



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

December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits* STILLNESS WAITS

Introit *Come, Come Emmanuel* COME, COME EMMANUEL

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Pat & John Colwick

+Call to Worship

One: We stand on the cusp:

All: the promise is almost fulfilled.

One: We wait with bated breath:

All: the child is almost here.

One: We trust the well-loved story:

All: God is truly with us.

+Opening Hymn #118 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night* CHRISTMAS

+Call to Confession

God comes to us just as we are, with all our triumphs, our worries, our gratitude, and our failures. We deepen our relationship with God now by drawing close and confessing our sins.

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

Shepherd of our souls, we anticipate Your coming but do not feel ready. We have done too much, and not done enough. We have focused too much on ourselves, and not enough on others. Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we might be saved.

(Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: Emmanuel did not come into this world to condemn, but to save.

All: God does not come to imprison us, but to set us free.

One: Through this abundant love, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Offering

Offertory *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt* MANGER SONG

Prayer of Illumination

+Scripture Reading Luke 2:15-20 (Pew Bible, p. 58)

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

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

Sermon "Shepherds and Folks Like Us?" Rev. Ron McDougald

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

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

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *He Came Down* HE CAME DOWN

+Postlude *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* SUSSEX CAROL

+ 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	OA Cleveland
Jimmy Dodd (Hip replacement)	Lawrence Clark
Family of Jeff Cullender	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)

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ADVENT READERS. The Advent Readers this morning are Pat & John Colwick.

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

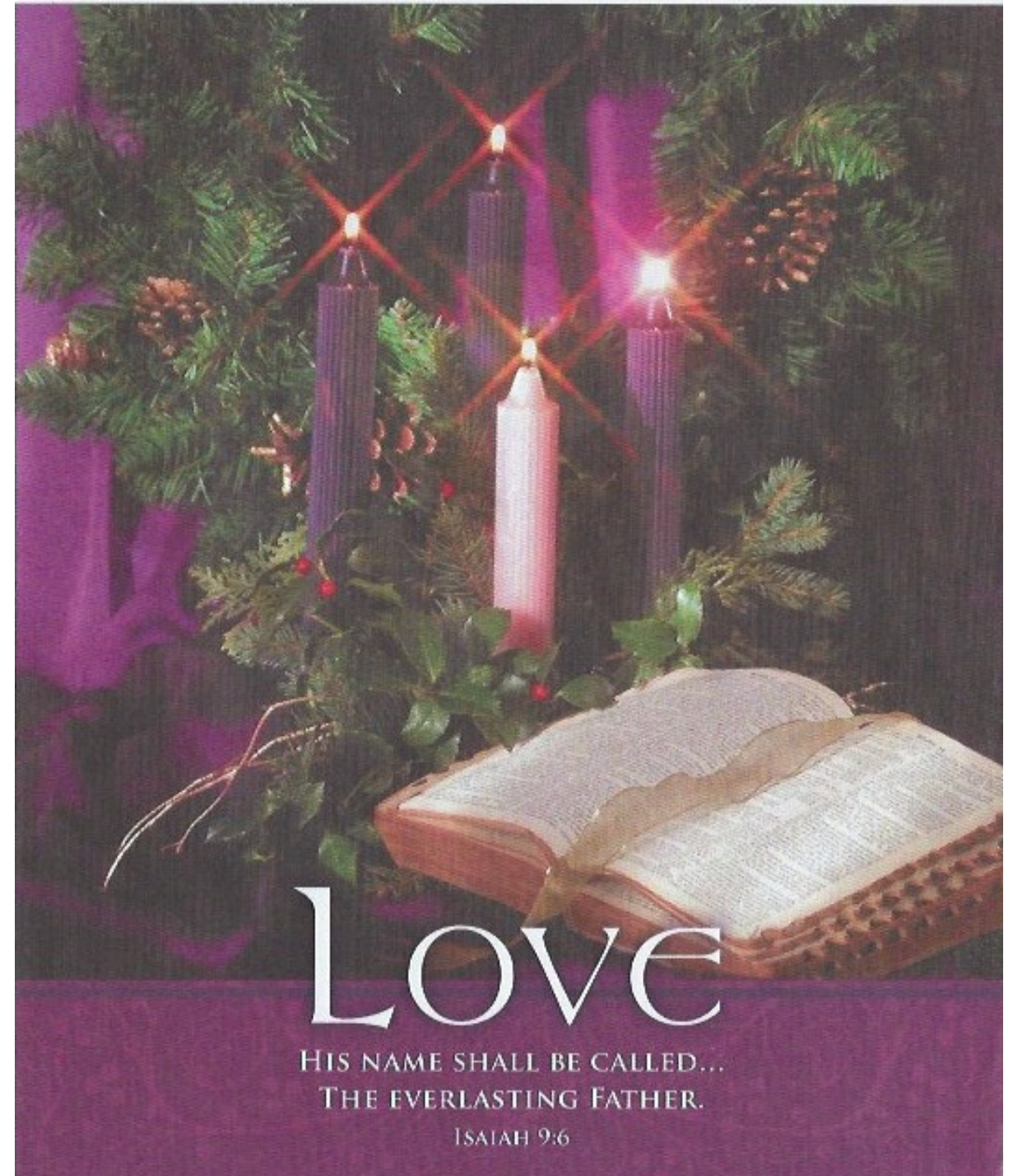
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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. Poinsettias given in memory and honor are listed in today's bulletin insert.

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.

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

CENTS-ABILITY (2¢-A-MEAL). The Cents-Ability Offering and Food Drive will be collected next week, December 24th.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. The Christmas Eve Service video will be available at noon on December 24th.

COMMUNION. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Christmas Day, December 25th.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEE MISSION. Donations of furniture, kitchenware, etc. can be donated through Starkville Strong at 109 S Lafayette Street, Starkville, MS 39759. Monetary donations for Cathy Cadden's Operation Ukraine can be sent to Operation Ukraine P.O. Box 411, Columbus, MS 39703.

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.		