

**\*HYMN #29**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*God be with you 'til we meet again;  
By His counsel guide uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another as you depart.

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**Prayer Concerns**

The Bidwell family  
Ralph Bidwell  
Mary Caley  
Jane Clayton  
Stephen Fancher  
Freddie Flynn  
Lelia Galloway  
The Havard family  
Leo and Christine Horton  
Frank McCoy  
The family of Joe Miller  
Tammy Pennington  
Bailey Santa Cruz  
Ann Scott and family

**Our Vision**

*At Montevallo Presbyterian Church, we will*

- glorify God
- grow as disciples, and
- care for people and creation.

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**Announcements**

Sunday School will resume next Sunday, January 6 at 9:45 AM with a new series on the New Testament. Part of the Great Courses program, this series provides an introduction to the writings of the New Testament – their form, methods of composition, authors, original audiences, and larger historical context. Each session will feature an engaging lecture on DVD by Biblical scholar Bart Ehrman as well as time for questions and discussion. Please join us!

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**Secretary**

Stacie Duke Harris

**Music Director**

Christopher Johnson

**Organist**

Frances Albright

**The Session**

**Class of 2007**

Jane Clayton  
Becky Cox-Rodgers

**Class of 2008**

Mike Pickett  
Judy Rogers

**Class of 2009**

Gene Grimes  
Michele Pawlik

*Montevallo Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*The Service for the Lord's Day  
Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*December 30, 2007*

*11:00 A.M.*



*To all who are weary and need rest, who are lonely and desire companionship, who mourn and want comfort, who sin and need a Savior, and to whoever wishes to come, this church opens its doors.*

## *Welcome*

We welcome our visitors, friends and members to worship as we glorify God on this first Sunday of Christmas. You are invited to prepare your heart and mind for worship in silence during the prelude. \* indicates moments in the service when you are invited to stand if you are able.

## *We Prepare*

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

### **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Before all time and all worlds, there was the Word. That Word came to our time and place as a human being.

**People: The Word was the truth of God.  
That Word has come to us in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: God has spoken through creation, and through prophets. Yet the person of Jesus speaks to us most clearly.

**People: In Christ, we see the glory and kindness of God. Through Christ, we know that we are God's children.**

Leader: Come, then, to sing new songs of praise. Rejoice that God sends messengers of good news.

**People: We bring the melodies of our hearts and voices. Let us praise God!**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE #28**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, we almost missed your light. We confess our neglect of worship, our forgetfulness of your gifts. We have failed to see evidence of your love. We have not heard your cries for justice. We have viewed salvation as strange rhetoric rather than healing transformation. We have mouthed tired platitudes while you call for a new song of true joy and peace. In this season we seek your forgiveness and hope for new life. Amen.

#### **SILENCE**

#### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

#### **\*HYMN OF GRACE**

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
now am found, was blind but now I see.*

## *We Hear*

### **MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN**

**FIRST READING** .....Isaiah 52:7-10

**SECOND READING** ..... John 1:1-14

**SERMON** .....The Word Made Flesh

#### **\*HYMN #21**

"All My Heart Today Rejoices"

## *We Respond*

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

#### **The Apostle's 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.

#### **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **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.

#### **THE OFFERING OF GIFTS**

#### **\*THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON, #592)**

*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**