

Sunday December 29, 2024

PRELUDE

Janesta Williams

PASTORAL WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sam McGregor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mona Baker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mona Baker

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

All: Teach us, O God, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, how to lead lives of holiness and godliness while, in accordance with your promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

All: A new day is upon us. For this is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN NO. 134 Joy To The World

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mona Baker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy and merciful God, we confess that we neglect to seek your wisdom for our lives. Instead, we think more highly of ourselves and our own knowledge, choosing to go our own way in this world. We let the cares and concerns of this world crowd out the promise of your Word, that you are with us always. We face the future with uncertainty and misgivings. Help us put our trust in you so we may live faithful and obedient lives, as we depend on the wisdom of your Holy Spirit and the love of Christ to shape our lives and actions. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is just and kind in his ways and doings.

All: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Leader: The Lord fulfills the desires of all who place their trust in the Lord.

All: Today we celebrate the best of news. Christ is born and through him our sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Sam McGregor

HYMN NO. 110

Love Has Come

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Sam McGregor

GOSPEL READINGS

New Testament (Epistle)

Text: Colossians 3:12-17 (pg. 201)

New Testament (Gospel)

Text: Luke 2:1-20 (pg. 58)

SERMON **“Hospitality Then at the Manger and Now in Van Wyck”**

*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

Church Calendar

Sunday Dec 29 10:00am Children's Sunday School
11:00am Worship with Rev. Dr. Sam McGregor

The women of the church will be undecorating the Sanctuary on Monday January 6 beginning at 10AM, but come when you can. Many hands make light work.

Rev. Carson will be taking time off to be with her family Wednesday December 25 through Sunday December 29. She will return to the church office on Monday December 30.

Sunday December 29 we will welcome The Rev. Dr. Sam McGregor as guest preacher in the 11:00am worship service.

Hosting Community Groups @ VWPC

Monday Dec 30 6:00pm Town Council Workshop Session
(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday Dec 31 7:00pm Integrity Group (Fellowship Hall)

Happy DECEMBER Birthday to YOU!!!

3 – Charles Moss	17 – Jeremy Sinclair
4 – Julie Singh	21 – Dennis Williford
5 – Logan Helms	27 – Carol Leedy
9 – Carson Helms	30 – Linda Pelletier
16 – Rosa Sansbury	

December Prayer Requests

Disciples: Pat Oglesby, Tony Flanagan, Nancy Garrison, William Sims, Dianne Moore, Shirley Cauthen, Donald Baker, Claudia Thompson, Carol Johns

Friends: Laura Wade, Gail Stogner, Sydney Patience (Vivian Calcote's brother-in-law), Donna Murphy, Martee Patton, Mimi Harkrider's son, Chip Oglesby, Susan (Mother of Teri Currie), April Young (sister of Laura Clark), Daniel and Robyn Adams, David Adams, Nancy Quick, Daniel Quick, Ann Hurley, Katy Steinkamp (Dianne Moore's sister), David Adams, Daniel and Robyn Adams, the Foster family, Patti Harris, John (Mary Baker's brother), Bernard Bagley, Charlotte (Rosa Sansbury's niece)

Community: Van Wyck and Lancaster communities, our teachers and students

Providence Presbytery: Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church (York, SC) (Vacant)

Wider World: Israel and Gaza, Libya, Maui, Turkey, Syria, Ukraine, Russia, our country and elected leaders

Youth: Cody Campbell, Harrison Cargill, Rachel Graham, Stuart Graham, Charlie Haynes, Alena Massey, Kate McCalmont

Vocational and College Students: Genevieve Cook, Carson Helms, Christian Moss, Ashley Overstreet, Devon Overstreet, Fritz Walker

Homebound Disciples: Vicky Lott

Session: Class of 2024: Linda Pelletier (Clerk), Laura Clark; Class of 2025: Holly Massey, Craig Denton; Class of 2026: Janet Campbell, Julie Graham

Staff: Donna Fox, Stuart Graham, Barbara McAfee, Janesta Williams, Rev. Carson Montgomery