



The Loudon Lamp

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday – Wednesday**
Church Office open from 8 to 1:00
- **Wednesday evening –**
 - *Could It Be Any Better?*
Children’s Christmas Program and Reception
 - 7:30 Choir Practice (following the reception)
- **Friday-6:00-8:00 Live Nativity** at the church
- Next Sunday is Christmas Sunday!



NEXT SUNDAY, December 22nd

9 – Gather for **Fellowship** with coffee, donuts and conversation.

9:30 – **Sunday School** for all ages in the classroom. John Napier has the virtual class, and adults will study “Savior’s Birth” Luke 2:1-16.

10:25 – **Welcome & Announcements** scrolling before Worship.

10:30 – **Christmas Worship**— Advent theme is LIGHT. Georgia Brakebill will provide our Children’s Message. The Worship Team will light the fourth candle of our Advent Wreath. Mark’s message will be *Paying Homage*. The **Choir** will present *All is Well, Angels Are Making Their Rounds*, and the **Bell Choir** will offer *Mary Had a Baby* and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. Our hymns will be: *Silent Night, Away in a Manger, Joy to the World, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, O Little Town of Bethlehem and the First Noel*.

Scriptures will be Psalm 80, Hebrews 10:5-7 and Luke 2:1-20. We will have a **special offering** for our annual Gift to the King. **Christmas Memorials** will be recognized during worship. There will be NO nursery for the little ones during worship. We look forward to having the little ones stay with us in worship this week!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

will be Wednesday evening, December 18th at 6:00 PM. Please join us for a festive evening and we ask all to bring finger foods/sweets to share. Our kids have been working very hard and we know “Could It Be Any Better” will warm your hearts.

LIVE NATIVITY

Our Live Nativity will be Friday, December 20th from 6-8 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for the characters of the nativity. Sign-up Wednesday night. See John Napier or find the sign-up sheet. Our Congregational Ministries team will be offering some warm soup/chili and hot chocolate for those participating in the program.

GIFT TO THE KING

Our 2024 Gift to the King denominational offering will be Sunday, December 22nd. This year we are contributing toward the construction of a CP church in Nan Akou in rural Haiti. Any additional funds will support our medical and nutritional programs in Haiti. Make sure you designate your check “Gift to the King” and cash offerings on this Sunday will go to this mission outreach.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

You may pick these up on the Pastor’s Conference Table this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

There will be a candlelight service on Dec. 24th as families may come and go between 6:00 and 7:00 to receive Communion. Claire Pinkston will be playing Christmas songs, and all are welcome to come and enjoy the music and the lights and of course, partake of Communion this Holy night.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

Remember to continue in prayer for our Sanctuary Pledge Drive. What will you give? The Pledges are due back on Sunday morning, January 5th!

TITHES, OFFERINGS, & ATTENDANCE

12/15/24: \$3948.17 Building Fund: \$2485.00

Church Attendance: 153

Online Viewers: 20

Sunday School: 71

Online Viewers: 10

Memorials given in memory of **Mary Evelyn Chihazs** from Vannah Haga, **Larah McConkey**; **Joe Harrison** by **Larah McConkey**; **Boyd Jarnagin** by **Larah McConkey**; **Betty Norton** by **Larah McConkey**; **Jean Russell** by **Joe and Martha Malloy**; **Eric Stanford** by **Joe and Martha Malloy**; **Gene Walkup** by **Larah McConkey**; **Ken Wilson, Sr.** by **Larah McConkey**.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Children’s Christmas Program** and Reception on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00
- **Live Nativity**, Friday, December 20th 6:00-8:00
- **Gift to the King Offering**, December 22nd
- **Christmas Eve Communion** 6:00-7:00
- **New Year’s Sunday**, January 5th in Morning Worship at 10:30
 - Return your Building Fund Pledges for 2025-2027
 - Installation and Ordination of new Elders
- **January 5th after Worship**
 - Taking down the Greens
 - Pledge Committee Meeting

PASTORAL CARE

Our thoughts and prayers this week are needed for: Eliana Brakebill (upcoming tonsil removal), Megan Cavanaugh and the Family of Deena Monday.

We are sharing in a hymn challenge where we all listen to and learn one hymn a month. At the end of the year, we will have 12 hymns embedded in our hearts and souls. For the month of December, we are doing “In The Bleak Midwinter.” You can Google this hymn and find many options for listening. Listen at least once a day for the month of December. I will post one on our Facebook page or I will be happy to get you a copy of the words/music. Absorb the truth of the words and the comfort of the melody!!

We invite you to join us on an Advent Journey through the book of Luke. Read one chapter a day beginning December 1st and you will complete the whole Book on Christmas Eve.



PRAYER LIST

Paul and Jane Brakebill, Eliana Brakebill, Jeff Pipes, Ann Stafford, Bonnie Ferguson, Helen Jarnagin, Arthur Kelso, Carol Delaney, Eden Shockley and her family, Evelyn Howard, George Sweeney, Steve Brown, Roger Gasper, the family of Deena Monday, John R. and Carrie Newman, Don Pitts, Bettye Jane Brantley Anderson, Mary Tinker, Megan Cavanaugh, the family of Kenneth Stevens, the family of Pat Black, the family of Judy Delaney, the family of Charlie Helms, and unspoken.

FLOWER GUILD

Thank you to our Flower Guild for providing the beautiful flowers in 2024: Merian Brewster, Kim Greenway, Sally Hester, Nancy Simpson, Gail Snodgrass, and Mary Beth Wiggall. In addition to our flowers, the committee coordinates the decorations for Christmas and Easter. The Guild is delighted to be welcoming Suzan Wilson for 2025. If you are interested in providing flowers, there is a signup list on the wall outside the church office.

" See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Matthew 6:28b-29

"The inside of the temple was cedar, carved with gourds and open flowers." 1 Kings 6:18a

OUR STAFF:

- Rev. Mark Hester: Pastor
- Beth Brakebill: Director of Music, Education, & Pastoral Care
- Claire Pinkston: Accompanist
- Kimberly Wilks: Administrative Assistant
- Rich and Rhonda Gasper: Building and Maintenance
- Katie Parkin: IT Support
- Griffen Smith: Pastoral Asst., Dir. of Children/Youth Activities

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