

Christmas Eve

24 December, 2006

* Congregation stands

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude

Polish Lullaby Carol

Kraft

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Introit

* Call to Worship

(Psalm 98: 1-6 NASB)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wonderful things, his right hand and his holy arm have gained the victory for Him.

People: The Lord has made known His salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered his loving kindness and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre; with the lyre and the sound of melody.

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout joyfully before the King, the Lord.

* Hymn 40

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of light, shine brightly in our world through the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your grace is more abundant than our sinfulness so that the light continues to shine despite our world's love of darkness. We have been too preoccupied in this season to concentrate on giving you praise for the birth of your Son. We have refused his peace and have failed to live in a spirit of goodwill.

Forgive our sin, doubt, and preoccupation; and renew in us the spirit of wonder so that we may hear with renewed attention the great good news of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

* Declaration of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

* The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reception of New Members

Sacrament of Baptism

The Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Second Lesson

Titus 2: 11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today	8:45 am	Contemporary Service
	9:45 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight
Monday-Tuesday	Office Closed for Christmas	
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	6:30 pm	Contemporary Practice

Last Sunday's Record

Contemporary Service	54	Offering	\$ 4,229.00
Sunday School	48	Weekly Need	5,354.00
Sanctuary Service	94	Through Nov.	213,760.90

New Members: We extend a warm welcome to Chris and Sherri Sollmann. Chris joins us by profession of faith and Sherri joins us through letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Cookeville. Their son Micheal will be baptized today.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: At 7:00 p.m. tonight, our church sanctuary will be festively decorated and brilliantly illuminated with candles as we open our doors to the community for the Annual Christmas Eve Service. We will enjoy a traditional service of Lessons and Carols, including music by our choir and soloists. Bring your family and friends for this wonderful occasion of worship and celebration. We also need cookies for the reception following the service. Please bring the cookies to Fellowship Hall by 5:30 p.m.

Pastor on Vacation: Dr. Cheetham will be on vacation from December 27th until January 3rd. If you are in need of a minister, please contact Kristy in the church office.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners will resume on January 10th, 2007. Volunteers are needed to help set tables, serve, and collect money. If you are interested in helping, sign up on the volunteer sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Concerns

Hazel Williams	Pam Anderson	Marcia Williams
Claudine Prowell	Johnson Cook	Isa Carroll
Etta Hammer	Peggy Williams	Susan Bowman
Thayer & Alice Smith	Betty Eshelman	Deborah Dugger
Mary Helen Averitt	Archie McKinnes	Debbie McClure
Sara Thompson	Debbie York	Sherry Arnold
Bonnie Hall Major	Aubrey Roney	Marjorie Nabbe
Barbara Greenamyer	Cecilia White	Barbara Mullins
Stan Williams	John Angles	Valerie Eblin
Joseph Clemons	Julie Stephens	Bascom Cooksey
Heath & Robin Springer	Shirley Walfus	Debbie Sharp
Ann Freeman	Debbie Brinner	Johnnie Keel
Jeremy Stubblefield	Al Johnson	Charles Lambert
Jerry Pentecost	Bob Hart	George Donnell
Bill Higgins	Charles Cowden Sr.	Sean Barber
Alba Telez	Jane Martin	Barbara Kelley
Sherry Easterly	Ed Newton	Marion Mofield
Phillip Robertson	James Allen Patton	Lisa Fletcher
Tom Hart		

Military

Kevin Alseys	Kyle Kaker	Randy Sandlin
Matthew Ash	James Scott	Noah Evans
Luke Baker	Mike Matthys	Jeff Scott
Stewart Beaumont	David Midgett	Jeremy Scott

Jaymon Bell
Michael O'Neil
Matthew Humes

Jason Nolley
Jason Redmon

Jason Sellars
Lee Smith

The Church Session

Brenda Thaxton, Clerk of Session

2006

Joe Adams
Jimmie Crawford
Brenda Thaxton
Lois Ann Wauford

2007

Suanne Bone
Tom Halbert
David Howell
Hugo Sandoval

2008

Charles Bradshaw
Pat Climer
Ken Hawkins
Gwynn Lanius

The Board of Deacons

Lesley Jacobson, Moderator

Jon Baker
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Mary Ellen O'Neil
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James Herren
Lesley Jacobson
Karen Jump

Jennifer Breland
Faye Brown
Becky Burris
Alex Quarles

The Church Staff

Dr. John T. Cheetham, Pastor

Gary Scott, Organist
Branson Clark, Music Director
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Tracey Hay, Treasurer
Betsy White, Nursery Attendant
Lee Anne Warren, Preschool Director



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