



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

December 12, 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*Order of Worship*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* STUTTGART

Introit *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* TIF IN VELDELE

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Susan Kuykendall & Martha Wells

+Call to Worship

One: Prepare the way of the Lord!

**All: Let us sing praises to the Lord,**

One: for God has done glorious things.

**All: Let us shout aloud and sing for joy,**

One: for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**All: Come, let us worship God.**

+Opening Hymn #143 *Angels From the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

**Merciful God, we confess that, in the midst of Your glorious creation, we have neglected our role in its care. We ignore the cries of the hurting and the lonely, those on the margins and those who are oppressed. We focus on our own desires, while forgetting the needs of our neighbors. We have not prepared a way for the Lord, through either our words or our deeds, neither through our actions nor our thoughts. Grant us Your mercy in forgiveness; and lead us to act with compassion and justice, guided by Your glorious light. (Moment of Silence)**

+Assurance of Pardon

Surely God is our salvation! We will trust in the Lord's goodness and will not be afraid. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Offering		
Offertory	<i>Prepare the Way of the Lord</i>	PREPARE THE WAY
+Doxology #606	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
+Prayer of Thanks		
Special Music	<i>To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary</i>	ANNUNCIATION
+Scripture Reading	Luke 1:26-38	
+Affirmation of Faith		<i>The Apostle's Creed</i>
+Gloria Patri #581	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	GLORIA PATRI
Sermon	"Mary...Right in the Middle!"	Rev. Ron McDougald
Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer ( <b>debts, debtors</b> )		
+Sending Hymn #121	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
+Charge and Benediction		
+Choral Response	<i>May the Light of Christ</i>	Tom Fettke
+Postlude	<i>My Soul Gives Glory to My God</i>	MORNING SONG
	+ <i>Stand if you are able</i>	

**FROM THE SESSION.** The Session voted to continue Sunday worship, with the wearing of masks as a personal choice. Resumption of meals will be delayed until January. Coffee will be available in the Coffee Room today. The Session will review this action at their next stated meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions or feedback, please contact any member of the Session.

**PRAYER LIST.** Please keep the following in your prayers.

Cheryl Askew (surgery & stroke)	Jimmy Joe Buckley
Family of Douglas Corley (Tina McWhorter's father)	
Roger Dishroom (heart cath)	David & Margaret Earnest (pain care)
Myrna Jorgensen (cancer)	Peggy Raines (cancer)
Thomas Richardson (cancer)	Family of Hal Smith
Jennifer Taylor	Bryan Vance (lung cancer)

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

(Printed Advent Picture of Bible and 3 candles)

*JOY*

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED ...

PRINCE OF PEACE

Isaiah 9:6

**Session**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ELDER OF THE MONTH.** The Elder of the Month for December is Robert Green.

**ADVENT READERS.** The Advent Readers for this morning are Susan Kuykendall and Martha Wells.

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

**DEDICATION SERVICE.** You are invited to A Service of Dedication for Starkville Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 2:30 pm. A reception will follow the service.

**CHOIR.** There will be NO rehearsal this week.

**COMMUNION.** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, December 19, 2021.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY.** We are collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items to be given to the family we have adopted for Christmas. The collection box is located in the Fellowship Hall. **Deadline is next Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Poinsettias – 2021**

		Vic & Jane Zitta	In Memory of Willetta Swoope
Charles & Nancy Bryson	In Honor of Dot Buchanan's 93 <sup>rd</sup> birthday	Vic & Jane Zitta	In Memory of Audrey Scales
Pat & John Colwick	In Memory of Rex & Dorothy Colwick		
Pat & John Colwick	In Memory of Walter & Euna Pace		
Aimee & Andrew Gaston	In Memory of A. Russell & Mary Gene Gaston		
Aimee & Andrew Gaston	In Memory of Russell N. Gaston & Sam Gaston		
Andrew & Aimee Gaston	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mallory		
Ellen Goodman	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Goodman, Jr.		
Ron McDougald family	In Memory of Albert & Flora Latham		
Ron McDougald family	In Memory of Robert C. Latham		
Ron McDougald family	In Honor of Mary E. McDougald		
Ron McDougald family	In Memory of Harry M. McDougald		
Anne & John McWhorter	In Honor of Our children & grandchildren – Jennifer, Matt, Paige & Josh; William, Tina, Mallie Brynn & Caleb		
Anne & John McWhorter	In Memory of Our parents – Bess & Major Johnson and John & Maxine McWhorter		
Bill Swoope	In Memory of Willetta Swoope		
Bill Swoope	In Memory of Carrie Swoope		
Bill Swoope	In Memory of Mattie Swoope		