Aiken  
Rick Hargrove & Lucy Walters by Polly Hargrove  
Donna Petersen by David & Anne Comer, Ben, Danielle, Levin, Mike & Sarah  
Martha Loughridge by Laura, Rob, Caroline & Bobby Shelton  
Virginia Inman by Laura, Rob, Caroline & Bobby Shelton  
Virginia McCartney by Laura, Rob, Caroline & Bobby Shelton  
Dollie Shelton by Laura, Rob, Caroline & Bobby Shelton  
Gwen Wilson by Eddie, Michele, & Dewey Wilson  
Martha & Bill Herndon by Marti, Mike, Taylor & Kimberly Flippo



*December 25, 2011  
Christmas Day*

*11:00 a.m. Worship*

# ***Celebration of Worship***

December 25, 2011 ~ Christmas Day

## **Welcome and Announcements** *(10:50 a.m.)*

**Voluntary** *Joy to the World* Dr. Wayne Lord  
arranged by Donald Hustad

- ◆ **Chiming of the Trinity** *(Please stand when chiming begins)*
- ◆ **Procession** *O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1, 3, 6)* Hymnal Page 234
- ◆ **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** The Smith Family  
The first Advent candle is one of Hope. This candle is a symbol for our own longing for God to be with us.  
The second candle is one of Love. It is a love that has no ending, that lives on in young and old, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year.  
The third candle is for Joy and to remind us that God wants us to rejoice, even when that feels hard to do. This candle is a symbol of the joy that comes when God is with us.  
The fourth candle is one of Peace and reminds us of our dreams for peace in the world and that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is coming. Today we light the center candle, the Christ Candle who is the focus of our faith and our hope in this life and the next.  
**All: Our time of waiting is almost over. May we as people proclaim God's greatness. May we pray for the Light of the World to shine into our lives, and then through our lives, into the darkness of the world. May the Word indeed become flesh and dwell among us. Amen.**

## **Call to Worship**

One: The light shines in the darkness!  
**All: The praising angels around the shepherds at Bethlehem proclaim that light.**  
One: The light shines in the darkness!  
**All: The vulnerable babe, with his mother Mary, is the incarnation of the light.**  
One: The light shines in the darkness!  
**All: The powers of darkness, symbolized by Herod, cannot dim the light.**  
One: The light shines in the darkness!  
**All: The Way of Jesus Christ, just, courageous, forgiving, full of love, is an eternal beacon of light.**

## **Opening Prayer**

One: Come with the shepherds to Bethlehem.  
**All: Wonder, that so much love is set free in such a lowly child.**  
One: Come with the Magi to bring gifts to Mary and Joseph and Jesus.  
**All: Rejoice, that God's gift for all the ages, is given to you.**  
One: Understand with the family of Jesus, the powers that threaten and destroy.  
**All: Be glad that nothing can withstand the loving light of God.**  
One: Come with your family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.  
**All: Rejoice, that the spirit of God's Holy Child continues to reconcile, and to create new beginnings. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray. *(Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer)*

## **Medley of Carols Sung by the Congregation** *(you may remain seated)*

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (UMH pg. 224, verse one)***  
***Angels, We Have Heard on High (UMH pg. 238, verses one & two)***  
***O Little Town of Bethlehem (UMH pg. 230, verses one & two)***  
***Away in a Manger (UMH pg. 217)***  
***Go, Tell It on the Mountain (UMH pg. 251)***

**Children's Sermon** *A Candy Cane Christmas* Rev. Ryan Spurrier

- ◆ **Psalter** *Psalms 98 (response 2)* Hymnal Page 818
- ◆ **Gospel Hymn** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Hymnal Page 240
- ◆ **Gospel Reading** *The Word Became Flesh* John 1:1-9;14 (pg. 70)  
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God. Rev. Spurrier  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Memory Verse: John 1:14**

“And the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.”

**Sermon** *It Looks Better in the Light* Rev. Dennis

- ◆ **Passing of the Peace** *(The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord)*  
Minister: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

## **Service of Giving**

**Organ Offertory** *What Child is This* Dr. Lord  
Arranged Paul Manz

- ◆ **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal Page 94
- ◆ **Recessional Hymn** *Joy to the World* Hymnal Page 246
- ◆ **Dismissal with Blessing**

◆ *The congregation is invited to stand.*

*A nursery is provided for infants through 3-year preschool on the bottom floor of the Asbury Building.  
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