



**First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
McKenzie, Tennessee**

December 22, 2019 11:00 am Service

Welcome
 Bringing in the Light of Christ Acolytes
 Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle Diann Olson & Allison Cummings
 *Call to Worship (Please read the bold print)
 Introit "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"- #245 Chancel Choir
 Opening Prayer
 Call to Worship (Please read the bold print)
 Come away from times of weariness.
 Dare to accept the energy God offers you.
**Restore our energy, O Source of all power.
 Let your goodness flow through us.**
 Come away from all your insignificant distractions.
 Dare to let God show you a larger picture.
**Help us to examine the flow of our lives.
 Reveal to us what is really important.**
 Come away from the scorn of enemies.
 Dare to laugh with those who have laughed at you.
**Lead us to think of others in new ways.
 Let us find grace and peace in Emmanuel.**

*Hymn "The First Noel" #265 vv. 1,2,6

Time with the Children

Call to Confession

How often we have chosen evil and refused what is good! The result of our choices is not what we intend. Listen, God is waiting to share pardon with all who have erected barriers to shut out God's love.

Prayer of Confession (Please read in unison)

O God, you have called us to be apostles of your grace, but we have been judgmental instead of gracious. We condemn in others what is also, all to often, in us. We refuse to listen to others' pain or to

understand the source of their tears. We avoid those who are angry or scornful or embittered. It is easier to dismiss the feelings of others than to offer true empathy. We would rather reject than encounter them. Yet you come to us, Emmanuel, and we want to repent. We reach out to embrace this new life. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's promises are fulfilled. We awaken from the nightmare of our neglect to a vision of what may yet be. We arise from our preoccupation with immediate problems to catch the larger vision and purpose God sets before us. Jesus is coming to save us from our sins. Emmanuel is God with us. Praise God!

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

Worship Music "Mary Did You Know?" Layla Lovell

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

In thanks for all God's gifts, and in response to the tears of so many of God's children, we now gather all that we have brought to share, praying that these resources will accomplish much good among us and far beyond our individual reach.

*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 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" #267

Scripture Luke 1:46-55 (NRSV)

Morning Message "Finding the True Spirit of Christmas" Kevin Wood, Pastor

Closing Hymn "Good Christian Men Rejoice" #273

Closing Prayer

*Benediction Response "O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus" #292 Chancel Choir

Following the Light of Christ into the World

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Concerns: Kim Wyatt; Walter Waddle; Martha Sue Peters; Jackie & Phil Berry; Randy Presley (Fran Musser's son); Jim Maggart; Andy Williams; Willow Pate
Sympathy to: the family of Michelle Bell (Fran Musser's son's mother-in-law)
McKenzie Health Care Center: Ben Surber; Marian Smith; Bob Brawner; Lanier Mabry; Anita Drury; Martha McCadams; Bobby Elliston; Truman Bateman; Bob Quesenberry; Beulah Ognibene

Lakeside Retirement Center: Robye Lindsey; Frank Claytor; Linda Crider; Noel Wiggins; Trudy Bateman; Ken Mitchum; Cecilia Martin

Christian Care Center: Edward McDearmon

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

Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, recovering, therapy:

Jimmy Stambaugh; John Arnold; Toni Prosser; Blake Poole; Amanda Seward; David Lankford; Byron Pate; Ben McClure; Joyce Sims; Dave Peters; Wynemia Mouser; Edward Lankford; Keith Stanley, Joy, James & Billy (nephews & nieces of Linda McClure); Joanne James (Cheriadeth's sister-in-law); Jerry French (Marsha's husband); Dan Keltner (Zene Malinski's brother); Jimmy, Linda & Wendy Wolff (Elaine Malinski siblings) Anne Austin; Marilyn Bobo; Martha Killen; Eddie & Linda Crider;

Mabel Bone (Josi Webb's grandmother); Mary Jane Martin; Jack Raines (Linda McClure's brother); David & Linda Bishop; Myrna Carter; Jill Robbins; Mike Blankenship; Lindsey Self; Nina Smothers; Kay Connor (Roger Johnson's daughter); Julie Tate; Margaret Sanders (Corinne Arnold's sister); Jeremy Redmond; Kanon McVicker; Kurt Rodenberger; Carolyn Roney; Ashley Machuca; Debra Tuberville; Janelle Messamore (Amanda Morris' grandmother); Linda Parker; Sally Branon; Jamie, Jennifer & Taylor Roney; Tony Michael; Ann Drewry; Carol Simmons; Jennifer Ray; Shirley Smith; Jerry Coates (Sandi Deming's brother); Pauline Rhodes; Ruth Eason; Tim Stone; Wilma Hansen; Leroy Price (JoAnn Ownby's brother); Diana Cook (Rev. Wood's cousin); Bobby Babb; Rev. Jim Pinnell; Alex Hawks; Bill McCain; Stacie Smothers; Clint Todd; Ray Crocker; Rev. Tommy Thompson; Rick Legends; Linda Davis; Nancy Daniels; Sam Tilley; Rev. Don Tabor; Robert Hall; Demetri Burnett; Matthew Bowlin; Connie Hubbard; Edwin Hawkins; Rev. Mike Justice; Dan Vaughn; Mary Bass; Ted & Judy Finley; Bobbie Cooper; Kyle Watkins; Jim Verner; Buddy Hutchens; April Knowles; Adriana D'Adamio; Joyce (Hill) AlKishaly; Rev. Aaron Holmes; Tom Keenan's brother, Max; Grace McCain Wonderly; Lucille Russell; Leah Sutton; Josh Fisher; Maddox Hurst; Keitha Chism; Charlie Bowman; Nathan Pratt; Frank Knopp; Margeax Ridley; Kenneth Rogers; David Ellis; Linda Crutcher; Mariann Draper; Shane McClelland
MILITARY: Joel Malinski; Josh Owen; Zakkary G. Burke; Josie Fitzgerald; Cameron Rawls; Sean Smith; Matt Warren; 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

No evening activities are planned

MONDAY

Newsletter Deadline

TUESDAY

7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
 Office Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am - Christmas Day Worship

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship Service
 10:10 am - Sunday School Classes
 11:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

December 15, 2019	Attendance 192
General Fund Offering -	\$5,729.51
Sanctuary Fund Offering -	1,069.00
Gift to the King -	25.00
TOTAL -	\$6,823.51
(General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$7,129)	

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 24 - 7 pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion
Dec. 25 - 10:00 am - Christmas Morning Worship
Dec. 31 - Games, Snacks & Watch Night Service
Jan. 6 - 6:00 pm - Women's Ministry Meeting
Jan. 6 - Epiphany
Jan. 8 - 6:30 pm - Session Meeting
Jan. 17-20 - Grace Convocation in Gatlinburg, TN
Jan. 24- 6:00 pm to 8 pm - Elders' Retreat (New Elders)
Jan. 25 - 8:00 am to 11 am - Elders' Retreat (All Elders serving on the Session)
Feb. 5 - WOW semester to begin



Worship on Christmas Day is at 10 am. You are invited to come, bring family and friends for an inspiring and uplifting time of joy at the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Rev. Kevin Wood will lead the worship and Rev. Mory Anderson will have the devotional. Dress is casual.



Merry Christmas!

from
Allison Cummings
Ron, Julia & Christopher Hinton
Linda Hearn
Bill & Marlene Kreuter
Clifford Matlock
Dave & Martha Sue Peters

(Those listed have given to the sanctuary fund
in lieu of giving Christmas cards.)

The New Sanctuary

TLM, Architectural and Design Company along with Lashlee Rich, general contractor for the new sanctuary sent out bids for sub contractors to finish the sanctuary. Those bids have been returned and Lashlee Rich is tabulating the bids. Information will be coming soon.

The Building Superintendent from Lashlee Rich, Dave Garrett is onsite reviewing the work to date and studying the plans to begin completion of the sanctuary.



Women's Ministry Meeting

Women's Ministry will have a joint meeting of all the circles and women in the church on Monday, January 6 at 6 pm. Glory Bee Circle will host the meeting. They are preparing pots of soup. Please bring sandwiches or desserts for the add-a-dish meal. Susan Bouldin will present the program sharing her trip to Israel.

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: Melissa Herrer; Johnna Toombs
Pre-K & K - Upstairs above Gathering Area
Pre-K & K Teachers: Hunter & Heather Garrett; Kim Moss;
Christian Nunnery, Allie Chappell
1st & 2nd Grades - Upstairs above Gathering Area
1st & 2nd Grade Teachers: Meredith & Tommy Surber;
Tracy & Marcia Webb
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, Stacie Warman
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
Rotating Teachers
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

Jody Trout

Acolytes

Will Beasley Luke Lawrence

Nursery Helper

Sally Sutton

Bell Ringer

Caleb Burns

Greeter

Jon Davis

Safety

Kevin Hill and Mark Hollomon

Ushers - 9 am Service - DECEMBER

Kevin Hill, Mark Smith, Marty Morris, Jon Davis

Ushers - 11:00 am Service - DECEMBER

Zene Malinski, Linda Meek, James Hamilton, Matthew Espey

Information

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Luke Mitchum - 210-316-0963 - Minister to Youth

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Gift to the King Offering

This year's Gift to the King Offering will help build a church building for a congregation in the town of Mata de São João in Brazil. The *Living Word* new church development has been meeting in a rented storefront with 60 to 70 people for the past two years.

Rev. Carlos Santos and his wife Priscilla, a candidate for the ministry, pastor the organized church in Mata de São João and the Living Word mission church.



The Missions Ministry Team of the denomination is hoping to raise \$100,000 (US) to build the new church in Brazil.

Offering Envelopes are in your bulletins today for your gifts to this ministry.

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Everyone is invited to come to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 24. It is a very special service of scriptures, carols, lighting of the Christ Candle and sharing in Holy Communion with the congregation, extended family and friends.



2020 Offering Envelopes

The 2020 Offering Envelopes will be available next Sunday. If you currently use offering envelopes they will be printed for you. If you have not used envelopes but would like a set of weekly dated envelopes, let us know in the office. 352-2440 or church@mckenziecpc.org.