

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**December 13, 2009**  
**9:00 & 11:00 Service of Worship**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God.  
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His Blood  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family, the Family of God.*

OPENING PRAYER

*Lay Liturgist*

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

**“O Holy Night”** *Fran Heard & Jay Moss*  
*As the prelude begins we honor the offerings of our musicians as we  
prepare our hearts and minds for worship with our prayerful silence.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

**“Sing We Now Of Christmas”** # 237

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**“JOY”** *Matt & Lisa Brearton & Family*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

**People: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright of heart.**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

**People: We will give thanks to His Holy name!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O Lord, our creator, You made each one of us and You know all things good for us. You sent Your Son to shed the light of Your wisdom into our lives. He died and rose again that we might be free to follow You. Through Your son we have found JOY in living as Your children. We lift our hearts in song, for You are worthy of our praises. Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Lay Liturgist*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF DEDICATION

**“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”** # 224

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

(Please Pass Pew Registration Booklets)

Offertory Anthem

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INFANT BAPTISM

*Alexa Royce-Anne Vaughn  
Daughter of Amanda Setchel and Ryan Vaughn*

SCRIPTURE

**Luke 3: 7-18**

SERMON

**“What Then Should We Do?”**

**Dr. R. Allen Stewart**

HYMN OF INVITATION

**“In The Bleak Midwinter”**

# 221

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*\* 11:00am Service*

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**Infant Baptism**

*Amanda Setchel & Ryan Vaughn present their daughter, Alexa Royce-Anne Vaughn, to be baptized at the 11:00AM Service today. Alexa's Paternal Grandparents are Candy & Ricky Vaughn. Her Maternal Grandparents are David and Barbara Setchel.*

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**Christian Sympathy**

*We extend our sincere Christian love and sympathy to Carole Acosta and family in the death of her grandfather, Newell Bowie.*

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**Our Prayer Ministry**

*“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come & has redeemed His people.” Luke 1:68*

**Extended Prayer Needs:** Terry Johnson, Jody DiMarco, Bobby Floyd, Doris Gibson

**Other Prayer Needs:** Jane Hamby—Mother of Kathy Carter; Bobby Grizzard—Brother of Carolyn Martin; Michael Gale (Iraq)—Son of Charlie Gale; Kevin Lauriault—Uncle of Zachary Tellano; Samantha Willis—Daughter of Laura Carter Willis; Billy Nunnally—Brother of Ronnie Nunnally; Evelyn Gresham—Mother of Sandra Story; David Barruth—Brother-in-law of Tracy Evans; Randolph Daniel—Father of Randy Daniel; Jud Sonafelt—Brother of Susan Meek; McKinLee Turner—Daughter of Kaleb & April Turner

**Brown Convalescent Ctr**—Helen Thornton

**Hart Care** - Henrietta Roper, Elinor Bond

**Hartwell Health Care Ctr**—Gladys Woody

**Lake Point** - Willie Burns, Joe Seawright, Hazel Newberry, Alma Brown, Elizabeth Vickery

**Gables** - Helen Leonard

**Brighton Gardens** - Kathryn Frye

**Homebound**- Randy Scott, Charlotte Teasley, Jim Condict, Eva Stamey, Mary Hyland, Maryleene Basinger, Mary Cunningham, Mary Carpenter, Bill Marsh

**Church Family in Military** - James Hicks (Iraq); Ben Dewitt—Son of Lynne Adams; Kyle Bucksot; Keith David—Son of Dale & Cindie David; Chris David—Son of Dale & Cindie David; Jimmy Condict—Grandson of Jean & Jim Condict; Karl Lindquist—Son of Bob & Norma Lindquist; Trav George—Grandson of Travis George; Josh Black—Brother of Joel Black; Caitlin Whittington—Granddaughter of Dottie & Earl Sisson; Tom Eberhardt (Iraq)—Grandson of Mary Chapman

**Volunteers for the Week**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Louise Smith    **NURSERY:** April Beasley, Tamara Friedline

**ACOLYTES:** Sarah Ann Skelton, Morgan Beasley

**USHERS:** Bill Beasley, Wayne Lewis, Randy Skelton, Ed Weaver

**Attendance Last Sunday**

9:00 Worship Service	99	Sunday School	116
10:45 Contemporary Service	160	11:00 Worship Service	159

**UNIFIED BUDGET**

**12/6**

**To Date**

Received	\$24,874	\$605,747	Windows of Opportunity 2009 Receipts: \$	275,034
Needed Weekly	\$13,150	\$644,350	Loan Amount to Date:	\$1,476,580

**Opportunities for Worship and Service**

**Sunday, December 13**

<b>9:00am. Early Worship—Sanctuary</b>	<b>10:00am. Sunday School</b>
<b>10:45am. Contemporary Service—Worship Center</b>	<b>11:00am. Traditional Worship—Sanctuary</b>

*Nursery provided for all services*

**Monday, December 14**

6:30pm UMW Christmas Dinner-FH

**Wednesday, December 16**

9:30am Pre School Chapel -Lynne  
10:00am Staff Meeting-Library  
1:00pm Prayer Group-Library  
5:30pm FNS  
6:00pm 3rd Advent Study-FH  
Youth Activities  
7:00pm Celtic Christmas Concert-Sanctuary

**Tuesday, December 15**

10:00pm Bible Study-Library  
12:30pm Staff Christmas Lunch\*  
6:00pm Bible Study-Library

**Thursday, December 17**

7:00am Men's Prayer Group-Green Bean  
8:00am Men's Prayer Group-Green Bean  
4:30pm Second Helping Dinner-Gym

\* The church office will be closed Tuesday, December 15th from 12:15-1:30pm

**Finance Committee Meeting - Sunday, December 20th - 5:30pm - Library**

**Administrative Council Meeting - Monday, December 21st - 5:30pm - Fellowship Hall**

**Basketball Schedule for This week**

**Monday, December 14th at HFUMC**

<b>6:00pm B1vsFBA</b>	<b>6:45pm G2AvsFB</b>
<b>7:30pm B2vsFB</b>	<b>8:15pm B4vsFB</b>

**Thursday, December 17th HFUMC at Flat Shoals**

<b>6:00pm G2BvsFB</b>	<b>7:30pm B3vsFS</b>
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**Thursday, December 17th HFUMC at Bethany**

<b>6:00pm G1vsBT</b>	<b>6:45pm B1vsBT</b>
<b>7:30pm B2vsBT</b>	<b>8:15pm B4vsPR</b>

**Inclement Weather Information**

The decision to cancel church due to inclement weather is always difficult. If winter weather threatens, the Lay Leader, Chairman of the Administrative Board, and the Sr. Pastor will consult and make a decision by 7:00am. If you are not sure about services, please listen to WKLY or WYFF-TV (Greenville, SC).

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## Service of Dark Night

The Service of Dark Night will be very special this year. Dr. Allen Stewart will lead the final part of the Advent Study beginning at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Then, we will move to the Sanctuary for the candle light service lead by Stephen Ministry. This busy time of the year can cause some to feel down. Some have lost loved ones or are stressed over our economic times and the season is emotionally difficult. This service is designed to bring hope and light into a world that seems dark and bleak. It is our hope that you will attend this candle light service and experience the light that Jesus brought into the world and begin a bright and Holy Christmas Week.



### From the Church Office:

Christmas holidays are fast approaching and the church office will be following a modified schedule. If you have reimbursements due or pledges which need to be settled, please do so before the end of the year. **In order for your church contributions to be counted in 2009 for tax purposes, they must be turned in by 12 Noon on Wednesday, December 30, 2009.** If you normally mail your donations, please be sure to mail them in time to reach the office by that date!

### Holiday Office Hours

The church office will close December 23rd at noon and will be closed December 24 and 25th in observance of Christmas. The office hours for December 28th–30th will be from 9:00—12 noon. The office will be closed December 31st and January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

### Pastoral Care during the Holidays

If you have any need for pastoral care when the office is not open, please leave a message on the church answering machine and someone will contact you as soon as possible. If it is urgent, you may call the church parsonage at (706)376-0846.

### January Newsletter

All information for this newsletter and the January calendar needs to be turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, December 16th.

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**LAURIE FOSTER & VICKIE ADAMS** Nursery Workers

**JOHN MILNER** Door Keeper

**RON LEVERETTE** Custodian

## Luke 3:7-18

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?'

<sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' <sup>12</sup>Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' <sup>13</sup>He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' <sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.



## The Imagination Library

The tri-fold insert in our bulletins today contains information about The Imagination Library, an organization which is trying to help increase literacy in Hart County. This program started six years ago here and every penny donated goes to children in our county. Each month from birth until 5 years of age a book is sent to the child along with a parent guide. For only \$36.00 you can sponsor a child for a year.

One third of our children come to school unprepared due to lack of books in the home for adults to read to them. This one third many times ends up being the one third that drops out of high school doomed to low paying jobs or worst yet unemployment or even incarceration. The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for success in reading is reading aloud to children.

So this Christmas if you are wondering what to get someone who has everything and you would like to honor someone in a meaningful way, please sponsor a child for The Imagination Library. The church secretary (in our church office) or one of our volunteers has cards that you can address and send or give to the person you are honoring.

## A CELTIC CHRISTMAS

with

**Carroll Brown and Harry O'Donoghue**

Singer/songwriters Harry O'Donoghue and Carroll Brown are proud to present an *A Celtic Christmas*, a show filled with Spiritual, Celtic, Southern and traditional Seasonal songs, complimented by stories and recitations.

Join Brown and O'Donoghue for a delightful evening of acoustic music, song and story on **Wednesday, December 16th 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.** (After the 3rd Part of the Advent Study.)

### GOD'S CREATIONS 2010 CALENDERS ARE AVAILABLE

The Missions Committee has a very limited number of beautiful wall calendars for sale. Calendars are only \$6.00 and can be purchased in the church office.



#### UMW Chrismons for Missions

A new Chrismon tree has been placed in the gathering area of our new building this Christmas season. The UMW are making Chrismons for this tree and all proceeds will go to missions. Please help us by purchasing a Chrismon in honor or memory of someone. This will be an ongoing way to



support missions. Ornaments can be purchased from any UMW member or the church office.



**Become Part of Our Wednesday Nights**

Family Night Supper will begin at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.  
Menu this week will be:  
Fried Chicken

Please sign up on the *Orange* FNS Reservation Cards available in the pews in the Sanctuary or on the tables in the back of the Fellowship Hall. You may call the church office or email us using the form on the HFUMC website.

This is going to be another very special night. Dr. Allen Stewart will continue with Part 3 of the Advent Study at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This has been an awesome study so far. Then, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, join us for A CELTIC CHRISTMAS with **Carroll Brown and Harry O'Donoghue**



#### A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*A Ministry of Christ caring for people through people.*

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

*Galatians 6:2*



Please support the children as they collect money to help others this holiday season.



Thank you to everyone who participated in Breakfast with Santa. We had a great turnout and LOTS of fun. The youth profited over \$300 and Santa received lots of wishes. As always, we are truly blessed to be a part of such a generous church.

Marcie & Jeremy

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Dec. 21st at 10:00 a.m.



We'll meet at church & car pool. RSVP by Dec. 18th. Call if you can help drive.

We'll visit shut ins & nursing homes. After Caroling, we'll go to La Cabana for lunch — bring money! **Make a Christmas card (or 2, or 3) to share that day. Bring a card and you will get a quarter at La Cabana!**

#### SHOPPING DAY FOR HART LIFE

Wed., Dec. 16th at 5:00 (meet at Walmart)

Parents - please stay and help with the shopping. It will take about 1 hour.



# HOPE



Current Series

#### Wednesday Night Schedule

MS 5:30-7:00 HS 7:15-8:30

#### Youth Christmas Party

Dec 16th 6:00-8:00

Bring a gift no more than \$5

Food: Sign up to bring soup, sandwiches, & dessert.



Youth December Newsletter is on the web

[www.standministries.org](http://www.standministries.org)

#### 2nd Helping Dinner

*What a wonderful opportunity to serve God and our community! Volunteer forms are available on the tables in the back so you may still sign up with donations and to help out.*

*We still need pound cakes!*

*What a wonderful opportunity to serve God and our community.*

**YAM**

**Thursday, December 17th Young Adults will be helping with the 2nd Helping**