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December 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.

PRELUDEChorale Prelude on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"Johannes BrahmsINTROIT"Matin Responsory" (responsive)G.P. da PalestrinaI look from afar:I look from afar:

And lo, I see the pow'r of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet Him and say:

Tell us, art Thou He that should come to reign over Thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet Him and say:

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:

Tell us, art Thou He that should come?

Stir up Thy strength, O Lord, and come:

to reign over Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar: and lo, I see the pow'r of God coming, And a cloud cov'ring the whole earth. Go ye out to meet Him and say: Tell us, art Thou He that should come to reign over Thy people Israel?

GREETING (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

Embodying Jesus' All-Encompassing Hospitality

*Please stand as you are able

11:00 a.m.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Like Mary, may we be surprised by our calling;

Like Simeon and Anna, may the years increase our faith;

Like sleepy shepherds on a hillside,

May our eyes be opened;

Like Joseph may we listen to our dreams;

There is a Presence in our world that asks to be seen.

There is a Presence coming to our world that seeks our welcome.

Even now Jesus Christ is moving towards us.

*HYMN NO. 93	"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"	TRURO
	(words and music on next page)	

*THE PEACE (responsive)

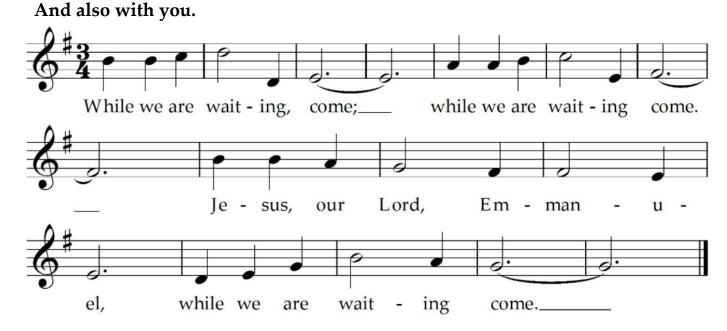
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (responsive)

The Lord be with you.





CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The children of the church gather at the baptismal font

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers

THE WORD

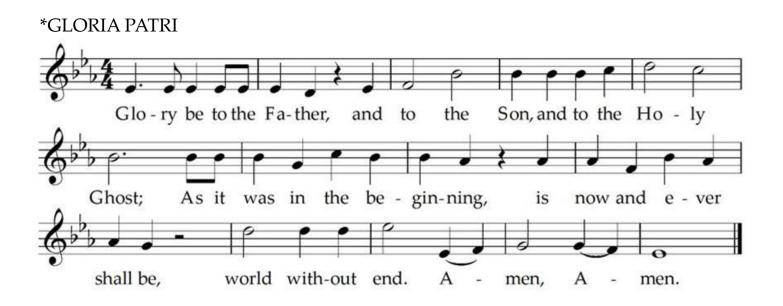
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Micah 5:2-5a	O.T. pg. 818
GOSPEL LESSON The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.	Luke 1:39-55	N.T. pg. 49
SERMON	"The Visitation" Silent meditation on sermon	Rev. Amy Lehr Camp
*HYMN NO. 157	"I Danced in the Morning" (words and music follow next page)	LORD OF THE DANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Please use this time to reflect on how we might offer ourselves, and our resources, to God

Four ways to give: Please drop a check in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256

OFFERTORY

"The Angel Gabriel" Traditional Basque Carol

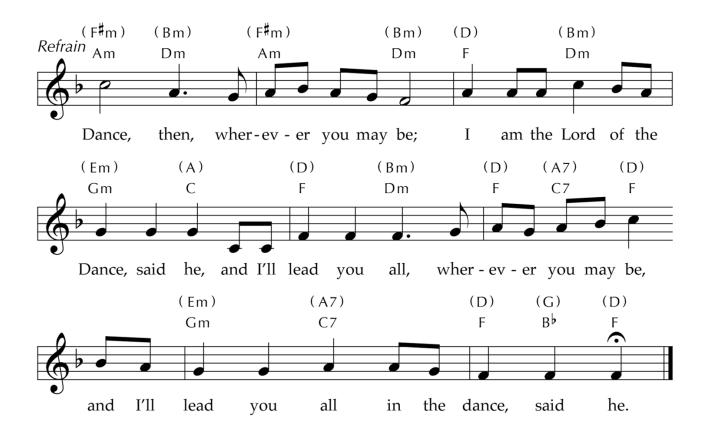
The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; All hail, said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, to me be as it pleaseth God, she said, my soul shall laud and magnify His holy Name. Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say -- Most highly favored lady, Gloria!





*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

(some substitute "God" for "Him")

*PRAYER OF THANKGSGIVING (*responsive*) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of creative and life-giving power, we praise You for Jesus Christ, who came to redeem the world.

We thank You for the hope of the prophets, the song of the angels, and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Glory to You, eternal God; through Jesus Christ, Lord of lords, and Ruler of nations, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 82	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (words and music on next page)	HYFRYDOL		
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION				
*CHORAL RESPONSE	"Amen"	Jester Hairston		
*POSTLUDE	"Nöel Suisse"	Louis-Claude Daquin		
*Please stand as you are abl	e			

Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave activity bags in the pews at the conclusion of the service



MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Amy Lehr Camp, Parish Associate: Greeting, Call to Worship, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff: The Peace, Gospel Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering

Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters: Karen Fromhold

Children's Moment: Judy Robb

Lector: Lucinda Weiss

MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES December 22, 2024 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School: "Jesus Feeds 5,000"

- Preschool: Room 204 with Lindsey Nix
- K 1st: Room 224 with Judy Robb and Keith Pyles
- 2nd 4th: Room 209 with Beth Upchurch

Youth Sunday School:

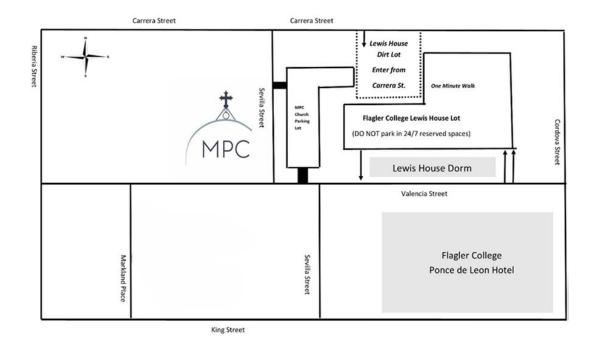
- 5th/6th: Room 207, "Advent Adventure" with Robin Pyles
- 7th/8th: Youth Loft, "Illustrated Ministries Advent"
- 9th 12th: "Illustrated Ministries Advent"

Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): "Do You Understand the Bible?", Chapel History Room
- APEX Young(ish) Adults: "What Are We Waiting For?" with Adam Broos, Room 218
- Spiritual Formation: "Behold! (Advent Study)", Lewis Fellowship Hall Parlor
- New Perspectives: "Hidden Christmas by Thomas Keller", Room 205
- Christian Meditation: "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Room 215 and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at <u>marccraddock@mac.com</u>. Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUbVh4ZFpWTGsyR</u> <u>WV5UT09</u>; Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593

MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:

In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm parking lots. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings. At times, Flagler is charging for public parking. Please let the attendant know you are attending Sunday Services at Memorial and they will not charge you.



MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 12-22-24

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Rev. Roger Dunnavan's retirement after 62 years in active ministry by his wife, Louise.

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, December 22 - 28: Barbara Aitken, Spencer Baba, Harrison Barcomb, James Brown, Orion Ferrell, Judith Ganyo, Becky Luckemeyer, Ray Matuza, Harriet Moret, Kenneth Obrzut, John Pritchard, Amelie Thompson, Gary Webster, Chris Wollny, Beth Upchurch

Christmas Joy Offering: The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. Today, you will have the opportunity to give to the Christmas Joy Offering. Please consider supporting this important work of our denomination. Four ways to give: Please drop a check (Christmas Joy in the memo line) in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256. Click Give Online, click fund, click other contribution and enter Christmas Joy in the Memo space provided. https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/

Reception for Rev. Dr. Roger Dunnavan: There will be a reception following the 11:00 service today for Rev. Dr. Roger Dunnavan celebrating his retirement. Please come to Lewis Fellowship Hall to honor Pastor Roger!

Children, Youth, and APEX Sunday School Sabbath: These classes will not meet on 12/29 or on 1/5 to allow teachers and families a sabbath break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in Sunday School on Sunday, January 12th!

Parking on Christmas Eve: The Lewis lot of Flagler College will be available for parking on Christmas Eve from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Thanks to everyone that have turned in their 2025 Pledge Cards! As a reminder, all those that have turned in a 2025 Pledge Card will receive parking stickers early 2025. If you have yet to turn in a Pledge Card for 2025, please reach out to Andrew Brown, Business Administrator, 904-829-6451, <u>abrown@memorialpcusa.org</u>.

Gentle Outdoor Yoga: Gentle Outdoor Yoga will not meet on December 25 or January 1.

Café will be closed December 29th.

Office Supplies Needed at the Wildflower Clinic: Volunteer medical professionals at the non-profit Wildflower Clinic provide free medical and dental services to underserved, uninsured St. Johns County residents. Last year, more than 5,381were served. The generosity of MPC members helps to keep the clinic's staff equipped with office supplies. During the week of January 5 - 12, bins will be placed on the office porch for your kind donations of the following items: printer paper, highlighters, pens (blue, black and red ink), markers, manila file folders, paper towels, toilet paper, Post-it notes, postage stamps, bug spray, sunscreen.

FEAST has ended. We will start up again on January 8, 2025.

New Member Orientation: The next New Member Orientation will be held in-person meeting two times. Attending both sessions is necessary. We will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to become a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, please email Elder Marie Mercready at <u>membership@memorialpcusa.org</u>. She will send you some paperwork that will help to expedite the process. NOTE: You MUST contact Marie Mercready before Thursday, January 16th if you desire to be included in this Orientation. Meeting space is at a premium and the number of people who desire membership will determine where we will meet. Thank you!

Dine with Nine: A rotational dinner program... Let's share a meal, meet new people and grow in God's love. Dine with Nine is a simple gathering with nine (or so) people--some couples, some singles, some new to the church, some life-long members, some older and some younger. Each group determines when, how, and where monthly dinners take place. Four dinners will be held, one each

month, starting in January and ending in April. Why not step out of your comfort zone for an opportunity to make lasting friendships? We will grow deeper in our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ and with God. You can sign up here https://bit.ly/MPCDineNineJanApril2025 or contact Judy A. Thomas, <u>judyaathomas@gmail.com</u>, (770) 906-7619 for more details. Groups are forming now. Registration ends on December 31, 2024. We hope you will join us! Please note, you will need to re-register every time new groups form, i.e. three times a year.

Meet One of Our Elders: Jill Holder grew up in Doraville, GA in a loving Christian home. She made her profession of faith at the age of 7 years old. She worked for almost 30 years as a workers' compensation adjuster. She and her husband Steve raised their children in Gwinnett County before retiring to St Augustine in 2015. Jill Holder joined MPC IN 2022. She has been an active member of the Spiritual Formation SS Class and Laurel Circle Group. She has enjoyed working with the Children's Choir and singing with Catalyst under the direction of Kris Kelly. She was ordained as an Elder in April 2024 working closely with Chef Cheryl in the Culinary Ministry.

Sanctuary Flowers Available: We have many openings for sanctuary flowers. Flowers can be ordered in honor or in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special life event. Your personal dedication will be placed in the announcements for that Sunday. Flowers are \$80 and remain at the church. Our Deacons currently use them to bring love and cheer to our home-bound and nursing home members. The following dates are available: January 12, 19; February 2, 9, 16; March 2, 9, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 11, 18, 25. If you have a special day in mind, please contact Sue Kamerzel, 904-829-6451 or <u>skamerzel@memorialpcusa.org</u> to reserve your date and for payment information.

Christmas Ornaments: For sale in the Lewis Fellowship Hall. Price is \$25 per ornament.

MPC Email Newsletter List: Please subscribe to our mailing list to receive a weekly church newsletter via email. It will help you to stay in the know with important ministry updates, dates to remember, and brief accounts of how God is at work in meaningful ways. Two ways to subscribe:

- 1. Use this QR code
- 2. Scroll to the bottom of our website homepage to enter your information

Just Coffee for Christmas: One thing you can be sure of, coffee drinkers always need coffee. What better gift than one that gives and gives like shade grown, organic Just Coffee which helps Mexican coffee growers do what they love, grow coffee for you and your loved ones. This year we have a gift idea for you, purchase a pound or two of the one of our coffee varieties. \$13.00 per pound, specially wrapped and ready to give! Stop by the Lewis Fellowship Hall to purchase.





Who is my Deacon? If you are a member of MPC and do not know who your deacon is (and would like to know who your deacon is), please contact Priscilla Durkin, Parish Associate at <u>pdurkin@memorialpcusa.org</u> or 910 894-3216.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING? You are not alone. Call the church office 904-829-6451 and make an appointment with one of our pastors.

Al-Anon at MPC: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

Need Prayer? Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill one out and place in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email <u>amycamp@memorialpcusa.org</u> for private prayer or <u>krissings@yahoo.com</u> for MPC's public prayer chain.

We are a Matthew 25 Congregation: For more information about what that means for MPC, contact Julie Reffel, Chairperson of our Session's Peacemaking Committee <u>jreffel@valdosta.edu</u> or Tom Eyerly, Matthew 25 Point Person: <u>tom@eyerly.org</u>. Visit this website for more information: <u>https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/</u>.

Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:

Bayview: Bill and Verna Bacon; *Moultrie Creek:* Barbara Michael; *Riverside Cottages:* Carolyn Smith; *Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN*: Sue Holder

Recovering at Home:

Vickie Gard, Betsy Haynes, Bob Mullen

Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:

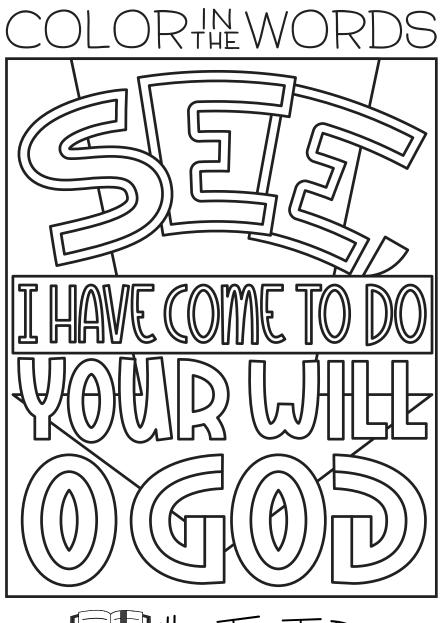
Private 1st Class, Jackson Arthur Sharpe, serving at Ft. Hood, TX; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums, serving on the Medical Team with the National Guard; Sgt. Max Worthington deployed to Washington DC with his FL National Guard Unit



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		CHURCH CALENDAR
Sun. 12-22-24	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Worship Service (Catalyst Singing) Sunday School (Dr. Proctor's Class starts at 9:40) Worship Service (also Live-Streamed on Facebook Live and the church website)
	11:45 am 12:30 – 3:30 5:30 pm	Reception for Rev. Roger Dunnavan (Lewis Fellowship Hall) Sanctuary Open for Tours Seekers Group Study – Zoom
Mon. 12-23-24		
Tues. 12-24-24	10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting – Room 205
Wed. 12-25-24		MPC Campus Closed - Christmas
Thurs. 12-26-24		
Fri. 12-27-24	11:00 – 3:30	Sanctuary Open for Tours
Sat. 12-28-24	9:00 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205

Christmas Eve Services: 3:00 Lessons and Carols with Candlelight child care offered 5:00 Lessons and Carols with Candlelight live-streamed 7:00 Traditional Communion Service with Candlelight





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Activities based on Luke 1:46-55, Psalm 80:1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45.

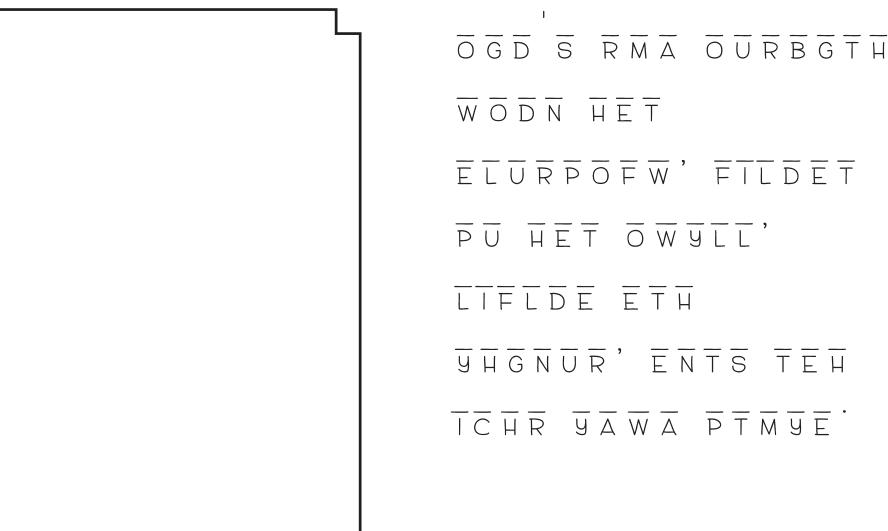




After Mary learns she will be Jesus' mother, she went to see her cousin, Elizabeth. Elizabeth was also pregnant, and when she saw Mary, Elizabeth felt her baby kick and dance inside her belly. Everyone was so excited! **Draw what you imagine this scene looked like**.



In Mary's song, we hear how God's strength comes through enacting justice. Unscramble the words to see some examples of this.



Poinsettia Dedications





In Honor of: **Miss Elizabeth** Her children David and Beth and her six unique grandchildren **Doug and Barbara Michael Shirley Gessner** Ray McDonald Our children and grandchildren Elizabeth Spencer for her loving friendship; Memorial Presbyterian Church family for 8 years of love and friendship Jaxon Danet, who is battling Muscular Dystrophy Jay and Dottie Burris Our children Melissa Wissel, Christine Benke, Dan Picot, Tom Picot Patrick, Suzanne, Max & Bea Pieri; Mark, Tylyn, Aspyn & Luna Reffel **Carolyn Smith**

In Memory of:

Justin Abare Alexander & Eleanor Kinbaum; Frank & Fumiye Baba Her husband Joe Jill Bria; Jim Bria Her parents, Harry & Jane Lee; his parents, Jack & Betty Brown Vernon F. Hüppi; Eduard C. Hüppi; Jean Antoine Burtin; Faith K. Tiberio; Grace Camellia K. Ciocca Richard B. Capp; A.H. "Hoop" Tebault Ken Charlton Charles Bundrick; Dorcas Johnson Bundrick

Allan Saffer; Nancy & Lou Clukey; Sue & Elton Morgan; Lou & Audrey Saffer; Marilyn Czufin **Daisy S Neighbors Fred Cone Eleanor Grace Crockett Daniel Crowley** Parents, grandparents and friends Our parents Walter Arzonetti, Clara Flood; Jack Flood; Rose Laggis; Sarah Duyck; Wy Duyck; Susan Cole; Bebe Kroas; C.T. Duyck; The **Unknown Soldier** Her husband, Jimmy DuBose; her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Phillips Loved Ones Edwin H. Emerson, Jr.; Mary Francis King Carol & Jim Fortin; Linda & David Whaley; Jamielynn Morgan **Robert Widell** W.W. Fry; Margaret Fry; Voncile Jeffers Col. Larry Goodwin

With Love From: Joey Adams Judy Burnett Albright Sheryl Anderson Kristen, Savanna and Bella Gessner Jeanne Goodwin Tom and Debbie Johnson Jim and Sally Morris

Larry and Gail Oakes Bill and Janine Peeples Dan and Betsy Picot

Jim and Julie Reffel

Jay and Krista Smith

With Love From: Bill, Susan and Max Abare Spencer and Linda Baba Maggie Barbieri Marjorie Bria Charlie and Kim Brown Kay Burtin

Capp/Tebault family Kathy Charlton Bradd, Laura, Chase, Shelbi and Brady Clark Micah and Carly Clukey

William Compton Barbara Cone The Crockett family Trish Crowley Ed and Margo Currie Betty and Sonny Daniel Carl Duyck and Dennis Flood, Barbara Arzonetti

Dawn DuBose Rev. Roger and Louise Dunnavan Tom and Beverly Emerson Chris, Diana, & Samantha Fortin Karen, Matt, and Kaitlin Fromhold Roger and Terri Fry Jeanne Goodwin

In Memory of: Jim and Betty Brumley Lewis N. & Grace Davenport Gravely; Allen R. & Norma Adams Diggs **Bob and Eric Gessner** Edmund K. Gross, Jr. Gerri Harman (Gigi) Emma Jean & LeRoy Harvey; Max & Stanton Harvey; Barbara & **Glenn Freshcorn** Barb and Jim Herkel Our parents, Clarence & Nelle Hull and Claude & Martha Hill and our son, Michael Hull His parents, Anna & Charlie Hunt; her parents, Effie & Gus Bell Skip Hutton Howard & Marcena Kenney Grandma & Grandpa Kenney Gilmer family; Lewey family; Ramirez family Guy and Mary Montgomery; John and Yolie Maguire; Molly Montgomery; Marty Bieberle Eva McRae; Lewis & Norma Flynn Richard Morgan, a loving husband, father and grandfather Hollie Goddard Amanda Noblet Jean McGinnis Her parents, Dick & Joanne Rowe **Billy and Camille Peeples** Helen & Edgar Cottrell; Claire & Patrick Penta Our parents, Dorothy & Willis Caldwell; Josephine & Dan Picot James & Suzanne Jewett; Sam & Marie Reffel; Dan Jewett Richard A. Rettig; Miguel A. Veiga; Bruce Albro; Jean McDonald; Keti Beguiristian **Kitty Burt** Beverly Everett; Charles Everett; Patricia Schmidt Jack Schwieger Parents, Arthur & Billie Smith; brother, Glenn Smith Marjorie "Bonnie" Stanley Her parents, Don and Mary Skalak Joel Gregory Adams; Mary Louise Bradley; Helen & T.J. Coker Our son, Seth Gregory Towner Cara Willets **Ernest O. Marchand** Keith Jones; Bill Edmiston; Justin M. Goode; Bill Mignon; Bette Jo **Upchurch; Margaret Ann Edmiston** John Zeigler; Lorraine Zeigler; Doug Zeigler

With Love From: Children and Grandchildren Lewis W. and Pat D. Gravely

Shirley and Kristen Gessner Cynthia Hale Gross John Harman John Harvey

Jill Herkel Claudia and David Hull

Jon and Sarah Hunt Nancy S. Hutton Howard, Tami, Cheryl, Mary and Faye Jason, Kris, Kelly, Kristen, Pat, Kiki, Emily Susan Lewey and Bob Gilmer Becky and Jack Maguire

Tom and Tammy McRae Wende and Bill Morgan-Elliott Ashley Neperud Norman and Doris Noblet Larry and Gail Oakes Annie Parsons Bill and Janine Peeples Bev and Roland Penta Dan and Betsy Picot Jim and Julie Reffel Marisella Veiga Rettig

Kelly Sallas Dr. Raymond and Beth Schmidt His Family Richard Smith and Ellen Avery-Smith The Stanley Family Connie Terbrueggen Judy A. Thomas Greg and Diane Towner The Willets Family Debbra Williams William F. Young

Scott Zeigler

If you have purchased a poinsettia in memory or in honor of your loved ones, you may take them with you after the 7:00 p.m. service on Tuesday, December 24th. We would like to keep the beautiful arrangements up through the Christmas Eve services.