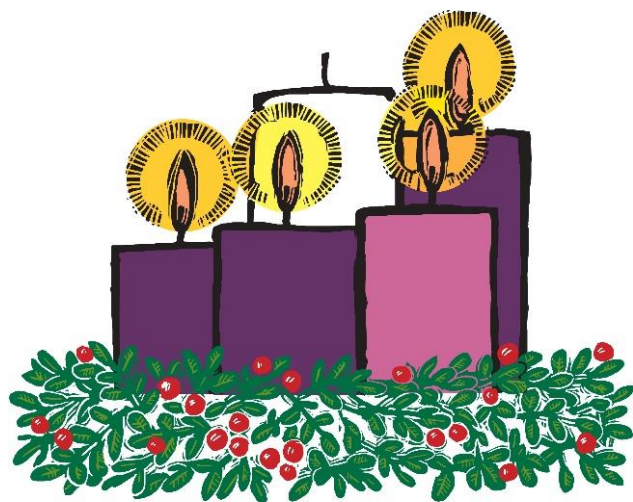


Briarwood Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.
December 19, 2021
Liturgical Color: Purple



— FOURTH SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

*Putting **God** first*
*Keeping **Christ's** Commands*
Caring for People's Needs within the Church
*and the **Community***

THE GATHERING

*Worshippers are invited to stand, if able. +Usher will seat you.
Please remember to turn off your cell phone while in the sanctuary.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Charles Bowdler
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in
the worship, programs and service life of Briarwood Presbyterian
Church.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*Use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.
Relax your body, quiet the inner dialogue of your mind, open yourself
to the Spirit of God moving in our midst, and prepare to worship God
joyfully with the body of Christ gathered here today.*

VOLUNTARY *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* DAVID LASKY

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*(Charlyne Jones and Barney McCann lead us in the lighting of the
Advent candles.)*

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

People: **Advent means coming.**

Leader: Long ago, the prophet Isaiah said, Look, the virgin is with
child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (God is
with us). We are preparing ourselves for the day when the Lord Jesus
will come again. We greet Christ's second coming with joy. On that
great day, the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of
the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. *(Light candles)*

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Let us pray.

Unison: Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

***HYMN 108 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM**

*1 Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega;
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!*

*3 O, that birth forever blessed
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!*

*5 O ye heights of heaven, adore him.
Angel hosts, his praises sing.
Powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent;
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge with shame the sins we have committed, by thought, word and deed, against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for all our misdoings. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past, and grant that from this time forward we may serve and please you in of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silence for Private Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD

+YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

DUET

Carol of the Bells

Tracee Thompson & Katelyn Williamsen, clarinet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM LESSON:

Psalm 130:5-8

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 1:1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God

the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SERMON

“The Word Made Flesh”

Rev. Bowdler

*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 come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 114

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

*1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*2 The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there*

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, forever, Amen

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

*HYMN 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

*1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!*

*2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?*

*Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!*

*3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

PRAYER & CARE CONCERNS

(Names in **bold** indicate new concerns)

Members: **William Bowdler**, Nora Brunson, **Mary Carlisle**, Joy Clemmer, Vance Clemmer, **Donnie Cole**, Hope Conerly, Lisa Davis, **George Forkin**, Dean Gerber, Noel Guthrie, Hugh Hogue, Jeanne Hulsman, Vicki Jensen, Mary Kirby, **Marcia Magee**, **Pat Ray**, Marian Sessums, Paul & Crea Shelton, Betty Simmons, **Susan Sumrall**, Jerry and **Martie Taylor**, Kathy Van Tassell, **Myra Wheaton**

Family & Friends: **Tiara Amos** (Kathy Van Tassell's friend), Jeremy Ansah, Lenny Barnhill (Diane Hall's brother-in-law), Terry Black (friend of Bob & Diane Hall), Cal Bowdler (Charles' nephew), Larry Coleman, Loretta Coleman (Larry & Louis' sister), **Kathy Miller Evans** (Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller's sister), Margaret Ann Forester, Jeannie Jenkins (Bill Dillon's daughter), **Greg Koziel**, Dennis Lightsey (Malcolm's brother), **Laura Lindell** (Lea Ann McElroy's and Stephanie Smith's sister), **Joe Martin**, Taaji Moore (Josie Moore's son), Grace & Amos O'Gwynn, James Paul (Suzanne Stephens' brother), Norman Rowsey (Ella Edwards' son-in-law), **Sarah Schobesberger** (Lisa & Werner's daughter), Sandra Smith, William (Bill) Smith

Missions: Lisa & Werner Schobesberger, Austria; Mission Hope

Military: Grace Foster, Matt Jasinski, Kevin Jameson, Jordan Saunders

USHERS THIS MONTH

Carol Alexander – David French – Debra Kinser –
Mara Kirby – Paula Shelton

Elders this week: Anne Dreher & Tracee Thompson
Elders next week: Dan Duggan & Joanne White
Flower Team this week: Nancy Bailey & West Sweatt
Flower Team next week: Dawn Pearson & Suzanne Stephens
Videographer this week: Audie Dodson
Videographer next week: Kathy Van Tassell

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 19, *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Christmas Joy Offering

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice, Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:25 a.m. Worship in person or Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY, December 22

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, December 24

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Reception

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

SATURDAY, December 25, *Christmas Day*

SUNDAY, December 26, *First Sunday of Christmas*

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:25 a.m. Worship in person or Live on Facebook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS: Following the worship service each week, Elders meet to receive new members in the church office located on the southwest side, behind the sanctuary. We welcome everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and who desires to be an active part of our family of faith.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: Today we will be taking the Christmas Joy Offering – one of the PCUSA Special Offerings. Please see the bulletin insert to learn more about how this offering is used, and look for offering envelopes in the pews.

LIZZIE’S ANGEL TREE: This Christmas, we will again help Lizzie Cooper provide for the many needy children in the inner city of Jackson. The boys and girls in her flock are in need of NEW underwear (boys and girls), socks, knit caps, and gloves. The children range in age from 5-12, all with room to grow! Bring your UNWRAPPED gifts to the church no later than Sunday, December 19.

STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUSES: Members of the congregation are invited, if they desire to do so, to contribute to the staff bonus pool. The bonus gifts will be divided between the 1 full-time staff and 6 part-time staff. When giving to this project, please mark your check “staff bonus” and turn in to the church office by Sunday, December 19.

END OF YEAR GIVING: Several rules govern how the church posts contributions. For tax purposes in 2021, your check must be dated in 2021. If mailing a check for a 2021 donation, mark the giving year in the memo line and postmark by December 31.

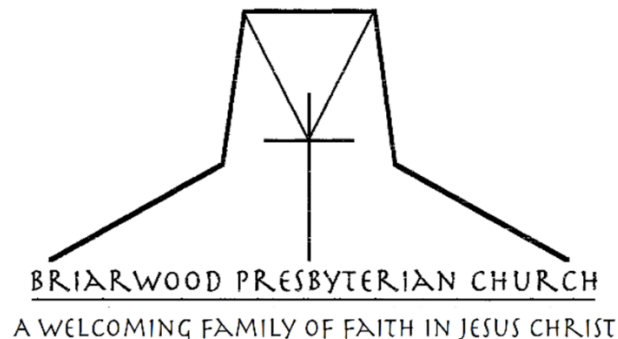
2022 PLEDGES: If you have not yet submitted your 2022 pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Cards are available at each entrance should you need one.

SESSION

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Dan Duggan	Susan Bostwick	Warren Dorsey
Corinne Fox	Joy Lightsey	Anne Dreher
David French	Tracee Thompson	Jim Jackson
Hugh Hogue	Joanne White	Doris Schneider

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POINSETTIAS



Christmas 2021

In Honor of:

Alden & Jack Bailey
Annie Barbour & Jep Barbour, VI
Charles Bowdler

Donna, Alex & Kathryn
Lee & Patricia Breeland
George Forkin
Mary Jo Ellens
Nicholas Foster
Corinne Fox
Noel Guthrie
Cole, Danielle & Raygan Harvill
Charlyne Jones

Barney McCann

Melanee McCann & Cheryl Sudbeck
Crea Shelton
Paul & Crea Shelton
Steve Simmons
Susan Sumrall
Marty, Caroline, Kellye & Families

Given by:

Mark & Nancy Bailey
Corinne Fox
Lisa Davis
Corinne Fox
Lee & Patricia Breeland
Kathryn Breeland
Dean & Jane Gerber
Jim Jackson
Paul, Crea & Paula Shelton
Noel Guthrie
Corinne Fox
Malcolm & Joy Lightsey
Corinne Fox
David & Sandy French
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Dean & Jane Gerber
Barney McCann
Dean & Jane Gerber
Paula Shelton
Linda Simmons
Dean & Jane Gerber
Joanne White

In memory of:

Tamika Ballard, LPN, RNS
Jim and JoAnn Bradford
Albert Davis
Reginald Drew & Rempert Drew

Peggy Dupuy
Evelyn Forkin
Suzanne & Web Guthrie

Don Hall
James & Billie Jackson
Madison Karno
Betty Keating

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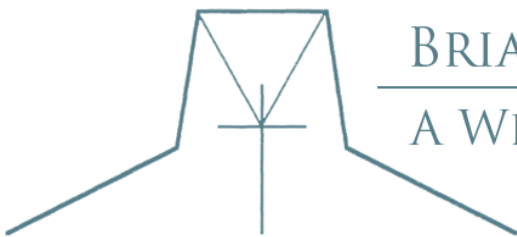
John & Dorothy Leo
Bo McDowd, RN, MSN, PhD
Karen Raines McGehee
Nell Minert & Donnie Chandler
Judy Nussbaum
Jake Rawlings
David Ray & Drake Andrew Ray

Wayne Riddick
Scott Simmons
Susan Stowe
Maggie Theriot, RN
Johnnie Webb
Officer Chris Wilson

Given by:

Sandy French
Nell Bradford
Lisa Davis
Tracee Thompson, Jordan
Sauders & Michael Gaymon
Pam Barnhill & Dianne Hall
Dean & Jane Gerber
Corinne Fox
Dean & Jane Gerber
Noel Guthrie
Lisa Davis
Jim Jackson
Malcolm & Joy Lightsey
The Keating & Zielinski
Families
Debra Kinser
Sandy French
Sarah Lenoir, Amy Lenoir &
Chalise O'Quinn
Mark & Nancy Bailey
Sandy French
Linda Walker
Nelson Chandler
Joanne White
Dick & Bibby Swayze
Pat, Darla, Jerry & David
Anthony Ray
Freddie Ussery
Linda Simmons
Richard L. Stowe
Sandy French
Wes & Carol Busbee
Amy Lenoir

*Special thanks to all who contributed to the Poinsettia Fund.
With these generous gifts, we have been blessed with the beauty
of the sanctuary during this Advent Season.*



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