

January 2, 2005 "Second Sunday After Christmas" 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Prelude** "Sarabande" (11:00) Handel

**The Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements** Shari Achterhof

**Prayer of Preparation**

It is good to sing You our praises, O God, for You are gracious and a song of praise is fitting. You heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds. You determine the number of stars and give them their names. Your greatness abounds and Your understanding is beyond measure. We will sing to You hymns of thanksgiving and make melody with songs of praise. As You take pleasure in those who hope in Your steadfast love, be pleased with our worship as we lift our voices in glad adoration. Amen.

**Christmas Banner**

**8:30:** Chris and Leigh Branham and Family

**11:00:** Sean and Dana Hevener and Family

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** A star guided the wise men to the Christ child. They followed the star despite the confusion of their visit to King Herod.

**People:** **Herod did not want anyone to seize his power. He did not want to believe that anyone, especially God, was more powerful than he.**

**Leader:** There is some of Herod in each of us. We often find it difficult to think of others and their needs. We often find it difficult to listen to those who do not agree with us. We often forget that God is in charge, and that we are here to be obedient to God's will.

**People:** **While we understand Herod, we do not desire to be like him. We pray that God will guide us – as He did the Magi. May we follow faithfully even when the way before us is unclear. We want to put our total faith in God. We want to give our gifts of praise, love and service.**

**All:** *Alleluia! Let us worship God.*

\* **Hymn #288** "We Three Kings"

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Gracious God, You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, yet we do not love our brothers and sisters as He taught. Too often, we fail to obey Christ when He calls us to follow. With all wisdom and insight You have made known to us the mystery of Your will, yet we stubbornly refuse to study Your Word. Forgive our sin, O God, and help us set our hope on Christ that we may live for the praise of His glory...*(Worshippers continue in a moment of silent, personal confession.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.

**People: So we also must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\* **Glory Be to the Father** Hymnal, #813

**Anthem** "Wise Men Still Seek Him" Christopher Machen  
(11:00) *Men's Chorus*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** (debts & debtors)

**Proclaiming the Word**

**Children's Time** Harriet Thompson

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lessons** Psalm 1 Pew Bible, page 541  
Jeremiah 17:5-8 Pew Bible, page 889

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Growing In Faith" Jason Whitener

**Responding to the Word**

\* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Hymnal,  
inside back cover

**Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory** "Wise Men Still Seek Him" Christopher Machen  
*Men's Chorus (8:30)*  
"Arioso" (11:00) Bach

\* **Doxology (#815) and Prayer of Dedication**

\* **Hymn #462** "Come, Share the Lord"

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*(The lighter color is grape juice, darker color is wine)*

**Bearing the Word Into the World**

\* **Hymn** "As With Gladness Men of Old" (*see insert*)

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational Response #811** "Another Year Is Dawning" (*1<sup>st</sup> verse*)

\* **Postlude** "Trumpet Tune" (11:00) Stanley

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**If you are visiting** with us this morning, we welcome you! If you are interested in joining Tinkling Spring, please speak with one of the pastors.

**Please pick up your new 2005 offering envelopes** in the Session Room today. If you are interested in getting offering envelopes, please contact Larry Talbott

**The Middle School Youth** will not meet tonight. Next Sunday, January 9th, they will meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Simonsen's home for an evening of fellowship. Dinner will be provided.

**The High School Youth** will not meet tonight. Next Sunday, January 9th they will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Leigh Branham's home for a Christmas Gift Recycle with the youth from 1st Presbyterian Waynesboro.

**Grace Bells** will rehearse tonight from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to prepare for the Handbell Festival.

**Please pardon our dust** – The Buildings and Grounds Committee is busy making improvements to the Christian Education building, including replacing all of the windows. We ask for your patience throughout the process. Thank you!

**The Church Office is in need of volunteers.** We are preparing a new list of office volunteers for 2005. If you would be willing to fill in when our church secretary, Lucy Brown, is absent, please call the office at 885-0746 or inform us of your interest in the friendship register.

**Youth Instrumental Ensemble** will meet next Sunday, January 9th at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary to rehearse for Youth Sunday. We hope to see everyone there!

**Montreat 2005:** High School Youth who would like to attend the Montreat Conference July 24-30, 2005 are required to give a \$75 deposit by Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please see Shari if you have any questions.

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Harriet Thompson's home. Harriet Thompson will have devotions and Dana Hevener will bring refreshments. Please read chapters 2 and 3 of *The Five Live Languages*.

**Celebration Singers** will rehearse next Sunday, January 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the Men's Bible Classroom. If you are interested in joining with us, this would be a great time to get started serving God through music!

**Spring Hall Usage:** A reminder that anyone wishing to use Spring Hall must contact Betsy Coleman to reserve the facilities.

**A brief biography of the Reverend Dr. George Williamson Finley** has been compiled by his great-grandson, The Reverend Dr. John Montgomery Irvine IV. A copy of the biography has been given to Tinkling Spring's Historical Resources Committee. If you would like to read the biography, please speak with Jason Whitener.

**Attention Auditors & Treasurers:** Please make every effort to have your 2004 records to Randy Houff by Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**LOGOS Resumes:** All LOGOS groups will resume this Wednesday, January 5th. LOGOS, C.L.A.Y. and R.O.C.K. will begin at 4:00 p.m. and F.I.S.H. will begin at 6:00 p.m. The LOGOS theme this week is “Baby New Year, Father Time”. Sue Ervin will have the table decorations, Carol Ambler will have snack and Sandy Wagoner will have the table cloths. Assistance is needed in the LOGOS Nursery. If you are able to help, please speak with Carol Ambler, Judy Kauffman or Laura Boward.

**LOGOS, C.L.A.Y, R.O.C.K. & F.I.S.H.** is our mid-week, four part program that provides an opportunity for building relationships between young people and adults and between each of them and God. These relationships are built in Music/Worship Skills, Bible Study, Playtime and a Family Time Meal and result in commitments to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

**LOGOS** which means “The Word” is for our K—4th graders.

**Christ Living in Awesome Youth** is for our 5th and 6th graders.

**Reaching Out for Christ’s Kingdom** is for our 7th and 8th graders.

**Fellowship In Senior Highs** is for our 9th—12th graders.

<b>2005 Ministers’ Proposed Terms of Call Recommended by the Session to the Congregation Effective January 1, 2005</b>		
<b>Jason Whitener</b>	<b>2004 Actual</b>	<b>2005 Proposed</b>
Cash Salary	\$29,700	\$30,610
Housing	<u>\$18,500</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
<b>Total Salary &amp; Housing</b>	<b>\$48,200</b>	<b>\$50,610</b>
Medical & Retirement	\$15,307	\$15,689
SECA	\$3,993	\$4,193
Travel	\$2,500	\$2,500
Continuing Education	<u>\$1,200</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$23,582</b>
<b>Shari Achterhof</b>	<b>2004 Actual</b>	<b>2005 Proposed</b>
Cash Salary	\$29,770	\$31,859
Housing	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
<b>Total Salary &amp; Housing</b>	<b>\$41,770</b>	<b>\$43,859</b>
Medical & Retirement	\$12,322	\$13,596
SECA	\$3,454	\$3,633
Travel	\$2,000	\$2,000
Continuing Education	<u>\$1,150</u>	<u>\$1,150</u>
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$18,926</b>	<b>\$20,379</b>

**Week's Schedule (January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Today	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Today	6:00 p.m.	Grace Bells	Room 203
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Lena Venable Circle	Kitchenette
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Session Room
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Mary & Martha Circle	Kitchenette
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle	Kitchenette
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Ministers' Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	LOGOS/C.L.A.Y./R.O.C.K.	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	F.I.S.H.	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice	Room 207
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle	Harriet Thompson's Home
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Staff Retreat	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall

**Nursery Attendants:**

	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>January 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>
<b>8:30:</b>	Emily Reno & Sandy Wagoner	Barbara Lawson & Kelsey Simonsen
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Gerald & Leah Showalter	Cindy & Latany Bell
<b>11:00 Crib:</b>	Rhonda Beyeler & Sharon Estes	Becky Conyers & Gail Byrd
<b>11:00 Toddler:</b>	Carol Ambler & Carol Lebo	Sharon Wood, Morgan Thompson, Kaitlyn Ambler

**Our Stewardship Report (2004 Budget \$478,555)**

Needed per week:	\$9,203.00	Year to date:	\$478,555.00
Received last week:	\$7,291.30	Year to date:	\$468,625.08
	Joy Gift Offering: \$273.00		
	<b><u>Attendance, December 24<sup>th</sup></u></b>		
5:00 Worship:	397	7:00 Worship:	224
	<b><u>Attendance, December 26<sup>th</sup></u></b>		
8:30 Worship:	93	11:00 Worship:	164
Sunday School:	111	Sunday School Offering:	\$152.88

**Prayer List**

**Health Concerns**

Lorraine Caldwell	Betty Jean Clark	Richard Clark
Jan Deitz	Alan Foster	Sheila Gilkerson
Bill Gilman	Roger Hipes	Catherine Hise
Ted Johnson	Mary Evelyn McChesney	Wilson Miller
R.W. Moffett	Irene Moxie	John Ott
Delia Reyes	Bill Shipe	Birdie Parker
Julie Stickley	Marilyn Swett	Joyce Varney
Erssie Wade	Charles Wranovics	

**In Special Care**

Bernyce Layman	Frances Ann Lucas	Alice Simpkins
Laura Weaver		

**In Bereavement**

Family of Alice Saunders\*

\* New to Prayer List