



**The Chancel Choir**

<b><u>Sopranos</u></b>	<b><u>Altos</u></b>	<b><u>Tenors</u></b>	<b><u>Basses</u></b>
Lynn Brooks	Margaret Auten	Gene Auten	Mitchell Mack
Dorothy Campbell	Sharon Culp	Kyle Carpenter	Will McIntyre
Judy Cole	Jill Herring	Jim Davidson	Mark McNeely
Shirley Crowley	Martha McDonnell	Cathy Irwin	Harry Weyer
Lisa Davidson	Liz Rader	Bill Lackey	
Joan Gibson	Beth Sink		
Jen McNeely	Ginny Swedenberg		
LuAnne Sledge			

From the composer...

Do you suppose that God loves me as much as I love my family? I've been told all my life He does. God loved me enough to place His only child in a tough, harsh world so that I can learn about loving others more than loving myself...and learn about loving unloving people.

Revisit immortal carols in *Christmas Canticles* with new color. I hope the music will help you put away your busy work, stop, and pay homage to the Infant King who gave all. Unconditionally. Willingly. Sacrificially.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

- Benjamin Harlan

**Leadership of First Presbyterian Church**

**SESSION**

Clay Brown, Moderator

Fred A. Coates • Tyler Domske • CP Chappell, Clerk

**Class of 2009**

Christine B. Aheam  
Karen O. Brawley  
F. Michael Campbell, MD  
Philip L. Heilman  
Weldon M. Hitchcock  
Thermond E. Thompson  
J. Scott Vaughn

**Class of 2010**

David W. Brooks, II  
Donald L. Fair  
Donald F. Howie  
Joyce S. Johnson  
Thomas R. Kirkland, Jr.  
W. Smith Kirk  
Mark E. McNeely

**Class of 2011**

Mark E. Auten  
Allen M. Brawley  
W. Brent Curtis  
Mary H. Fortanbary  
Karen A. Shore  
Paul S. Trimble  
Harry Weyer

**DIACONATE**

Kathleen H. Irwin, Moderator

**Class of 2009**

Dale W. Brawley  
John G. Donelson  
Judy L. Cole  
Eric H. Estes  
C. Marshall Horsman, Jr.  
Kathleen H. Irwin  
Julie R. Morrow

**Class of 2010**

Kathy B. Ballard  
Laura E. Bates  
Lynn T. Brooks  
Rebecca B. Deal  
Janice S. Puer  
J. Patrick Stutts  
Eric R. Puer

**Class of 2011**

Bryan G. Cole  
James N. Davidson  
Thomas B. McMillan  
Beth B. Sink  
Mary Beth Stutts  
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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*

**December 13, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M. ♦ Third Sunday of Advent**

**PRELUDE:** *In Dulci Jubilo* Bach  
Christy Floyd, organ

**WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH** Clay Brown  
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.  
An asterisk (\*) marks when those who are able will please stand.  
Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN 183:** *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY

**ADVENT WREATH:** Joy The Jimmy Carpenter Family

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Fred Coates

**CALL TO CONFESSIO** Tyler Domske

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSIO**

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We neglect our neighbor's needs, and we do not love you above everything else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts, so we may receive you with joy. O come, O come, Savior of the world...

**SILENT CONFESSIO**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE 179:** *Joy to the World* (v. 3) ANTIOCH  
No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY:** *My Heart, Your Bethlehem* Schram  
Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSE 188:** Refrain of *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**\*HYMN 198:** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

**CHRISTMAS CANTICLES**

Arranged by Benjamin Harlan

**Suite I: The Announcement**

How Great Our Joy \* As Lately We Watched  
Ding Dong! Merrily on High \* Joy to the World  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Suite II: The Promised Coming**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel \* Prepare Ye the Way  
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Suite III: The Child in the Manger**

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella \* The Rocking Carol  
Away in a Manger \* Silent Night

**Congregation:** *Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin mother and child!*

*Holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace.*

**Suite IV: The Light of Christ**

Christ is the True Light \* O Morning Star \* The First Noel  
Angels We Have Heard on High

**Congregation:** *Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains;  
And the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

**\*INVITATION**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE:** *All Glory Be to God On High* Armsdorff

**If you are our guest today, welcome!** We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with the pastor in the chancel area following the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Holly Brumley; Sarah Sholar; Willie Allison; John Holt; Paul Trimble; Lynn Brooks; Jim Streetman's father; Aldo Martinez; Billie and Ray Brawley; Helen Templeton; Lottie Massey; Pam Winters' sister, Reaves Geist; Suzy Brawley; Mary Voils Aven; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; Maj. Scott Goodrich; T. Sgt. Timothy Goodrich; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who are looking for jobs.

**Christmas Pageant:** Everyone is invited to attend a Christmas Pageant next Sunday, December 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The pageant will be presented by children in the 4 & 5 year old church school class, as well as children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Please join us for the telling of the timeless story of Jesus' birth, portrayed by the children of our congregation. Light refreshments will be served following the pageant.

**Cherub Choir:** All preschool and kindergarten age children are encouraged to participate in the Cherub Choir at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Practice will be held during church school today at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210. An additional practice will be held immediately following the Christmas pageant in the fellowship hall on Sunday, December 20. Please contact Jean Coates (704-663-2114) or Lisa Davidson (704-662-9393) for more information.

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, December 15, at 12:30 p.m. in the church parlor (**note the change in meeting location**). Following lunch and devotions, the group will move to the sanctuary for a program on Chrismons, presented by Marsha Cornelius. Come and bring a friend to this festive holiday luncheon.

**College Students and Young Singles Fellowship:** All college-age and young singles are invited to a bonfire and Christmas party at the home of Jerry and Sandy Bickett (143 Estes Park Drive) this Thursday, December 17, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There will be dinner, fellowship and Richard Petty Driving Experiences given away. Please RSVP by calling 704-664-1423. Carpool from the church – call Tyler to make arrangements.

**Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Forms:** If you haven't yet turned in your 2010 Pledge Card or your 2010 Time and Talent Form, you're encouraged to do as soon as you are able. We are behind the typical number of responses turned in by this time. Your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is very important to your spiritual growth and our service for Christ as a congregation. Groups use the information from Pledge Cards and Time and Talent forms to plan 2010's ministry. You may find cards and forms in the pews, in the Parlor, and in other locations. You may turn in the cards and forms in the offering plate or in the church office. Thank you for your support and generosity!

**Preschool registration has begun for church members.** Please call the preschool office at 704 664-2701 to register your child.

**Calendar for December 13 - 20, 2009**

Sunday: **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast  
9:00 a.m.-- Early Worship with Cantata  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
10:00 a.m. - Pageant practice  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Cantata  
4:30 p.m. - Alpha PYF  
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF  
5:00 p.m. - Diaconate  
7:00 p.m. - Session

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle 1 in the parlor  
6:15 p.m. - Circle 3 at the home of Kim Streb  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - Preschool Christmas Program  
10:30 a.m. - Exploring Our Reformed Faith - library  
12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon in the Parlor

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - Preschool Christmas Program  
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
6:15 p.m. - SupperClub at Zaxby's  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Christmas Party

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home  
7:00 p.m. - College-age & young adults bonfire

Friday: Newsletter Deadline

Sunday 12/20: **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 a.m.-- Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
10:00 a.m. - Church School Pageant  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
5:00 p.m. - Alpha & Omega PYF Christmas party & caroling

**From the Budget and Finance Committee:  
January – November 2009**

**YTD Budget = \$706,128**

**YTD Deficit = \$45,412**



Third Sunday in Advent