

* Confession of Sin Dr. Randy Kirby
**God of Advent hope,
You took on flesh and came into the world
for such a time as this,
yet we do not trust your timing.
We rush through the joy of your birth
and hurry to exact our will on your world.
We struggle to wait, and watch, and listen.
Slow us down. Quiet our hearts.
Help us to be still and know that you are God.
Amen.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Musical Response 113 GLORIA
Angels We Have Heard on High
**Glo—ria in excelsis Deo!
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Children’s Message Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-38

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:17-19

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering
Offertory Sanctuary Choir
Jesus, Emmanuel
words by Philip Doddridge | music by K. Lee Scott
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* Hymn 92 WAITING
While We Are Waiting, Come

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Communion of the People
**“The body of Christ, given for you.”
“The blood of Christ, shed for you.”**

Music during Communion COME TO THE TABLE
#508 Come to the Table
You are invited to sing as Communion is served.

* Prayer after Communion

* Hymn 82 HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

* Benediction

Postlude John Stafford; organ
Variations on HYFRYDOL
music by Rowland Pritchard | arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

**The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of their dear mothers,
Jennie Norman and Ruth Thabet,
by Jim and Barbara Norman**

Joys and Concerns this week:

Steve and Donna Ashley, Bob Cook, David Potts, Sue Hayworth, Acey Worthy

Vaughn and Eva Nelson on the birth of their granddaughter, Whitley Clare Schappel, on November 17. Whitley’s parents are Matt and Erika Nelson Schappel

Continuing Concerns:

Myrna Crocker, Lois Boyd (Ellie Grover’s mother), Maria Hudson, Jan Kichefski, Rocky Mead (Chris Mead’s father), Tom Overcash, Mike Purser (Kathy Sanborn’s brother), Sharon Whittington

Church Life

Actors Needed - Actors for “Christmas On Church Street” are needed for the following parts: Angels & Shepherds (adults & older youth for both roles), and sheep (young children). It will not be necessary to learn any dialogue, and costumes will be provided. **Wednesday, November 30, is the last day to let David Carmichael know if you would like to help with this project at jdcarmichael2@gmail.com or 704-640-4417.**

JOY (Just Older Youth) Christmas Celebration Sunday, December 11, 4:00-6:00 at The Gables at Kepley Farm clubhouse, 210 River Birch Drive. Christmas Casual. Bring a large appetizer (finger food) to share and adult beverages (optional). JOY will provide other beverages. RSVP to the church office by December 8 and indicate if you need a ride. (It is a ten-minute drive from the Church.)

New Swing set for Overton – Thank you, thank you, thank you to one and all. We surpassed our goal! Soon Overton will have new swings for special needs children!

New Sunday School Class – Are you looking for a Sunday School class? Outlook is a new discussion-based class meeting temporarily in the Confirmation classroom upstairs in the Education Building. The main curriculum for the class will be *The Presbyterian Outlook*, our denominational magazine, which deals with current denominational, national, and world issues. Recent editions have dealt with such topics as life after prison, LGBTQ issues, and issues related to race. All adults are welcome to join or visit. The class will be facilitated by Kia Creamer, Trish Dunn, Barrie Kirby, Jenn Gardner Selby, Kathy Vestal, and other class members who wish to help lead.

