



Starkville Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)

January 1, 2023

1st Sunday of Christmas

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Introit *The Snow Lay on the Ground* VENITE ADOREMUS

+Call to Worship

Leader: Sun and moon and all of you bright stars!

People: Praise God!

Leader: All of you who are his messengers and comprise his heavenly forces!!

People: Praise God!

Leader: Highest heaven and you waters that are above the sky!

People: Praise God!

Leader: Let all of these praise the Lord's name because God gave the command and they were created!

People: God set them in place always and forever. God made a law that will not be broken.

ALL: Let us worship God!

+Opening Hymn #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession *Unison* (from Thomas Merton *Thoughts in Solitude*)

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road though I may

know nothing about it. Therefore, will I trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.” (Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

Children's Moment Charles Bryson

Offering
Offertory *In the Bleak Midwinter* CRANHAM

+Doxology #606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *Star-Led and Wonder Bound* Mary K. Beall

Prayer of Illumination

+Scripture Reading Matthew 2:13-23 (Pew Bible, p. 2)

Sermon Robert Green
“The More Things Change, the More They Remain the Same”

Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer (**debts, debtors**)

+Affirmation of Faith (Printed sheet in hymnal rack) The Apostle's Creed

+Gloria Patri #581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

+Sending Hymn #147 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *Raise a Song of Gladness* JUBILATE DEO

+Postlude *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX

+ Stand if you are able

WELCOME to Starkville Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for your presence in worship this morning.

PRAYER LIST. Please keep the following in your prayers.

Ed Black	Lawrence Clark
O.A. Cleveland	Jimmy Dodd (Hip replacement)
Family/Friends of Joe Hans	Molly Howard and family
Jetta Kuykendall	John McReynolds
Bryan & Courtney Montgomery	Peggy Raines (cancer)
Dan Ryder	Ellen Clark Sawyer (cancer)
Jane Hillen Smith (Test results)	Bill Swoope
George Taylor	Laura Thurmond (follow up treatments)
Jan Vaughn	

If you would like to add a request or remove one from the list, please contact Nancy Bryson (324-6320 or nancybryson68@gmail.com) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com)

ELDER OF THE MONTH. The Elder for this week is Charles Bryson.

CHOIR. Choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

COMMUNION. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, January 8th, Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 8th immediately following the worship service for the purpose of presenting the 2023 Budget.

SESSION. New Elder Training and Session Meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 7th at the church.

Session

Rev. Ron McDougald, *Moderator*, chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com

CLASS of 2022

Charles Bryson
Sara Green
Robert Green, Clerk

CLASS of 2023

CLASS of 2024

Pat Colwick
Susan Kuykendall

Interim Minister: Rev. Ron McDougald, chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com

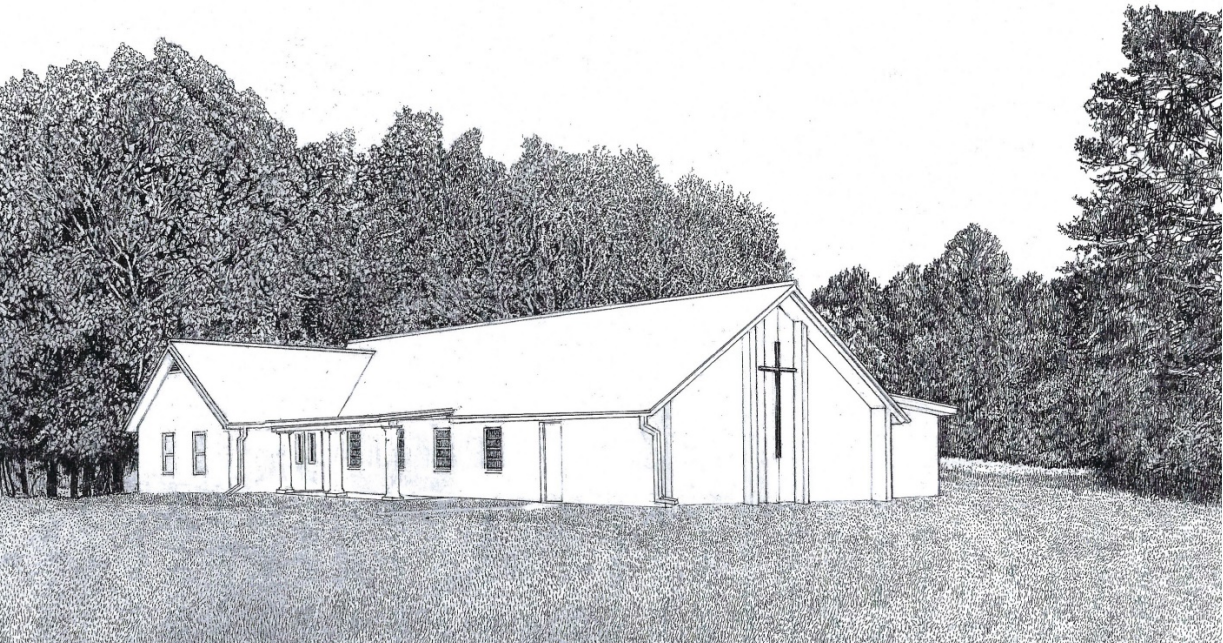
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