

Choral Anthem *Behold Your Salvation Comes* Beebe

Behold, your salvation comes, The author of peace and goodwill, In a poor Bethlehem stable on a night starry and still. Behold, your salvation is sleeping in a rude manger of straw, As a bed hardly in keeping with a King who fills wise men with awe. Behold, your salvation comes, so that new life can begin, wonderful counselor, mighty God with no room in the inn. Behold, your salvation is dreaming; what is He dreaming of? Can a babe dream of redeeming worlds of sinners in need of His love? Behold, your salvation appears, As promised to us, He isn't arriving with trumpets, or with drums, But as a helpless child, your salvation comes. Behold, your salvation comes salvation comes He isn't arriving with trumpets, or with drums, but as a helpless child, your salvation comes. He comes, He comes, He comes.

To Thank God

Reception of Gifts *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* German Carol

Prayers for and by God's People

The Lords Prayer

Choral Anthem *Round the Glory Manger* Scott

They turn 'way Mary an' a Joseph, 'way from the inn, They turn 'way Mary and Joseph 'way from the inn. They turn 'way Mary and Joseph 'way from the inn, An' that's what made the Glory Manger. An' a Hallelujah, an' a Hallelujah Lord, Wasn't that a bright mornin', All round the Glory Manger.

They laid my pretty little Jesus down in the straw, They laid my pretty little Jesus down in the straw, They laid my pretty little Jesus down in the straw, an' that's what made the Glory Manger. An' a Hallelujah, an' a Hallelujah Lord. Wasn't that a bright mornin', all round the Glory Manger An' all his pretty little fingers played in the straw, An' all His pretty little fingers played in the straw; An' all His pretty little fingers played in the straw, An' that's what made the Glory Manger. An' a Hallelujah, An' a Hallelujah Lord. Wasn't that a bright morning, all 'round the Glory Manger, An' a Hallelujah, An' a Hallelujah Lord! Wasn't that a bright mornin' all round the Glory Manger!

To Depart to Serve God

* **Hymn of Departing** *Into My Heart* **Supplement #2160**

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Choral Response** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace,
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Postlude *Joy to the World!* Robert J. Hughes

Announcements



Our heartfelt thanks to our **Choir, Organist, and Choir Director** for their gift of wonderful music throughout the year. Especially we thank them today for proclaiming the word in song on this final Sunday in the Advent season.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Dolores Drumheller**.

The **Organist** today is **Dot Hogan**.

The **Session** will meet for its December stated meeting today, immediately following worship.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight service** will be at 7:30 PM this Wednesday. As always, your visiting friends and family are invited and encouraged to attend.

A reminder that the annual Presbyterian **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received today. If you would like contribute, please make checks payable to APC and indicate in the memo line that your gift is for the Christmas Joy Offering.

The **church office** will be closed Wednesday and Thursday for the Christmas holiday.

Monday, December 29, is the deadline for articles for the **January "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

APC will be hosting a **Special Second Helping** on Wednesday, December 31. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend or neighbor. We will start at the usual 11:00 AM and keep the doors open until 6:00 PM. Please sign-up on the bulletin board for the menu items that you would like to donate.

The **Angel Tree gifts** have been tagged and delivered. Because of your generosity, eight of our area children will have presents to open this Christmas and their families will have a basket of food. The Ministry Beyond the Congregation Committee would like to thank all those who chose an angel and provided gifts and food for eight needy families in our community.

Schedules

Ushers, January

John & Faith Mari Tucker

Chip & Holly Roark

Greeters, January

Garry & Travis Taylor

Lay Reader, December 28

Chip Roark

Lay Reader, January 4

Kathi Bogert

Nursery, December 28

Georgie Roark

Nursery, January 4

Rob Gilliam

CC Teachers, Jan.

Denise Tucker, Jenny Roark

CC Helpers, Jan. 4

Barbie Andrews, Christine Oliver

Communion Servers, Jan. 4

Alex & Beverly Eubank

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *When God Comes* Psalm of the week: **65**

MONDAY James 5:7-18

THURSDAY Ezekiel 34:17-31

TUESDAY Matthew 1:18-25

FRIDAY Isaiah 9:1-7

WEDNESDAY Isaiah 40:1-11

SATURDAY Philippians 4:4-9

Next Week's Sermon

"Heirs of The Kingdom"

or

"Are You Included in God's Will"

Isaiah 61:10-62; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

In this life we all want to inherit some of our parents wealth. If you are an only child, you get it all. If you have siblings, then, perhaps it is divided up between all of you. But, what if you were in a family that had millions of children. Your share would be so small it wouldn't be worth cashing the check. But in God's scheme of things God's Children (and there are Billions and Billions) get a full share and that share is enough to sustain each of us. All of God's children, male and female, get a full share through the redemption of Christ, by which we are all adopted into God's Family.

Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Speak to Elder Sang-il Lee to add a name or item to this weekly list.

- Praise: Heath Tuttle received heart transplant.
- Dave Campe, Father of Pastor Bob and Elaine's son-in-law, health concern.
- Those who are lonely and those in need
- Help to grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and to share the Good News with others.
- Financial uncertainty
- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- Search for organist
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Tim Coleman, Mary Crabtree, Eula Dillon, Dianne Emmett, Dorothy Finn, Steve Graham, John Hawkins, Jim Hankins, William Hoffman, Ralph Liebchen, Darnell Moorman, Ben Towne, Heath Tuttle, Margaret Young, Ken Younkin)
- Newly elected government officials and the transition phase
- Leaders in the town, county, state, country and world.
- Military and their family (Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin, Joshua Wright)
- Our church mission projects.
- John and Beth Muehleisen (Their newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.)
- John Farmer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at UNC.
- Residents in retirement homes and residential care (Thelma Blanchard, Tom Chappelle, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Martin Strebel)

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

- Ron Coleman
Ministry Beyond the Congregation
- Kelly deBernard
Ministry Within the Congregation
- Rob Gilliam
Ministry Support
- Sang-il Lee
Prayer & Visitation
- Anne Mabry
Worship & Discipleship
- Jennifer McCrickard
*Ministry Within the Congregation,
Visitation*
- Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Worship & Discipleship
- Caroline Peerman
Home Communion & Pulpit Supplies
- Chip Roark
*Visitation, New Membership,
Presbyterian Men*
- Sandi Smith
Visitation & Nominating Committee
- John Tucker
Visitation & Nominating Committee
- Mark Younkin
Ministry Beyond the Congregation
- Bob Button
Moderator of Session

Staff

- Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary
- Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Choir Director
- Preston Andrews
Treasurer
- John Erb
Clerk of Session, Presbytery Delegate
- Shannon Moorman
Nursery Attendant

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Link Newsletter Editor
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- Alline Rogers
Meal Coordinator
- Anne Mabry
Nursery Coordinator

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