



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

December 5, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* GENEVAN 42

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Nancy & Charles Bryson

+Call to Worship

One: A voice cries, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

All: Lift every valley; lift every voice.

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.

All: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

+Opening Hymn #134 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

Cleansing God, we hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond. A voice tells us to turn around, but we prefer our own ways. You seek to purify us in love, but we constantly elude Your searching hand. Our sin leads us in other directions, away from You, away from life. Look with mercy upon us. Clear a place within us so that something new might be born, something that might return us to the way You have shown us in Jesus Christ. (Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Offering
Offertory *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESTER NEW

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

+Prayer of Thanks

Special Music *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits* MY SOUL IN ...

+Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-6

+Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*

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

Sermon "Messages and Messengers" Rev. Ron McDougald

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

+Sending Hymn #82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *Wait for the Lord* WAIT FOR THE LORD

+Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

+ *Stand if you are able*

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 Fellowship Hall. The Session will review this action at their next stated meeting on December 2nd. If you have questions or feedback, please contact any member of the Session.

PRAYER LIST. Please keep the following in your prayers.

Michael and Tonya Adkins	Cheryl Askew (surgery & stroke)
Afghanistan Refugees	Jimmy Joe Buckley (Heart Rehab)
Roger Dishroom (heart cath)	David & Margaret Earnest (pain care)
Myrna Jorgensen (cancer)	Family of Buddy Pepper
Peggy Raines (cancer)	Thomas Richardson (cancer)
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) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com)

(Printed Advent Picture of Bible and 2 candles)

PEACE

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 Nancy & Charles Bryson.

POINSETTIAS. If you would like to place a poinsettia in Honor or Memory of loved ones, please fill out the insert form. Cost will be \$10.00 per plant. Make checks payable to Starkville Presbyterian Church PC(USA), and place in the offering plate or mail to Pat Colwick, 1006 S. Montgomery St., Starkville, MS 39759. **Please respond ASAP.** The poinsettias will be in place next Sunday, December 12th.

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 Sunday, December 19th.**

CIRCLE. Circle has been rescheduled for this Wednesday, December 8th at the Church at 4:45pm. The Bible Study is Lesson 3 of “What My Grandmothers Taught Me—Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus” by Merryl Blair. Nancy Bryson is our leader this month.

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

DEDICATION SERVICE. Next Sunday, December 12th at 2:30 pm, we will have A Service of Dedication for our Church Building. A reception will follow the service. Please