

# Grace Presbyterian Church

January 3, 2010



**11:15 a.m.**

*Today we use The Hymnbook (red)*

## **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**

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

John Hopkins

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**People: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;**

Leader: But the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

**People: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.**  
*(Isaiah 60: 1-3)*

## **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #174**

**As With Gladness Men of Old**

DIX

## **CHILDREN IN CHANCEL**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Unison)*

God of glory, you sent Jesus to live among us  
as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for your people.

We confess that our sin and pride  
hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor;  
we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth  
your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **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 #155** **There’s a Song in the Air!** CHRISTMAS SONG

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM** **“Follow the Star”** Michael Sharp

**SERMON** **“Guided By The Light”** Charlotte Eaheart Hicks  
*Matthew 2: 1-12*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Apostles’ Creed**

**OFFERTORY** **“Bethlehem of Noblest Cities”** Howard Helvey

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #132** **All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!** CORONATION

**\*BENEDICTION**

“Wherever you go, God is sending you, wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there. Christ who dwells within you, has something He wants you to do. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.”

**POSTLUDE** **“March of the Three Kings”** FRENCH CAROL

\*\*\*\*\*

*\* denotes Congregation Standing*

*\*\*Parents please pick up your children from Kids Own Worship!!*

*As God's **FAMILY** at Grace we joyfully acknowledged that:*

*† We have been Forgiven by God, which gives us the ability to forgive others*

*† We are Accepted by God, enabling us to accept one another*

*† God has shown us Mercy, making it possible for us to be merciful*

*† We strive to live in Integrity in our interactions with everyone*

*† Our goal is to Love as Christ loves us*

*† We are Yoked Together to serve Christ and make disciples*

### SESSION

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Bill Carroll	John Dotson	Kate Harrison
John Evans	Linda Foster	Carl Jones
Mark Gray	Dana Jackson	Brooks Keiser
Jean Markham	Jere Lawson	Debbie Metoyer
Walt Schrimper		Christy Tinnen
Jean Starnes		

### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: .....Rev. Larry Turner, lturner@grace-pres.org  
Cell phone (901) 907-9455

Director of Music: .....Charlotte Eaheart Hicks, CCM, chicks@grace-pres.org

Director of Technical Services .....Bob Vawter, bvawter@bellsouth.net

Youth Director: .....Darmon Dotson, ddotson@grace-pres.org

Organist: .....Jean Jones, jjones8960@comcast.net

Nursery Attendants: .....Kathe Walker & Judy Thigpun

Financial Administrator: .....Betsy Lewis, blewis@grace-pres.org

Administrative Assistant: .....Linda Cole, lcole@grace-pres.org

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
**6671 Yale Road**  
**Bartlett, TN 38134**  
**Phone: 901-386-3241**  
**www.grace-pres.org**



Rusty Campbell, Sara Lawson's brother-in-law.....Stroke  
Josie Clark .....Health concerns  
Jacob Cole, Linda Cole's father-in-law.....Health concerns  
Elizabeth Collins, friend of John Dotson.....Health concerns  
Janis Epler .....Healing/recovery  
Thad Glenn, Sue White's father .....Health concerns  
Joe & Viola Gonzales .....Health concerns/healing  
Rosemary Gordon.....Healing/recovery  
Don Hicks.....Health concerns  
Sue Johnson.....Health concerns  
Edward & Johanna Patterson..... Health concerns  
Rachel Pope, Cathy Bendall's daughter.....Health concerns  
Philip Price, Mary Price's grandson .....Health concerns  
Patti Vernor, Jean Jones' sister.....Health concerns  
Carla (Gillespie) Ward.....Health concerns  
Sue White .....Recovery  
To all of our military troops who are serving overseas, or state-side

**Please do not forget to pick up the 2010 Offering Envelopes** located on the table in the Sanctuary. Thank you!!!

**Join us for the UN-decorating party. Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am.** We'll pack up the Christmas décor and have a great time of fellowship.

**There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 am.** This is the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation.

**Looking for a way to serve** that doesn't require extra trips to church or committee meetings? Join the Usher's Team. There will be a brief training/*refresher class on Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 for all ushers.* (OK, one extra trip.) You don't have to sign up, just show up. You may contact Dana Jackson [dtjacks@bellouth.net](mailto:dtjacks@bellouth.net) or 377-9374 if you have any questions.

**Day Tripper: On January 18<sup>th</sup>** the Day Trippers will enjoy an 11:00 potluck lunch at church followed by the movie FLYWHEEL. Everyone is welcome!!

**January Fellowship Dinner:** Congregational Life is sponsoring a Chili/Soup potluck followed by Bingo on Friday, *January 29<sup>th</sup>.* Congregational Life is furnishing the Chili and Soup. The congregation is asked to bring salads, sandwiches, desserts etc. The potluck will begin at 6:30 followed by bingo at 7:15.

**Grace has been ask to serve lunch at First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen** on January 17, 2010 at 1:45. We will depart at 3:30. Darmon Dotson is going to take the Youth Group to serve. If anyone would like to serve please contact Darmon. They usually ask for 10-12 volunteers.

### Upcoming Events for January

*January 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Officer training*

*January 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am – Un-decorating Party*

*January 10<sup>th</sup> – 10:45 am – Annual Congregational Meeting*

*January 10<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm – Officer training*

*January 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 pm – Usher training/refresher class*

*January 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Circle #4*

*January 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – Circle #1 & #2*

*January 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Committee Meeting*

*January 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Bible Study Begins – A New Series – “Blind Spots”, A Study of Galatians. (Wednesday nights – through March)*