

Greeters Today: Norma Smith and David King
 Greeter Next Week: Linda Sweet
Note: Greeters, if you will not be available a particular Sunday, please contact Barbara at the church office.
 Nursery Today: JoAnn Kilbourne and Sue Gibson
 Nursery Next Week: Mary Jane Crosby and Norma Smith
Note: Nursery Volunteers, if you switch your scheduled day, please contact Barbara at the church office after calling Retha to change your day.
 Young Disciples' Worship: Tim & Holly Briscoe
 Deacon of the Month for December: Rick Hall (628-3037)

This Week's Events

Sun.	Dec. 11	9:45am 11:00am After worship 6:30pm	Sunday School Worship Service-3rd Sunday of Advent- Poinsettia Procession Children's Christmas Play practice Choir Christmas program at Watauga
Tues.	Dec. 13	7:00pm	Session Meeting in the fellowship hall
Wed.	Dec. 14	10:00am	Morning Circle in the fellowship hall
Sat.	Dec. 17	10:00-11:30am	Christmas Play "dress" rehearsal

Coming Soon

Sun.	Dec. 18	9:45am 11:00am After worship	Sunday School Worship Service--Christmas Joy Offering- Children's Christmas Play during worship- Potluck Luncheon
Mon.	Dec. 19	7:00pm	Rest Home Party
Wed.	Dec. 21	10:00am 6:00pm	Bible Study/Prayer Group Choir Party at the Martins
Sat.	Dec. 24	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

◆Next week's readings are: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38.

A member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Abingdon Presbytery
 Green Spring Presbyterian Church
 serves Jesus Christ at
 22007 Green Spring Church Road, Abingdon, VA 24211
 Adult & Children Sunday School Classes at 9:45am
 Worship Service & Young Disciples' Worship at 11:00am
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Green Spring Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2011

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Procession of the Poinsettias

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

arr: Godspell

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Solo, Erin Evans

God with Us, Emmanuel

Raney

Statement about the third Candle

Solo Response

God with Us, Emmanuel

The Candle is Lighted

Prayer

*Hymn #169

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace upon grace, your eternal Word took flesh and dwelt among us. This is John's testimony. And Isaiah writes, "Behold your God," and in Jesus Christ we indeed see you. Too often, however, we let lesser things block our line of sight or make us look away. Forgive us, we pray, and comfort us in promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith (*Westminster Shorter Catechism, 7.021, 7.022*)

Q.21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one Person forever.

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

*Response of Praise (*Gloria Patri*, #805)

Time with Young Disciples***

*Hymn #132

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Offering

Offertory

O Holy Night

Adam

*Doxology (#809)

Teresa Halsey, Solo

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

French

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

Scripture Reading

John 1:14-18

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Behold Your God!

Jon Martin

*Hymn #152

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Emmanuel

McGee

*Postlude

*Congregation please stand.

*** K through 5th grade depart for Young Disciples' Worship following the Time with Young Disciples.



December at a Glance

- December 11**-Sunday School at 9:45am-
Worship at 11:00am-3rd Sunday of Advent-
Poinsettia Procession;
Children's Play Practice after worship till 1:30pm;
Choir Christmas Program "Christmas Around the World" at
Watauga Chapel tonight at 6:30pm
- December 13**-Session Meeting at 7:00pm
- December 14**-Morning Circle meets at 10:00am in the fellowship hall;
No Choir practice
- December 17**-Dress rehearsal for the Children's Play from 10:00-11:30am
- December 18**-Sunday School at 9:45am;
Worship at 11:00am-4th Sunday of Advent-
Christmas Joy Offering-
Children's Christmas Play during worship service-
Potluck Luncheon after worship in the fellowship hall
- December 19**-Rest Home Party at 7:00pm
- December 21**-Bible Study/Prayer Group at 10:00am;
Choir Party at the Martins at 6:00pm
- December 24**-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00pm-
The lighting of the Christ Candle and Communion
- December 25**-Christmas Day -Sunday School 9:45am-Worship at 11:00am-
Two Cents Meal Offering -
Community Christmas Dinner at the Abingdon Senior Center
from 3:00-6:00pm
- December 28**-Deacons Meeting at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall;
No Choir Practice

† OUR CHURCH AT WORK †

Jon Elliott Martin, Pastor

December 11, 2011

◆ *Welcome to all! We are delighted that God led you to worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor and interested in learning more about our church fellowship, please call the pastor at church, 628-7739 or his cell phone, 206-6370. Also, please take a moment to fill out the 'Visitors Card' and place it in the offering plate, giving us the opportunity to welcome you and to know more about you. Note that a 'pew reservation sign' has been placed at the end of the last center pew to reserve this seating for those with special needs. Please turn off cellular phones upon entering the Sanctuary, frequencies interfere with microphones.*



◆ **Welcome to the Third Sunday of Advent.** We will have the lighting of the third **Advent Candle** during the worship service. The poinsettias will be placed in the



sanctuary by a procession from the congregation. A bulletin insert lists those remembered or honored and who placed them.

Note: If you want to take part in the "poinsettia procession", please meet in the vestibule during Passing the Peace. Thank you!



◆ This Sunday let us pray for **Mary's Presbyterian Church** in Tazewell, VA, Danny Whitt, CLP and for our entire congregation, especially the following:
John Briscoe, Monica Hayden, Tim Meredith, Ann Lowry, Betty Capriola, Roberta Richey, Baird Smith, Jackie Cantrell, William Harris, Lois Gillespie, Ginger Harris, Sara Lawson, Doris Poe, Bob Lowe, Carolyn Deaton, Lynn McConnell, David King, Virginia Thompson, Connie & Tom Counts, Edna McConnell, Sue Elkins, Sandra Wimmer, Nancy Thompson, Bill & Marge Margerum, Janet McCauley, Blair Keller, Erma Combs, Rhonda Moore, Carter Garrett, Jr., Marshall Jones, Barbara Blevins, Edith Ratliff, Jane Bloom, Brenda Sprinkle, Karen Combs, Virginia McFarlane, Dr. Jim Gardner, Aiden Beard, Jim Groseclose, Eva Bailey, Phyllis Garner, Phyllis Dorton, Nancy Greary, Don Stephens, Lena McVey, Rickey White, Terry White,

(prayers) Eric Wimmer, Jim Losinger, April Haga, Brenda Branson, Lucas Bailey, Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Spence and Helen Carter.

◆ **Note:** Please use the **colored cards** in the pew racks for **prayer requests**. Place them in the offering plate, during the offering.

◆ **Announcement:** Today after worship, Children's Play Practice will be held until 1:30pm. Next Saturday, December 17th, a final dress rehearsal will be held from 10:00-11:30am. **The play will be presented next Sunday, December 18th during worship.**



◆ **Tonight** at 6:30pm the **Green Spring Choir** will present "*Christmas Around the World*" at Watauga Chapel. This musical program will feature carols from such countries as Germany, England, China, France, the West Indies, and the Caribbean. Joining the choir will be guest flute player Jennifer Matthews, a flute major at Appalachian State University and guest tenor soloist Robert Matthews, Choral Director at Emory & Henry College. Refreshments will be served afterwards by Nancy Abel, Yvonne Brown, Linda Childers, Patty Clark, Connie Counts, Mary Jane Crosby, Linda Hall, Hope Humphrey, Bonnie Keller, Gilda Keller, Edna McConnell, Barbara Quesenberry, Ann Sprinkle and Claudia Sprinkle. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

◆ There will be a "**Potluck Luncheon**" in the fellowship hall **next** Sunday, December 18th following the worship service. Bring a covered dish to share with everyone. Plan to stay for some good food and fellowship with the church family.



◆ The **Session** will meet on December 13, 2011 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall.

◆ The **Morning Circle** will meet on December 14th at 10:00am in the fellowship hall.



◆ *Our Christian love & sympathy is extended to G.T. & Ginger Harris, Sarita Mullins, Jim Hammond & their families at the death of Shirley Hammond (Ginger's & Sarita's sister, Jim's wife). Please keep them in your prayers.*



◆ The **Rest Home Christmas Party** will be December 19th at 7:00pm. Santa will deliver the gifts to the residents while they enjoy a time of fun and fellowship with some members from our church. If you would like to come or help in some way, please call or see Mary Jane Crosby.

◆ The "**Christmas Joy Offering**", designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need, will be received **next** Sunday, December 18th.

◆ **A Reminder to the Treasurers.....**Reports for 2011 need to be turned in to the church office soon. Forms are available in the church office. Thank you.

◆ In order that we may know who is attending worship, especially the visitors, would **everyone** please fill out the pad in the pew and pass it to the next person beside you. Thank you.

◆ The **Flower Calendar for 2012** is now available in the church office.



◆ There will be a **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 5:00pm on December 24th. We will have the story, the lighting of the Christ Candle and Communion. Make plans now to attend.

◆ Last Sunday there were 126 in worship. The offering total was \$5,165.61 all to the General Fund. As of last Sunday, we have received \$176,303.08 toward our budget total of \$200,693.00. Our weekly goal is \$3,860.00.