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make straight
in the desert a
highway
for our
God.

Isaiah 40:3



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE TO PRAISE GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

PRELUDE (QUIET MEDITATION PLEASE).....Regina Ford

STRIKING OF THE HOUR (Quiet Please).....Organist

CANDLELIGHTING..... Lauryn Austin & Hannah Cook

INTROIT..... “Come and Go with Me”Mass Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Eric Chavis**

A voice cries in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s way clear. Lift up every valley; lower every mountain. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”

Amen.

OPENING HYMN..... “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” - #150

***OPENING PRAYER..... Rev. Dr. Eric Chavis**

Loving God, you sent your prophet John to prepare your way among us, to call us to repentance and make our pathways straight. Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love and faithfulness as we await the Messiah’s return, that all may see your reign of peace through your just and gracious rule. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION.....Jhanelle Johnson

God does not want anyone to perish, but rather for all to come to repentance. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God’s salvation is at hand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)Jhanelle Johnson

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Jhanelle Johnson

Mighty God, send your Holy Spirit to speak peace, that the good news of this age may be proclaimed through your word, which stands forever. **Amen.**

* **GLORIA PATRI**..... #579

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE/THE GREETING**

Leader: **The peace of Christ be with you.**

All: And also with you.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY..... “Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child”

***THE DOXOLOGY**#592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**.....Jhanelle Johnson

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. May your righteousness go before God and prepare a pathway for the Lord. Let us offer our lives and labor to God and fulfill our vows to the Most High. **Amen.**

PRAYER HYMN..... “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent” – Wynetta Ussery, Soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Eric Chavis

WE HEAR AND EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 40:3

Rev. J. L. Perry

HYMN OF MEDITATION..... “Mary Did You Know”.....Ce Lo Green

Duet: Dr. Toomer & Gladys Jackson & Gina Nesbit, Dance Ministry

SERMON: “MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD”

WE FOLLOW GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***INVITATIONAL HYMN**..... “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” - #372

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (P. 14 FO. Hymnal)**

Rev. Dr. Eric Chavis

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

CLOSING..... “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” – #438

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**..... Rev. J. L. Perry

May faithfulness spring up from the ground and righteousness look down from heaven as you walk in the way of peace, and may the blessing of God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, and Holy Comforter, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE“Threefold Amen”

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

(PLEASE BE SEATED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.)

POSTLUDE.....Ms. Regina Ford

- *Those who are able, please stand.**
- **Ushers seat those who are standing.**

SERMON NOTES

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

December 10, 2017

WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today, we ask that you sign a guest card on the table in the lobby and also pick up a visitor's packet from that table. You are invited to participate in any of the ministries at Woodlawn. If you have any questions, please call us at 768-1777 or 768-5905. If you desire to become a member, you may come forward during the singing of the hymn following the sermon or you may inform the pastor of your desire after worship. Thank you for visiting with us today.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Mercedes Davis--744-7626; Leola Hamilton--764-1442; Daniel Colleton; Ailedra McClain--803-586-6322; Barbara Walker--702-252-4970; Jacquelyn Colleton-Akins--521-3805; Jacquelyn Tatum--843-640-3484; Deborah & Oscar Randolph--765-4327; Louise Guinyard--766-6415; Moses Jackson--355-3787; Affie Itiat; Viviloria Frazier--762-3089; Sarah Gardner--764-3978; Mable Neither--509-7128; Ruth Smith --765-2145; Joyce Hamilton--744-0451; Thomas Witherspoon--757-3350; Lee Edna Nicholson--768-2991; Nancy Watts--353-3603.

(In Hospitals, Nursing Homes Rehab. Centers, etc.)

Forrestine Donalson & Joe Trapp--Brookdale--Mandarin-423-3949; Carl Davis--Riverside Presbyterian House; Altomease Duncan--Terrace of Jacksonville--930-0229; William Hill--Autumn Village, Inc. Assisted Living, 1103 Barrs St.; Silas Givens--Sugar Manor Assisted Living, 8985 S. Suncoast Blvd. Homosassa, FL 34446 (904) 485-7813; Thomas Harvey; Atrium Way--673-4313; Sandra Jefferson--UF Health; St. Vincent--Southside; Pamela Turner--Baptist, Downtown.

CHRISTMAS PLAY REHEARSALS for children grades Pre-K – 12 will be on the following dates: December 16th & 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for your support and getting our children to rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Shirley Fowler.

THE HERITAGE SINGERS OF JACKSONVILLE will present “*Heavenly Lights of December Nights*” at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church on today at 4:00 p.m. Please join us for a concert of star themed music!

.INCOME & ATTENDANCE REPORT – 12/03/2017

Current Operations	17,155.50	8:15 a.m.	60
Building Fund	2,842.50	Sunday school	57
Other Designated Funds	945.11	11:00 a.m.	168
Total	\$21,943.11		

THE SENIORS AND RETIREES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be Friday, December 15th in the Family Life Center at 12:00 noon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – You are invited to attend Sunday school. Join us and experience great discussion, the exchange of ideas and wonderful fellowship. Give it some consideration. There is a class designed especially for your interest.

RECORDINGS – If you would like to order recordings or special services of the 11:00 a.m. service, see Eris Northern. (DVD - \$12.00/CD - \$5.00). You may also make a donation to the Tape Ministry, if you wish.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE FLOWERS to adorn the chancel area in recognition of special people and events. Forms are available in the vestibule for your convenience. The cost is \$30.00 including delivery. Please indicate if you wish the flowers to be given to the sick.

ICARE RESEARCH COMMITTEE: A special thank you to those who attended the Research to Action kickoff December 5, 2017 at Arlington Congregational Church. Your expertise is certainly appreciated in helping with identifying and providing solutions to crime in our neighborhoods and nation. See Minnie Smith for further dates of meetings and other information.

TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Ordination/Installation of officers will be January 14, 2018

Elders

Hansler Bealyer
Jessica Brock
Bennie Clark
Avis Mathews
Reva M. Oliver (2year term)
Doris H. Swinton
Denise Walker

Deacons

Adam Bealyer
Irmatine Bealyer
Freddie Brown
Stephanie Holloway
Oday Mickel
Sandra Taylor

Trustees

Carla Finney
Susan Harper
Jimmy Groover
Anthony Harley
Ben Hawkins
Patsy Phillips

COMMUNION SERVERS FOR JANUARY 2018:

8:15 a.m. – J. Atkins, St. F. Daniels, R. Davis, S. Houston, D. Jackson, G. Jackson, H. Polite, L. Polite.

11:00 a.m. – A. Austin, N. Austin, ***D. Brock**, G. Chisholm, D. Cook, H. Daniels, T. Daniels, T. Fowler, Sr., ***S. Houston**, D. Jackson, G. Jackson, L. Johnson, I. Kennebrew, A. Mays, T. Morris, J. Oxendine, M. Pinkney, L. Taylor, S. Taylor, L. Williams

***Will assist the Pastor in serving the shut –in on Sunday**

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE TO SERVE FOR DECEMBER

December 10 – Lauryn Austin & Hannah Cook

December 17 – Brianna Fowler & Amya Morene

December 24 – Brandon Fowler & Micah Grooms

December 31 – Alexandria Conaway & Lauryn Austin

TO MODERATORS OF ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND GROUPS: It is time to begin working on your annual report for 2017. Reports are due in the church office on or before Sunday, January 14, 2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HERITAGE SINGERS OF JACKSONVILLE – December 10, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
SENIORS & RETIREES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – December 15th – 12:00noon
CHRISTMAS CAROLING – December 23, 2017 – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE – December 31, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE

Our church is participating in the 2017 **Salvation Army Angel Tree Program**. We encourage members to select an angel from the tree and purchase a clothing outfit and a toy. There is a log-in-sheet next to the tree. Please record the angel code (which is found on the tag) along with the member's name. **The deadline for bringing gifts is Monday, December 11, 2017.**

