

December 24, 2006                      “Christmas Eve”                      8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Gathering Around the Word**

**The Chimes** (11:00)

**Call to Preparation**

**Prelude**                      “Jesu Bambino” (8:30)                      arr. Mark Hayes  
   “Joy to the World” (11:00)                      Valerie Stephenson  
   *Grace Bell Choir*

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Shawn Hevener

**Prayer of Preparation**

O Shepherd of Israel, from whom comes forth one who shall feed Your flock, we gather as those who dwell in the folds of Your embrace and care. Your love envelops us like swaddling cloths wrapped around a babe in a manger. Your countenance shines like a star that led the wise men one night. We behold your radiance as we enter Your sanctuary and praise Your name for the Christ who brings us salvation. Amen.

**Choral Introit** (11:00)                      “One Small Babe”                      Jay Althouse  
   *Chancel Choir*

**Call to Worship**                      Shirley Dana

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel. Stir up Your might, and come to save us!

**People: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine that we may be saved.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**Lighting of Advent Candle**                      Kay Quick and John Slechta  
   “He Shall Feed His Flock”                      Joseph Martin  
   *Emilie Friedland, Wendy Ledbetter, Kay Quick,*  
   *Barth Estes, Jerry Horn, Rick McKibben and John Slechta*

\* **Hymn #270**                      “Joy to the World!”

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Most holy God, in Christ You pour out Your mercy to forgive our transgression. Hear us now as we confess our sin. We err in our judgment of what You want from us. We seek to appease You with offerings, earn Your favor by doing good deeds, or garner a blessing through making some sacrifice. Forgive us our nature that is prone to buy favor, and in Christ restore us to a right relationship with You.... (*Worshippers continue in a moment of silent, personal confession.*)

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Micah foresees the Coming One, who shall stand and feed the flock. The people shall dwell secure in the majesty of God’s name.

People: Christ is our peace, and we can dwell secure in the knowledge that through him we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\* **Glory Be to the Father**

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, amen.

**Anthem** (11:00)                      “Christmas Gloria”                      Jay Althouse  
   *Chancel Choir*

*Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo.*

*Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo.*

*He is born, the Son of God in Bethlehem.*

*For unto us a Child is born in Bethlehem, and He shall be exalted o’er the earth.*

*Sing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to the Babe. Sing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*For unto us a Child is born in Bethlehem, and He shall be exalted o’er the earth.*

*Sing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to the Babe. Sing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo.*

*Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo. Gloria, gloria Deo.*

*He is born in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia!*

**Prayers of the People and 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.

**Proclaiming the Word**

**4¢ a Meal Offering**                      “Joy to the World” (8:30)                      Lani Smith  
   *Austine Perrow & Tammy McKibben, piano*

   “Sussex Carol” (11:00)                      Eugene Butler

*Kelsey Simonsen & Tammy McKibben, piano*

**Children’s Time**                      Weekday Preschool

\* **Hymn #250**                      “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Lesson**                      Isaiah 9:2-7                      Pew Bible, page 593

**New Testament Lesson**                      Matthew 1:18-25                      Pew Bible, page 835

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                      “JESUS”                      Jason Whitener

\* **Affirmation of Faith**                      The Apostles’ 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.

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

**Offertory**                      “And His Name Shall be Called Wonderful”                      S. DeFord  
   *soloist: Jon Conyers*

\* **Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

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.

**Bearing the Word Into the World**

\* **Hymn #281**                      “What Child Is This?”

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational Response # 275** “Sing We Now of Christmas”  
   (*verse 1*)

\* **Postlude**                      “Go, Tell It On the Mountain” (8:30)                      arr. Donna Williams  
   “God Rest Ye Merry” (11:00)                      Warren

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**If you are visiting** with us this morning, we welcome you! To find out more about Tinkling Spring or if you are interested in joining, please speak with one of the pastors, pick up a “Welcome to Tinkling Spring” brochure in the pew racks and/or visit our website at [www.tinklingspring.org](http://www.tinklingspring.org).

**Greeting us this week** at the 8:30 a.m. service are Harold and Shannon Tate and Lyle Moffett and at the 11:00 a.m. service are Bob and Charlotte Kuykendall and Julian and Ellen Moffett.

**Hearing assistance devices are available** if needed. Please see an usher for assistance.

**The new 2007 offering envelopes** are available for pick up in the hallway. If you would like 2007 offering envelopes, please contact Larry Talbott at 337-1342.

**Parents, in an effort to assist our ushers,** please escort your small children to the restrooms if the need arises. Please be aware that there is a restroom in the gathering area in the rear of the sanctuary.

**Youth Group:** Youth Group will not meet tonight or next Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Youth Group will resume on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**LOGOS, C.L.A.Y., R.O.C.K. and F.I.S.H.** is on break for Christmas from December 20<sup>th</sup>-January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will resume on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. May each of you have a blessed Christmas and a joy filled New Year!

**Mitten Tree Mission Project:** Help someone less fortunate keep warm this winter by bringing in new mittens, scarves, gloves, coats and hats for the Mitten Tree. The Mitten Tree will be in the hallway outside the sanctuary through Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. All items collected will go to the Zacchaeus House homeless shelter and soup kitchen in Washington, D.C.

**The Christmas Joy Offering** will be received today during both services.

**The Christmas Eve Worship Service** will be held at 5:00 p.m., with the Grace Bell Choir offering music beginning at 4:30 p.m. If you have difficulty walking, we encourage you to arrive early to ensure a parking space near the sanctuary.

**College Sunday Rehearsal and Social:** Everyone leading in worship on College Sunday will briefly gather in the sanctuary on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to rehearse. We will also have a time of fellowship in the Youth rooms following the rehearsal. Any college-aged young adults are invited to join us!

**Tinkling Spring Christmas Ornaments on sale for \$22 each.** The proceeds go to offset the cost of the middle school and high school youth mission trips and conferences. Ornaments may be purchased after both worship services today. Checks may be made payable to *TSPC Youth*.

**Visit from African Missionary:** On January 9<sup>th</sup>, during the Sunday School hour in Spring Hall, Terry Andrews will speak on Children in Christ, a children's evangelical program active in ten African countries. She will present a short video and will discuss the growth of this program from its early days in Guinea, when Tinkling Spring was one of its first supporters. Please join us for this interesting talk.

**A congregational meeting has been called** for Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of acting on proposed changes to the pastor’s terms of call.

**I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my church family** for all the loving support you have given to me and my family during the recent loss of my mother. Your cards, calls, visits, love, and support during this most difficult time have meant so much.

~ Love, Sharon Wood and Family

## Christmas Poinsettias



### In Loving Memory Of:

All Our Loved Ones  
George and Withers Andrews  
Withers Andrews  
Barbara Arehart  
J. M. Astrie  
Mr. & Mrs. T.H. Conyers  
T.H. and Thelma Conyers,  
Keith and Melissa Pearson,  
and Withers Andrews  
Lewis Davis  
Gerald Davison  
Anna Day  
Anna Day

Andrew Ervin  
Dr. & Mrs. A. Lee Ervin  
Chesley and Marie Gregory,  
Ramon and Iris Tobias  
Mr. J. Thurman Hailey  
Boyd and Thelma Hanger  
Mr. & Mrs. Troy Harman  
Harry and Helen Hevener  
Joseph Hunt  
Aimee Langouet  
Victor Vincent Lundemo  
Granville Mawyer  
William "Billy" McClain  
Keith and Melissa Andrews Pearson  
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Dorothy Pinkerton  
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Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Reynolds  
Marthe and Paul Robert  
Bruce Snead  
Morris Snead  
Stephanie Swett  
Stephen Swett  
Jack and Jane Todd  
Timothy Todd  
Timmy Todd  
Timmy Todd  
Sadie M. Van Fossen  
Stephen A. Van Fossen  
Jerry and Chris Wiseman

### In Honor Of:

Dale Boxley  
Rachel Branham  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Crummett  
Randy and Ann Gregory  
Mrs. Edgar Hailey  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kauffman  
New Beginnings  
Our Mothers: Yvette & Madeleine  
Robert Pinkerton  
Dr. & Mrs. Linwood Rose  
Fred and Liz Stone

### Given By:

George and Gladys Allen  
Billy and Becky Conyers  
Jon Conyers  
John, Vickie and Laura Craft  
Langouet-Astrie Family  
Jon Conyers  
  
Dann Conyers Family  
His Family  
Randy and Liz Fisher  
Freddie Day  
Elizabeth Day,  
Justin, Jennifer and Jacey Hendrix  
Lee and Sue Ervin  
Lee and Sue Ervin

Gregory and Bosserman Families  
J.T. Hailey, Jr.  
Vicky Conyers  
Lee and Sue Ervin  
Dann Conyers Family  
The Marcum Family  
Langouet-Astrie Family  
John and Helen Gardner  
Linwood and Ellen Wiseman  
McClain & Norman Families  
Billy and Becky Conyers  
Jon Conyers  
Robert Pinkerton  
Gary and Pinky Palmer  
Helen Gardner  
Langouet-Astrie Family  
Virginia Snead  
Virginia Snead  
John and Marilyn Swett  
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Jack and Ann Todd  
Jessie and Walker Todd  
Jack and Ann Todd  
Lisa Bradley and family  
Carl and Diane Van Fossen  
Carl and Diane Van Fossen  
Linwood and Ellen Wiseman

### Given By:

Virginia Snead  
Bo, Tom, Wade and Gracie Branham  
Chad, Judy and Tyler Kauffman  
Matt, Katie, Laura and Sarah  
J.T. Hailey, Jr.  
Chad, Judy and Tyler Kauffman  
Jeremy, Jamie and Jacob Sipe  
Langouet-Astrie Family  
Gary and Pinky Palmer  
Chad, Judy and Tyler Kauffman  
The Hoover Family

## Christmas Wreaths



### In Loving Memory Of:

Cleo Garner  
Melvin and Phyllis Koogler  
Virgil and Vera Pangburn  
Mary Lange Thompson

### In Honor Of:

Our Tinkling Spring Family

### Given By:

Jerry and Donna Pangburn  
Gary and Jennifer Koogler  
Jerry and Donna Pangburn  
Bob and Susan Thompson

### Given By:

John and Nancy Wadley

<u>Week's Schedule (December 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>)</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Today	4:30 p.m.	Grace Bell Concert	Sanctuary
Today	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
Monday - Friday		Office Closed	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Homebuilder's Breakfast	Shoney's
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	College Student Sunday Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<u>Nursery Attendants</u>			
	<u>Today</u>	<u>December 31<sup>st</sup></u>	
<b>8:30 Crib:</b>	Nancy Groah, Tamara Hostetter	Gary & Jennifer Koogler	
<b>8:30 Toddler:</b>	Kasey Knox & Janet Knecht	Hunter & Tanya Ingersoll	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Ann Gregory, Donna Houff, Ginny Poynter	Nancy Groah, Dawn Cox, Tamara Hostetter	
<b>11:00 Crib:</b>	Ellen Moffett & Ginny Moss	Tracy & Angie Norman	
<b>11:00 Toddler:</b>	Ron & Cyndi Michener	Jamie Sipe & Cheryl Sams	
<u>Our Stewardship Report</u>			
Needed per week:	\$10,318.72	Year to date:	\$526,254.72
Received last week:	\$9,485.40	Year to date:	\$493,049.68
<u>Attendance, December 17<sup>th</sup></u>			
8:30 Worship:	175	11:00 Worship:	233
Sunday School:	211	Sunday School Offering:	\$125.62
<u>Prayer List</u>			
<u>Health Concerns</u>			
Penny Biskey	Catherine Blair	Chuck Boylen	Audra Brodowicz*
Frances Brown	Hedy Caldwell	Katy Campbell	Marianne Cashatt
Dan Conyers	Vera Curd	Jan Deitz	Frank Fuller*
Ray Hannah	Stanley Harper*	Justin Harris	Catherine Hise
Alice Holland	Ted Johnson	Kasey Knox	Carolyn McGuffin
Hannah McNeal	R.W. Moffett	Ryan Moneymaker	John Ramsey
T.J. Richardson	Mark Stanley	Dylan Thompson	Gloria Watkins*
Colleen Wheeler			
<u>In Special Care</u>			
Vera Brown	Lorraine Caldwell	Irene Moxie	Laura Weaver
<u>Special Concerns</u>			
Armed Forces	Steven Huffman	Paul Julian	Ken McGann
<b>If you have a concern or joy to share with the congregation, please drop a written note in the basket on the pulpit prior to worship.</b>			
*New to Prayer List			