PIANIST- Angela Garrison ORGANIST- Bryan Massengale
ACOLYTE- Oceananne Hunt

GATHERING
STRIKING OF THE HOUR Bryan Massengale
WELCOME Worship Leader

*HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” No. 224
(Enter your name in the friendship pad and pass it to the person next to you.
When the pad reaches the end of the pew, pass it back, noting the names of others.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN OF FAITH “There’s a Song in the Air” No. 249

PRESENTATION OF TITLES AND OFFERINGS
THE OVERTURE “See Amid the Winter’s Snow” Bryan Massengale
THE DOXOLOGY No. 95

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE
HYMN “Surely the Presence of the Lord” No. 328

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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS Worship Leader
CHILDREN’S SERMON John Hanson

Children, ages 3 thru 2nd grade, may now go to Children’s Church.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Christ Is Born, Nowell” Chancel Choir

Within today's anthem the choir invites you to join us in "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:22-40
WORSHIP LEADER: The Word of God for the People of God
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

MORNING MESSAGE “A Sight for Certain Eyes” Dr. Tony Collins

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP “Joy to the World” No. 246

*BENEDICTION Dr. Tony Collins

*CHORAL AMEN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Congregation & Choir

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*POSTLUDE Bryan Massengale

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Personal transmitters for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher for assistance. Nursery available near the Fellowship Hall.

ANOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in loving memory of Jean Eldridge from her husband, Ray and Family.

THANK YOU: There are many people who deserve thanks for bringing a service of music in our cantata. Thanks to Lynn for her hours spent becoming our “orchestra”; Loyal, for his willingness to take a part; Tony and Silas for their “sound” help. Thanks to the choir members for their generous gifts of time and talent. It is such a privilege to work with this wonderful church family.

Judy Ezell

OPENINGS ON THE 2015 FLOWER CALENDAR: There are lots of available dates on the 2015 Altar Flower calendar. If you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend, please sign up on the flower calendar on the bulletin board in the hallway.

CHOIR PRACTICE is at 4:30 p.m., today, in the Choir Room.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on New Year’s Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015.

MINISTRY TEAM TRAINING is scheduled for Sunday, January 4th, 3-6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet on Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. All women in our church are invited.

GET REAL TRAINING for pastors and church leaders will be held at Walker Valley High School, Cleveland, Sunday, January 11, 3 - 5:05 p.m. Registration: 2:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday, January 13th, at 7 p.m., in the Parlor.

STAFF PARISH TEAM meets on Monday, January 19th, at 7 p.m., in the Parlor. All team members should make plans to attend this important meeting.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pastor Tony Collins
Rhonda Evans
Felix Fisher
Pat Galloway (No Visitors, Please)
Arthur Gilliam
Joe Graham

Chris Haer
Betsy Henley
Carl Hesselbach
Beth Keylon
Joyce Lavender
Ed Logsdon

Mary Curtis (Spring City Care and Rehab, #411, 331 Hinch St.)
Danny Chattin (Starlight Place, 2626 Walker Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37424)
Virginia Hale (195 Deer Ridge Dr., A, Dayton, TN 37221)
Irene Henley (Spring City Care and Rehab, #508, 331 Hinch St.)
Margie Hughes (Abby Maes’ Hill, 419 Pin Hook Rd., Spring City)
Ruth Huskins (Golden Years Retirement, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City)
Ray Keylon (Spring City Care and Rehab, #502, 331 Hinch St.)
Becky Knox (Spring City Care and Rehab, #207, 331 Hinch St.)
Edna McCuision (Abby Maes’ Hill, 419 Pin Hook Rd., Spring City)
Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.)
Elise Robbins (Life Care Center of Rhea County, #116, 10055 Rhea Co. Hwy)
Margaret Scholz (Spring City Care and Rehab, #209, 331 Hinch St.)

Pam Yokley (friend of Dorothy Hastings)
Susan Vaughan (friend of Angie Rose)
Bob Kirchner (friend of Dave Eicher)
Frank Sawyer (friend of Walt & Linda Morse)
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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Tyler Shaffer (Kathy Heimel’s nephew)
Branson Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Justin Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Trevor Harz (Kathy Heimel’s nephew)
Monty Johnson (John & Judy Johnson’s son)
Tannah Moffett (grandson of Glenn Moffett)
Derek Niehaus (husband of John & Sarah Hansons’ granddaughter)
Gillian Osborne (Arthur & Linda Osborn’s grandson)
Christopher Tonce (Danne Yorke’s grandson)
Troy Brown (Tom Heimel’s friend)
Sam Shaffer (Kathy Heimel’s nephew)
Christopher Eicher (son of David & Joyce Eicher)
Robert Flynn (Whitney Flynn’s brother & Tammy Flynn’s grandson)
Amy Kester (Eleanor Trail’s cousin)
Charles Krausweid (Eleanor Trail’s nephew)
John Lewis (Vickie Cheek’s “other son”)
Aaron D. Mooneyham (June Flemans’ grandson)
Colby Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks’ grandson)
Tom Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
John Cody Robinson (Virginia Hale’s grandson)
Joshua Russell (Helen Mike’s nephew)
Earl Schaller (George & Phyllis Schaller’s grandson)
Thomas R. Taylor (Marilyn Cooksey’s daughter-in-law’s brother)
William Wilkey (Eleanor Trail’s nephew)
Larry Ware and Robert Ware (Robert & Kay Ware’s sons)

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Prayer list is updated monthly. Due to limited space, names are removed if office is not notified the 1st of each month.

Sam Shaffer
Today's Scripture Reading
Luke 2:22-40 NRSV

12 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord
13 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord").
14 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."
15 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.
16 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.
17 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,
18 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,
19 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
20 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
21 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
22 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."
23 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.
24 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed
25 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."
26 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,
27 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.
28 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.
29 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
30 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.