First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

December 23, 2018 11:00 am Service

Welcome

Bringing in the Light of Christ — Acolytes

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle — Bob & Tony Prosser

Opening Prayer

Introit *"Love Has Come"* - #256 — Chancel Choir

Call to Worship (Please read the bold print) — Liturgist

Before the majesty of God, we gather to worship.
In quiet expectation, we come to hear God's promises.
This is where we belong; here we are warmly greeted.
Surely God will feel our deepest hunger.
Before God's strength and power, we bow down;
In hesitant anticipation, we listen for God's judgment.
This is our home, where our lives are redirected.
Surely God will show us new ways to live.
Before the mercy of God, we lift our hearts.
In humble imagination, we welcome a new visitation.
This day God is present with us; we feel it.
Surely God is preparing for us a time of joy.

*Hymn *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* # 277

Time with the Children

Call to Confession

We do not like to think that God might be angry with us. Yet, we know the emptiness of our prayers, the greed of our consumption, the limits of our compassion. God understands more profoundly than we our failure to become the people we are intended to be. In silent reflection, be open to the wisdom and forgiveness of the Creator.

Prayer of Confession (Please read in unison)

Merciful God, when we sense who you are, we are ashamed. How do you tolerate our pettiness? The abundance you have given us has made us proud more than thankful. We act as if our accomplishments were all our own doing. We seldom acknowledge your generosity or let you rule our lives. We go through the forms of worship but we try to keep you at a distance. We fill our lives with status-producing activity that blocks out your call and limits our response. O God, we need to change. Will you help us? Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Those who allow themselves to know God are already in touch with God's mercy. It is newly experienced every day. It is available to the least of us and the greatest. All whose spirits hunger for God discover how richly they have been fed. God has been doing great things for us. Let us commit the bodies God has given us to doing God's will. May our spirits rejoice as we magnify our God together.

Music for Worship *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* Chancel Choir

Praise, Prayer Concerns, Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offering - Gift to the King Offering
In this season, we remember the greatest offering of all time,God's gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. The only appropriate response is our giving of ourselves. What we place on the altar today symbolizes the depth of our commitment. May we show how thankful we are.

*Doxology - No. *815* *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* #279

Scripture — John 1:14; Mark 8:27-30 NLT

Morning Message ***"When the Messiah Comes!"*** Rev. Kevin Wood

*Closing Hymn *"Away in a Manger"* #262

*Affirmation of Faith (In unison) — 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 Spirit, 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 come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ Into the World

*Benediction Response *"Be Near Me Lord Jesus"*- #261

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Concerns: Ron Frum; Sara Fitzgerald; Jennifer Ray; Mike Ferguson; Dale Douglas; Nancy Hardy; Shirley Smith

Sympathy to: Lilyana Allen

McKenzie Health Care Center: Ben Surber; Marian Smith; Lanier Mabry; Anita Drury; Peggy (Houston) Morris; Martha McCadams; Bobby Elliston; Truman Bateman; Beulah Ognibene

Lakeside Retirement Center: Frank Claytor; Noel Wiggins; Bill Beasley; Linda Crider; Trudy Bateman; Sue Hearn; Ken Mitchum

Christian Care Center: Edward McDearmon; Bill Fuchs

Other retirement centers & home-bound: Gordon Coleman; Mary Margaret Williams; Frances Jensen; Rev. Don Caperton; Christine Argo; Raymond Gray; Dorothy Tegethoff

Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, recovering, therapy: Demetra Perkins; David Lankford; Byron & Sandra Pate; Alice Barnhart; Walter Waddle; Dave & Martha Sue Peters; Wynemia Mouser; Ann Drewry; Ann Austin; Jamie, Jennifer & Taylor Roney; Jerry Coates (Sandi Deming's brother); Mike Bateman;Pauline Rhodes; Ruth Eason; McKenna Maloney; Kayden Larka; Chris & Chris Malone; Tim Stone; Edna Hall; Carol Simmons; Wilma Hansen; Harry English; Anna Rutledge; Leroy Price (JoAnn Ownby's brother); Steven Magnuski (Alice Barnhart's brother); Rev. Wayne Brooks (Kevin Wood's brother-in-law); Billy Ownby (James' brother); Barbara Garner; Kelly Barnhart; Joe & Sara Fitzgerald; Kim Wyatt; Bobby Babb; Rev. Jim Pinnell; Alex Hawks; Kaye Kirk; Diana Cook Bill McCain; Stacie Smothers; Clint Todd; Ray Crocker; Willie Mae Forester; Devin Cox; Carol Perrine; Rev. Tommy Thompson; Rick Legends; Linda Davis; Nancy Daniels; Paul Davis; Sam Tilley; Summer Hollomon; Randy Hatch; Rev. Don Tabor; Robert Hall; David Thompson; Kathryn Powers; Demitri Burnett; Barbara Boyd; Karen Fry; Matthew Bowlin; Paul Lundy; Sue Wright; Bob France; Connie Hubbard; Edwin Hawkins; Rev. Mike Justice; Edward Lankford; Dan Vaughn; Tristan Arnold; Mary Bass; Euda Maynard; Ted & Judy Finley; Bobbie Cooper; Kyle Watkins; Sherry Overman; Jim Verner; Buddy Hutchens; April Knowles; Adriana D'Adamio; Jill Shomaker; Joyce (Hill) AlKishaly; John Arnold; Rev. Aaron Holmes; Tom Keenan's brother, Max; Grace McCain Wonderly; Lucille Russell; Leah Sutton; Josh Fisher; Maddox Hurst; Linda Myatt; Keitha Chism; Charlie Bowman; Nathan Pratt; Warner Wood; Duwayne Keenan; Frank Knopp; Margeax Ridley; Kenneth Rogers; David Ellis; Billy Holmes; Linda Crutcher; Mariann Draper; Elizabeth Fischer; Shane McClelland

MILITARY: Sean Smith; Matt Warren; Justin Townsend; Nathan Smith; Ken Powell; Jon & Lisa Rhodes; Caleb Clay, Peter Allen & C. J. Vogel & all military & veterans

OTHERS: Victims of Natural Disasters; Persecuted Christians; The Drop Box Ministry; Session; Committees; Sunday School Teachers; missionaries; the Congo nation; Care givers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ushers will pass out the Attendance Registers.
(Visitors, please write your address & phone number on the register)

SUNDAY
5:00 pm - Special Choir Rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Singers ages 5-100 are invited to participate to sing the Introit

MONDAY & TUESDAY
Office Closed

MONDAY
7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

TUESDAY
10:00 am - Christmas Morning Worship

WEDNESDAY
Newsletter Deadline
9:00 am - Prayer Group will NOT meet

THURSDAY
3:00 pm - Baby Shower for Holland & Meenjung Hames

SATURDAY
1:00 pm - Memorial Service for Betty Marshall at Milan Baptist Church

NEXT SUNDAY
9:00 am - Contemporary Worship - Ordination & Installation of New Elders
10:10 am - Sunday School Classes
11:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

December 16, 2018	Attendance 168
General Fund Offering -	$4,589.00
Sanctuary Fund Offering -	4,028.50
TOTAL -	$8,617.50

(General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - $7,129)

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 30 - 9:00 am - Ordination and Installation of New Elders
Jan. 4 - 6:00 to 9:00 pm - Elders Retreat for New Elders
Jan. 5 - 8:00 am to Noon - Elders Retreat for All Elders serving on the Session
Jan. 7 - 6:00 pm - Women's Ministry Meeting
Jan. 18-21 - Grace Convocation in Gatlinburg
Jan. 27 - *The God Who Speaks* movie followed by an 8 week Sunday evening Bible study
Jan. 30 - WOW to begin

Gift to the King Offering

The Gift to the King Offering for 2018 will go to the Iloilo CP Church in the Philippines. The church has been meeting in rental property. Last year the Missions Ministry Team, after raising money for years, was able to purchase land in Iloilo City. It is a great location for a building. MMT is stepping out in faith this year and praying for $55,000 in donations to the Gift to the King Offering, which would build an adequate structure on the land and meet the needs of the Iloilo CP Church.

We will receive the Gift to the King Offering TODAY.

December 24
7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal - 5:00 pm TODAY

There will be a special choir rehearsal today at 5:00 pm for the Introit at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. All singers from ages 5-100, and preschoolers with parents are invited to participate in this special Introit for the Light of Christ Candle and the Advent Candle. Once the Introit has been achieved, singers will be able to return to the seat of their choice. No robes or special uniforms will be required.

Worship on Christmas Morning
10:00 am

Everyone in invited to worship on Christmas morning. Dress is casual.

Family Fun Center - December 30

All participants in the "Lamb of God" Christmas program are invited to a year-end get-together for fun and fellowship Sunday, December 30. We will leave the church in a caravan at 3 pm, stop for pizza on the way, and end up at Family Fun Center in Jackson. Children, youth and adults are invited to go. Please bring money (at least $12 each for the Family Fun Center). Pizza is sponsored by the church. We will return by 8 pm. Everyone who is going should sign up today at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area.

The New Sanctuary

"So we built the wall .... for the people worked with all their hearts."

Praise the Lord! The loan has been paid in full for the debt incurred when building the exterior of the sanctuary. The long process of completing the interior of the new sanctuary will begin in the next few months. Your sanctuary gifts are now going into the construction account for completion of the sanctuary.

Merry Christmas
from
Ron, Julia & Christopher Hinton
Linda Hearn
Bill & Marlene Kreuter
Tom & Debby Aljancic
Clifford Matlock
Ben & Lenore Surber
(Those listed have given to the sanctuary fund in lieu of giving Christmas cards.)

Luke Mitchum - New Minister to Youth

The Search Committee recommended and the session has hired Luke Mitchum as our new Minister to Youth. Luke is a senior at Bethel University. He also plans to pursue a degree in ministry. Luke will be working with the ...fewleftstanding age group (7th -12th grades) on Wednesday WOW nights and Sunday nights with activities, devotionals and Bible study.

New Year's Eve

The congregation is invited to a New Year's Eve Fun Night and Watch Night Service. Bring your favorite board games and finger food snacks to share. It will begin at 7 pm. The Watch Night Service will be at 11 pm.

Youth and children 3rd grade thru 12th grade are invited to a Lock-In for the evening. The Lock-In is over at 7am on January 1.

A donation box will be available. The proceeds will go to the youth fund.

The ruffles, the bows, the skirts that twirl
Holland and Meenjung Hames are having a baby girl!
Please join us for a Baby Shower
Thursday, December 27, 2018 - 3:00 PM
McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Hosts: Anne & Joe Hames with Kate & Corey Cummings
(Gifts are not required as they will be flying home, but items shipped directly to their house or gift cards are greatly appreciated, though not expected.)
Holland and Meenjung Hames 3S407 Chestnut Ct. Warrenville, IL 60555.
They are registered at Amazon.com

2019 Offering Envelopes

Your 2019 Offering Envelopes are available on a table at the back of the Worship and Family Life Center. If you would like to use envelopes and do not see any with your name, please let us know in the office. 352-2440 or church@mckenziecpc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:10 am - 10:50 am

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Nursery: Newborns-18 months
Nursery Attendants: Linda Krushe; Amy Scott, Patricia Lee
Beginners: (18 months–3 years)-Toddler Nursery
Toddler Teachers: Donna Ward; Melissa Herris; Johnna Toombs
Pre-K & K - Upstairs above Gathering Area
Pre-K & K Teachers: Roger & Melissa Baker
Terry & Suzanne Howell
1st & 2nd Grades - Upstairs above Gathering Area
1st & 2nd Grade Teachers: Meredith & Tommy Surber; Missy Blount
3rd, 4th & 5th Grades - Upstairs above Gathering Area
3rd ,4th & 5th Grade Teacher - Susan Bouldin
Jennifer & Mike Beasley

YOUTH CLASSES

6th, 7th & 8th Grades - Upstairs above Gathering Area
Teachers: Peggy Espey, Becky Allen; Cathey Stambaugh
9th-12th Grades - Youth Room
Teachers: Jon Davis; Amanda Morris
College Class - Conference Room
Teacher: Jean Hollomon & Garrett Burns

ADULT CLASSES

Fellowship Class - Ground level - 1st room on South End
Rotating Teachers
Faithweavers Adult Class - Upstairs above Gathering Area
Teachers: Lee Lawrence; Dewayne Ervin, David Jarrett; Lauren Fields
Revelation Class - Prayer Room, Teacher Linda Kemp
Fireside Class - Library, Teacher Debby Aljancic

Devotional Booklets

"These Days" published for Cumberland Presbyterians, and other churches are available on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway. "**Our Daily Bread**" published by RBC Ministries is also available on the table in the hallway.

Elder of the Week
Peggy Espey
Acolytes
Madelyn Morris Avery Stambaugh
Nursery Helper
Sally Sutton
Bell Ringer
Reese Carroll
Greeters/Safety
Kevin Hill Mark Hollomon
Ushers - 9 am Service - DECEMBER
Craig Lunn, Jon Davis, Mark Smith, Mike Beasley
Ushers - 11:00 am Service - DECEMBER
Connie Beasley, Linda Meek, Ron Hinton, Matthew Espey

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