



Starkville Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)  
 Starkville, Mississippi  
 December 25, 2022  
 Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day

*Order of Worship*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY

Introit *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* REJOICE, REJOICE

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Matt, Jennifer, Paige & Jack Taylor

+Call to Worship

One: Glory to God in the highest!

**All: A child has been born for us!**

One: See, our salvation comes! We rejoice in what God has made known to us!

**All: Let us journey to the manger together.**

+Hymn #132 *Good Christian Men Rejoice* Verse 1 IN DULCI JUBILO

+Hymn #121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Verses 1 & 4 ST. LOUIS

+Hymn #133 *O Come All Ye Faithful* Verses 1 & 4 ADESTE FIDELES

+Call to Confession

It is tempting to stay in the joy of Christmas morning, to ignore all that makes us uncomfortable. But it is right for us to greet this day by acknowledging how much we need salvation to be born.

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

**We confess, Holy Creator, that we care more for ourselves than this world You made. We confess, Newborn Savior, that we focus on our own wants at the expense of the needs of others. We confess, Abundant Spirit, that we push You aside, scoffing at the**

**idea that You are actually at work. Forgive us and guide us as we celebrate Your birth, and shape us to be more like You.** (Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: In Jesus Christ, God saves us, not because of any works of righteousness we have done, but according to God's mercy.

**All: Gloria in excelsis deo!**

Offering

Offertory *Away in a Manger* Kirkpatrick/Murray

+Doxology #133 *O Come All Ye Faithful* Chorus ADESTE FIDELES

+Prayer of Thanks

+Hymn #119 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* Verses 1 & 3 MENDELSSOHN

+Hymn #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Verses 1 & 3 GLORIA

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

+Affirmation of Faith (Printed sheet in hymnal rack) The Nicene Creed

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

Sermon Rev. Ron McDougald  
 "Meeting at the Manger-Where Do We Go From Here?"

Prayer of the People

**The Sacrament of Communion** (Printed sheet in hymnal rack) Rev. Ron McDougald

Special Music *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Robert MacGimsey  
 Nancy Bryson, soloist

+Sending Hymn #134 *Joy to the World* Verses 1 & 4 ANTIOCH

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *Love Has Come* BRING A TORCH

+Postlude *Go Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT  
 + **Stand if you are able**

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

Ed Black	Family of Lynn Black
Jimmy Dodd (Hip replacement)	Lawrence Clark
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](mailto:nancybryson68@gmail.com)) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or [chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com](mailto:chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com))

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**ELDER OF THE MONTH.** The Elder of the Month for December is Charles Bryson.

**ADVENT READERS.** The Advent Readers this morning are Matt, Jennifer, Paige & Jack Taylor.



**Session**

Rev. Ron McDougald, *Moderator*, [chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com](mailto:chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com)

**CLASS of 2022**

Charles Bryson  
Sara Green  
Robert Green, Clerk

**CLASS of 2023**

**CLASS of 2024**

Pat Colwick  
Susan Kuykendall

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## INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: O Lord, when the earth was a formless void you called creation into being ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy God, you so loved us ... Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: ... make this and all our prayers.

**All: Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

(Worshippers will come forward down the left aisle)

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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.** No Choir rehearsal this week.

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

**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.		