

**GRACE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**



**December 30, 2007      First Sunday after Christmas      8:45 a.m.**

**GATHERING PRAISE  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE  
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING  
BOWING BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is  
the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP  
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
PROCLAIMING THE WORD  
Matthew 2:13-23**

**SERMON      "Where Has Your Jesus Gone"      Rev. Clyde Getman**

**CELEBRATION SONG  
BLESSING  
DEPARTING IN FAITH AND HOPE**

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December 30, 2007

First Sunday after Christmas

11:15 a.m.

Today we use *The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMES

### PPRELUDE

“He is Born”

Raymond Haan

The Congregation Stands

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #22 (stanzas 1-3)

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*(adapted from Isaiah 63)*

Leader: Beloved children of God, let us give thanks for all that God has done for us.

**People: We give thanks for God’s mercy and steadfast love.**

Leader: In our distress, we know the presence of Immanuel, God-is-with-us.

**People: Both day and night, the Light of the World leads us.**

Leader: Come; let us walk in the light of God!

### GLORIA #579

GREATOREX

The Congregation is Seated

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Light of the world, you are the one who bears the dawn to us,

We recall today how terrible the darkness is you were born to overcome;

the darkness of our ignorance of your Word and our own disobedience,

the darkness of our ingratitude to you and our own self absorption,

the darkness of prejudice and of our failure to be compassionate.

Forgive us when we choose to walk in darkness.

By your presence, Lord, save us.

By your mercy and steadfast love, light our way.

*A Time for Silent Prayers of Confession*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation Stands

### HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #22 (stanza 4)

REGENT SQUARE

All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising

To the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ, the new born King!

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*(The people greet fellow worshippers with the peace of Christ)*

The Congregation is Seated

**GATHERING HYMN #47**      **Still, Still, Still**      arr. Walter Ehret

### **CHILDREN IN THE CHANCEL**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READING FROM THE PSALMS (Responsive)**      **Psalm 148**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

**People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!  
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

**People: Praise the Lord from earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

**People: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

Leader: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**READING FROM THE EPISTLES**      **Hebrews 2:10-18**

**ANTHEM**      *Gesu Bambino*      Pietro Yon  
Karen Guerini, Soprano

**READING FROM THE GOSPELS**      **Matthew 2:13-23**

**SERMON**      **“Where Has Your Jesus Gone”**      Rev. Clyde Getman

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### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles' Creed (traditional, hymnal, p. 14)**

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**Dear Friends At Grace,** — I would like to express my deep appreciation to you for all the cards, calls, visits and other expressions of sympathy in the death of my brother. There is nothing like the love of a family and a church family at a time of loss such as this. **Jean Markham**

**Please note a change of address** for Virginia Wright, her new address is: 1325 Volleyball Lane, Apt. #277, Cordova, TN 38016.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS DEC 30 THROUGH JAN 06, 2008**

Sunday, December 30, 2007

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship  
 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 06, 2008

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship  
 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 01, 2008

Happy New Year!!!

Wednesday, January 02, 2008

6:30 pm Youth Bible Study  
 7:30 pm Choir



**REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH**

**Our Church Family:**

John Gordon .....Recovering at home  
 Frances Young .....Memphis Jewish Home

The family of James Krech, who died December 03, 2007.

Alex Martin, grandson of Virginia Martin .....Deploying to Iraq in January  
 Lou Kehrli .....Working in Bahrain  
 Brit, Brenda and Brittany Ripley .....Deployed to Djibouti, Africa  
 Reverend Larry & Beth Turner, as they prepare to move to Bartlett and Grace Presbyterian Church.  
 All who are traveling during the holiday season.

**Our Extended Church Family:**

Norma Jean Vawter, mother of Bob Vawter..  
 Mike Russell .....Cancerous tumor on spine  
 Joe Gonzales, Daniel Hicks granddad .....Cancer

Paul Cave, Dan & Georgie Cave's brother ....Cancer treatment  
Mike Kuykendall, son of June Kuykendall .....Brain tumor

The family of James Adcock, brother-in-law of Ken Hathaway who passed away.

The family of Elfriede Bogen, Don Bogen's grandmother, who passed away Dec.15, 2007.

The family of the nephew of Jean Jones who passed away.

The family of Walter E. Caldwell, Father of Betsy Lewis who passed away Dec. 18, 2007.

The family of Stewart Baker, Jean Markham's brother who passed away.

### **Worship Attendance for December 23, 2007**

8:45 22  
11:15 99  
Total 121

### **IN SERVICE THIS WEEK December 30, 2007**

Oversight Elders: Opening – Mark Gray  
Closing – Sarah Pfaffenroth  
Hosts—11:15 am: Sandy Kehrli, John Price, Harold  
Howard, Miree Pomeroy

### **IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK January 06, 2008**

Oversight Elders: Opening – Dossett Foster  
Closing – John Evans  
Hosts—11:15 am: John Dotson, Bill & Cathy Bendall, Joan  
Tinnen  
Communion—8:45 am: Polly Schrimper, Walt Schrimper,  
Kim Upshaw, Ted Upshaw  
Communion—11:15 am: Andrew Vawter, Jean Starnes  
Harold Howard, Cristal Perry, Bill Carroll  
Paula Bishop

### **THE SESSION (Our governing body)**

<b>Class of 2008</b>	<b>Class of 2009</b>	<b>Class of 2010</b>
Dossett Foster, Session Clerk	Cathy Bendall	Bill Carroll
John Gordon	Joe Bishop	John Evans
Cathy Harris	Byron Graves	Mark Gray
Charlotte Hicks	Sandy Kehrli	Jean Markham
Sarah Pfaffenroth	Miree Pomeroy	Walt Schrimper
Jere Lawson	John Price	Jean Starnes

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