

December 27, 2009
First Sunday After Christmas
11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Prelude

† Call to Worship

God is with us!

Glory to God in the highest!

Emmanuel, the Promised One, has come.

Glory to God in the highest!

† Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **No. 234**

† Prayer

God of love choirs sang to your glory on the night your Son was born. Help us follow the Wise Men leaving their cares behind that we too might behold the glory of God revealed in a Babe in Bethlehem. May our worship be fitting for the One who is the Lord of life. Amen.

† Carol *We Three Kings* **No. 254**

† Passing the Peace

Old Testament Lesson **Micah 5:2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans

of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule

in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth: and he shall be the one of peace.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

† Gospel Lesson **Matthew 2:1-12** **N. T. Pg. 3**

Message **“A Pagan Holiday”** **Larry Brayton**

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory

† Doxology

Christmas Doxology
(Sing to the tune of *Infant Holy*)

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.**

**Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,
As we glory in your presence, giving for a grateful heart.**

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SENDING FORTH

† Carol **Joy to the World** **No. 246**

† Benediction

† Postlude

Lay Reader: Miller Cole

UMW EXECUTIVE MEETING

Tuesday, January 5th at 10:30 a.m. there will be an Executive Meeting for all United Methodist Women officers. This meeting will be held in the church coffee room. We will prepare our budget for 2010 and discuss handouts from the District Training Day. It is very important that each new officer plan to attend.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER TODY

Larry Brayton is a lifelong Methodist who is finishing the process of becoming a Licensed Local Pastor and hopes to be appointed to a church next June. He and his wife Dawn live in Bon Air. They are natives of Massachusetts and Connecticut respectively. Both Dawn and Larry are retired from the Army with a combined service of 52 years. Larry is a supervisor at the Ridge Post Office in the West End.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bonnie Armstrong
Florence Brittain
Elwood Cheatham
Lynwood Creech
Rev. Calvin and Marian Cooper
Ken Cunningham
Agnes Fainter
Luther and Maxine Fitch
Denise Hornberger
Evelyn Hutcherson
Ruth Jett & Family
Courtney May
Tom McCauley
Helen Miller
Branch Moore
Virginia Odor
Shirley Reams
George Ready
Grady & Peggy Shamel
Jessie Stanley
Jeff Whitaker
Elizabeth Wilkinson

If you have a prayer need please fill out a prayer card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We will add the name of members and loved ones that need our prayers.

FIRST RESPONDERS

12/27/09 Carl & Helen Lynn
01/03/10 John & Deborah Alsko
01/10/10 Walter Satterwhite &
Frances Goode
01/17/10 Fred Gouldin

Welcome!

We welcome you in
the name of Christ!

Please come as you are!

May you experience God's love
and healing in this place and time.

May you find strength and hope
for the journey ahead.

Thank you for joining your heart
and hands with ours in worship
and service.

Our Vision:

- To “be” and to “make” disciples of Jesus Christ.
- To offer relevant, life-changing worship.
- To share God's love in action and words.

Our Mission:

We exist to glorify God;
are led by God's Spirit;
grounded in His Word;
worshipping one Lord ~
Jesus Christ;
united by one faith;
offering hope and transformation;
providing opportunities for
witness and service in our
community and world.

THIS WEEK AT WESTOVER HILLS

SUN, Dec. 27

9:45 a.m. Sunday School (Classrooms)
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

MON, Dec 28

Office closed. Will re-open Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 9:00 a.m.

TUE, Dec. 29

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Wesley Library)

WED, Dec. 30

7:00 p.m. No Choir Practice

SUN, Jan 3

8:30 a.m. Casual Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages (Classrooms)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

IN SYMPATHY

Mr. Eugene Lewis, Jr. died on December 17, 2009 in North Carolina.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The office will be closed Monday, December 28 and will reopen on Tuesday, December 29 at 9:00 a.m. We will also close at 1:00 p.m. on December 31 and will be closed New Year's Day. We follow the same schedule as the Annual Conference and District Offices.

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.