



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

December 11, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Savior of the Nations, Come* NUN KOMM ...

Introit *While We Are Waiting, Come* WAITING

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Ellen Goodman & Martha Wells

+Call to Worship

One: Into the dry and desolate places of our lives, God brings salvation.

All: The desert rejoices and blossoms, the wilderness teems with life.

One: Sorrow and sighing will flee:

All: let us come into God's presence with singing!

+Opening Hymn #121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. OUIS

+Call to Confession

The life of faith is not only about being faithful to God. It is knowing that God is faithful to us. Trusting that God will never turn away from us, let us tell the truth about our lives.

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those You would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow Your way of life and truth. (Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: There is nothing and no one that is too far gone for God to redeem. There is no land too parched that God cannot make streams of living water flow. Beloved, we are forgiven!

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Offering
Offertory *To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary* ANNUNCIATION

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

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* Irish melody

Prayer of Illumination

+Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55 (Pew Bible, p. 57)

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

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

Sermon "Meeting at the Manger-Mary" Rev. Ron McDougald

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

+Sending Hymn #146 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *Creator of the Stars of Night* CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

+Postlude *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

+ 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.

Lynn Black	Jimmy Dodd (Hip replacement)
Lawrence Clark	Molly Howard and family
Jetta Kuykendall	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)

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Session

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CLASS of 2022

Charles Bryson
Sara Green
Robert Green, Clerk

CLASS of 2023

CLASS of 2024

Pat Colwick
Susan Kuykendall

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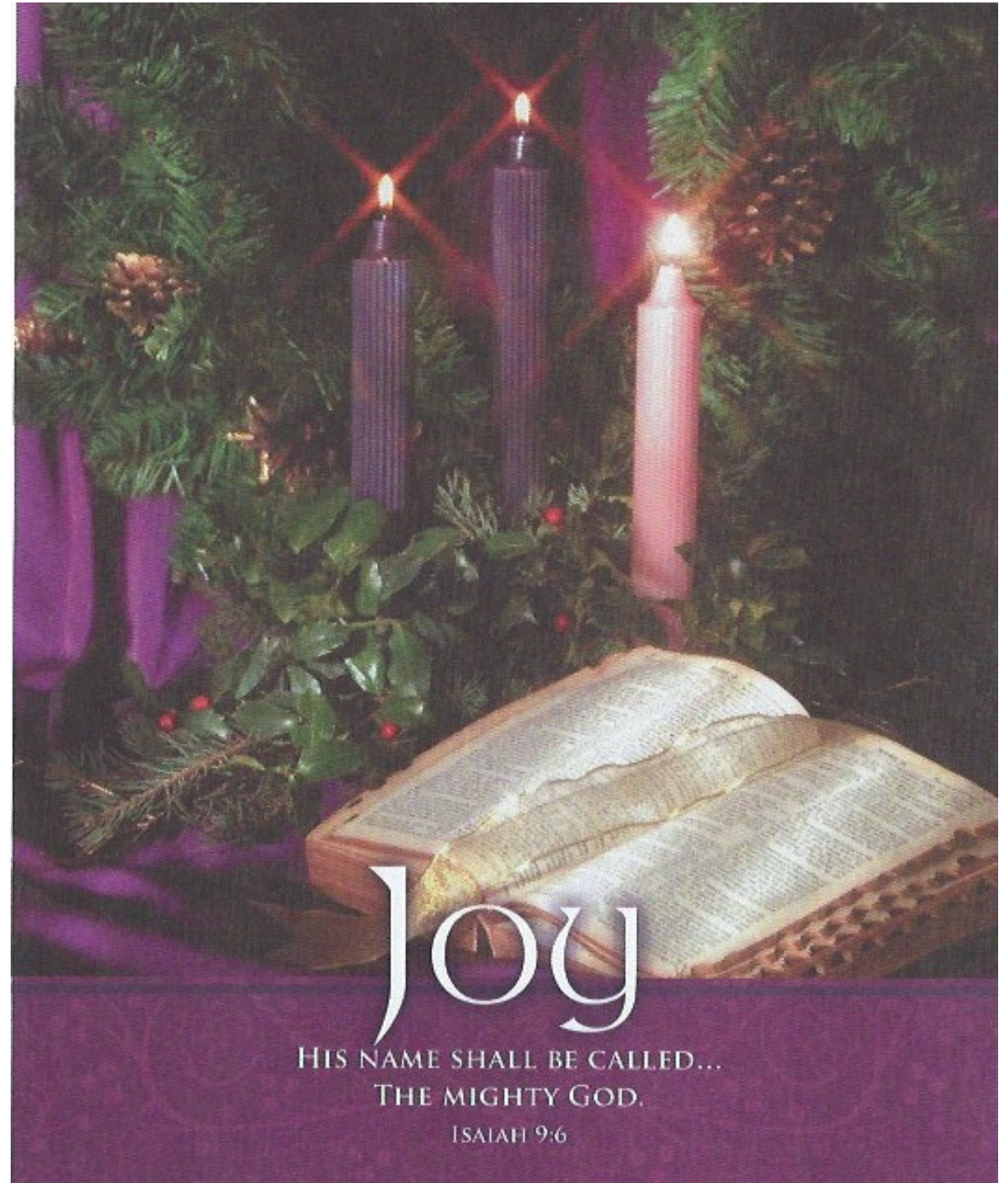
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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. Poinsettias given in memory and honor are listed in today's bulletin insert.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. In gratitude to God for the wondrous gift of Jesus, we will receive the Christmas Joy Offering during the Advent Season. Please prayerfully consider supporting this offering. Make checks out to Starkville Presbyterian Church and add Christmas Joy Offering in the memo line.

NEW MEMBER. We welcome John MacDonald as a member of Starkville Presbyterian Church PCUSA. He met with the Session last week and joined by reaffirmation of faith.

CIRCLE. Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 14th, at the Church at 4:45pm. The Bible Study is Lesson 3 of "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol M. Bechtel. Be sure to read your lesson & be ready to discuss it.

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

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH. The monthly Potluck Lunch will be next Sunday, December 18th. Please join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service.

Poinsettias – 2022

		Lynette & Ron McDougald	In Honor of Mary Elizabeth McDougald
Mary & Erin Brinkman	In Memory of William Henry Brinkman	Lynette & Ron McDougald	In Memory of Albert & Flora Latham
Charles & Nancy Bryson	In Honor of Starkville Presbyterian congregation	Lynette & Ron McDougald	In Memory of Robert C. Latham
Jo Lita Carpenter	In Memory of my parents – Harry & Lita B. Sanders	Richard & Melanie Mullenax	In Memory of our parents
Dr. O. A. Cleveland, Jr.	In Memory of Bernice Thrash Cleveland	Salvation Army Bellringers	In Memory of George Light
Dr. O. A. Cleveland, Jr.	In Memory of Ollie A. Cleveland	Bill Swoope	In Memory of Willetta Swoope
Dr. O. A. Cleveland, Jr.	In Memory of Nell Stucker Backus	George & Glenda Taylor	In Memory of Leslie Taylor
Dr. O. A. Cleveland, Jr.	In Memory of Roy Charles Backus	Martha & Graham Wells	In Memory of Lucile and Will Fulton
John & Pat Colwick	In Memory of Rex & Dorothy Colwick	Graham & Martha Wells	In Memory of Abbie Hamilton & Ernest Wells
John & Pat Colwick	In Memory of Walter & Euna Pace	Graham & Martha Wells	In Memory of William Hamilton & Marion Leal Wells
Aimee & Andrew Gaston	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mallory	Graham & Martha Wells	In Memory of Professor Orest Cochleanoff
Aimee & Andrew Gaston	In Memory of A. Russell & Mary Gene Gaston	Vic & Jane Zitta	In memory of our sisters: Ann, Jo, Emily & Lu
Ellen Goodman	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Goodman, Jr.		
Robert & Sara Green	In Memory of Audrey Scales		
Susan Kuykendall	In Honor of mother, Jetta Kuykendall		
Susan Kuykendall	In Memory of father, Bill Kuykendall		
Susan Kuykendall	In Memory of brothers, Bill & Pat Kuykendall		
Lynette & Ron McDougald	In Memory of Harry McDougald Sr. & Harry McDougald, Jr.		