

Greeter Today: Loretta McCauley  
 Greeters Next Week: Jack & Kitty Farley  
**Note:** Greeters, if you will not be available a particular Sunday, please contact Barbara at the church office.  
 Nursery Today: Sam & Erin Evans  
 Nursery Next Week: Linda Hall and Angie Cooper  
**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)  
 Deacon of the Month for January: Mack Bailey (676-2459)

**This Week's Events**

Sun.	Dec. 25	11:00am	Christmas Day Worship Service-Two Cents Meal
<b>Coming Soon</b>			
Sun.	Jan. 1	9:45am 11:00am	Sunday School Worship Service-Communion
Wed.	Jan. 4	10:00am 7:00pm	Brunch at Perkins Choir Practice

*I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

**Luke 2:10-11**

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  
 Nursery Provided  
 Pastor's study and fax line (276) 628-7739 Pastor's cell # (276) 206-6370  
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# *Green Spring Presbyterian Church*

## *Order of Worship*

Christmas Day

December 25, 2011

Prelude                      *Sing Hosannas Christ is Born*                      Faircloth

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Choral Introit                      *The First Noel*                      English

\*Call to Worship

One: A child has been born for us,

**All: A son given for us.**

One: Authority rests on his shoulders and he is named:

**All: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace. Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn #146    *Joy to the World*

\*Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, you gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, to be born of the Virgin Mary, to show us the way home. Having been adopted your family, grant we pray, that we might take your ways upon us, that your love would be born in our lives, and that we would be renewed in this way we travel. Thank you, O God, for your great gift to all creation, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*John 1:1-5*)

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without**

**him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

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

Time with Young Disciples\*\*\*

\*Hymn #173    *O Come All Ye Faithful*

The Offering

Offertory    *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*    Longfellow

\*Doxology (#809)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem    *The Jesus Gift*    Martin  
Kevin Flannagan, Solo

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

Scripture Reading    Luke 2:8-20

One: The Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon    *The Best Birth Story Ever!*    Jon Martin

\*Hymn #171    *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response    *Gloria!*    French

\*Postlude

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\*Congregation please stand.

\*\*\* K through 5th grade will remain upstairs today following the Time with Young Disciples.

Jon Elliott Martin, Pastor  
Barbara King, Secretary/Office Manager  
Kevin Flannagan, Choir Director  
Patti Quarles, Accompanist

◆ Last Sunday there were 142 in worship. The offering total was \$6,847.00, broken down as follows: General Fund \$6,022.00, Joy Gift \$725.00, Two cents per meal \$100.00. As of last Sunday, we have received \$185,742.08 toward our budget total of \$200,693.00. Our weekly goal is \$3,860.00.

◆ Next week's readings are: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and  
HAPPY NEW  
YEAR



## † OUR CHURCH AT WORK †

December 25, 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.*



◆ This Sunday let us pray for **McIver Memorial Presbyterian Church** in Bristol, VA, Alan Chapman, Stated Supply 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, 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, Eric Wimmer, Jim Losinger, April Haga, Brenda Branson, Lucas Bailey, Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Spence, Vicki Proffitt, Jane Hale, Dottie McGrady, Bo Miller 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.

◆ **Please Note:** No Young Disciples' Worship this morning and New Year's Day. The children will remain in the sanctuary for worship.



◆ The **"Two Cents Per Meal"** offering will be received this morning. These monies are used in the Presbytery and around the world to help fight hunger. Please use the envelopes in the pew racks or designate your check **"Two Cents Meal"**. Thank you.

◆ **To the Nursery Volunteers:** *I want to extend my gratitude to each and every volunteer for their willingness to serve in the upcoming year as our nursery continues to grow! Please pick up your copy of the 2012 Schedule as you leave today.* Retha Robinette

◆ Thanks to all who placed a poinsettia in the sanctuary this year. Please take yours home after worship today.



◆ **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.



◆ **Flowers enhance the beauty of the worship.**

Please take a look at the "2012 Flower Calendar", located in the church office, and find a date that you might like to place flowers in the sanctuary. The flowers can be purchased from a local florist by the church office or you can purchase the flowers yourself. Call the church office at 628-6288 for more information.

◆ 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.

◆ **Next Sunday**, January 1st, the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be observed during the morning worship service by distribution.



◆ *Our Christian love & sympathy is extended to Bill & Marge Margerum and family at the death of Marge's sister, Jane Bloom. Jane had been on our prayer list for some time. She died peacefully on December 22nd in a nursing home in Newport News. Please keep this family in your prayers.*

◆ **Brunch on Wednesday?** Anyone interested in having a late breakfast on Wednesday morning, January 4th, is welcome to meet at the church at 9:30am and carpool to Perkins Restaurant. You can also meet us at Perkins if you wish. Everyone is invited!

◆ There will be a **joint meeting** of the **Session** with the **Board of Deacons** in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm.



◆ The CE Committee will meet at the home of Jeanie Evans on January 12th at 2:00pm.



◆ **Rest Home Birthday Reminders for January:** Travis Payne will celebrate his birthday on January 19th. He is sponsored by the evening Circle. Please keep all of the residents in your prayers.

◆ **Nursery Helpers for January:**

January 1-Linda Hall and Angie Cooper  
January 8-Sally Brown and Lisa Bailey  
January 15-Phyllis Briscoe and Lea Combs  
January 22-Retha Robinette and Sandra Wimmer  
January 29-Judy Briscoe and Carol White



◆ Greeters are needed for Sunday worship service for 2012. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the vestibule. Please sign it as you leave today.  
Thank You!