

# Grace Presbyterian Church

December 28, 2008



**8:45 a.m.**

GATHERING PRAISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

BOWING BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

RESPONSIVE READING

*Luke 2: 22-40*

SERMON

*"Life With God as the Center of Our Hearts"*

CELEBRATION SONG

BLESSING

DEPARTING IN FAITH AND HOPE

*All songs projected by permission: CCLI # 945944*

**11:15 a.m.**

*Today we use The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to this service of worship where we celebrate the love God has given us in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will experience that love from the warmth of our fellowship, our time of worship, and the peace of God's presence. If you would like more information about becoming a part of Grace, please indicate it on the fellowship pads, or contact the church office.

## PRELUDE

"He is Born"

*arr. Raymond Hann*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,

**People: my whole being shall exult in my God;**

Leader: for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

**People: he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.**

Leader: For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

**People: and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,**

**All: so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.**

*Isaiah 61: 10, 11*

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #23

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

*GLORIA*

## CHILDREN IN CHANCEL

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, if we are glad that Christmas Day is over for another year. Forgive us for shaping Christmas into a commercially driven spending spree – in contrast to what happened at Bethlehem in such simple and humble surroundings. Forgive us when we forget that simplicity as we strive for bigger and better things. Forgive us, O God and grasp us anew with the wonder and the joy of the birth of Christ and help us to understand that the most precious gifts of all are not those which are credit card-costly but those which arise from Christ-centered lives. Even when we do temporarily forget the true reason for the Christmas season and find our attention drawn to other than Jesus, he does not do that to us. God sent Jesus into the world not to judge us, but to save us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## \*GLORIA #579

*GREATOREX*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

## \*HYMN # 40

**Joy to the World**

*ANTIOCH*



**Oversight Elders:**                   **Opening** - Dossett Foster  
**Closing** - John Price  
**Usher 8:45:**                           Gail Hackney  
**Usher's 11:15:**                       Mark & Sarah Pfaffenroth, Cathy & Bill Bendall

**Children's Church**

**8:45 am**                               **Leader:**       Kim Upshaw  
**Assistant:**     Sandi Rene  
**Puppet Asst.** Wayne Gillespie  
**11:15 am**                               **Leader:**  
**Assistant**  
**Puppet Asst.** Blake Ragghianti  
**Topic**                                   *Faithful People Thank God for Jesus*  
*Luke 2: 22-40*

**In Service for Next Week, January 4, 2009**

**Oversight Elders:**                   **Opening** - Walt Schrimper  
**Closing** - John Evans  
**Usher 8:45:**                           Gail Hackney  
**Usher's 11: 15:**                       Virginia Martin, Donna Maginn, Christy Tinnen,  
Gerald Ragghianti

**Children's Church**

**8:45 am**                               **Leader:**       Kim Upshaw  
**Assistant:**     Dana Jackson  
**Puppet Asst.** Amy Jackson  
**11:15 am**                               **Leader:**       Beth Turner  
**Assistant**       Amy Bishop  
**Puppet Asst.** Amy Jackson  
**Topic**                                   *Wise Men Find Jesus*  
*Matthew 2: 1-12*

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, December 28, 2008**  
 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Youth Game Night

**Thursday, January 1, 2009**  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!  
**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Monday, December 29, 2008**  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

**Friday, January 2, 2009**  
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, December 30, 2008**  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

**Sunday, January 4, 2009**  
 8:45 am Contemporary Service

**Wednesday, December 31, 2008**  
 NO ACTIVITIES UNTIL JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>  
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:45 am Children's Church  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:15 am Traditional Service  
 11:15 am Children's Church  
 2:30 pm Youth Bowling  
 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

**SESSION**

<b>Class of 2009</b>	<b>Class of 2010</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>
Joe Bishop	Bill Carroll	John Dotson
Byron Graves	John Evans	Linda Foster
Sandy Kehrl	Mark Gray	Harold Howard
Miree Pomeroy	Jean Markham	Dana Jackson
John Price	Walt Schrimper	Jere Lawson
	Jean Starnes	

**CHURCH STAFF**

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

**Our Church Family:**

- Carl Jones .....Health Concerns
- Pat Knox .....Broken Leg
- Dot Taylor .....Recovery from surgery
- Charles McCalla .....Health Concerns
- Virginia Finley .....Back Problems
- Sue White.....Surgery

**Our Extended Church Family:**

- Lee Clark, Gail Hackney’s uncle .....Stroke
- Alice Farris, Friend of Gail Hackney .....Health Concerns/Cancer
- Richard Swaim, Friend of Jere & Sara Lawson.....Cancer
- Lisa Joyner, Child Care Center, Assistant Director.....Recovery from Surgery
- Janet Vawter’s co-worker, Rayleen’s daughter
- Quenton Clark, mother of Gail Hackney....Health concerns
- Michael Sean Maginn, son of Donna Maginn.....Cancer
- Wayne Wynne, Son of Roy and Harriette Wynne.....Cancer
- Earl Burgess, friend of Byron & Diane Graves.....Health Concerns
- Paul Cave, Brother of Dan, Nancy & Georgie Cave...Health Concerns
- Pam Clark, Frances Kitterman’s Cousin.....Health Concerns
- Joe & Viola Gonzales .....Health Concerns
- Shirley Fortino, Donna Maginn’s friend.....Ovarian Cancer
- To all of our military troops who are serving overseas, or state-side.

**Worship Attendance for December 21, 2008**

8:45	44
<u>11:15</u>	<u>110</u>
Total	154

**In Service This Week - December 28, 2008**

**Oversight Elders:** Opening - Dossett Foster

Closing - John Price

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**Usher's 11:15:** Virginia Martin, Donna Maginn, Christy Tinnen, Gerald Raghianti

**Communion Servers**

**8:45:** Byron Graves, Charlotte Hicks

**11:15:** Dossett Foster, Daryl Davis, Dana Jackson, Bill Carroll, Paula Bishop, Cristaldawn Perry