

Greeter Today: Linda Sweet
 Greeter Next Week: Loretta McCauley
Note: Greeters, if you will not be available a particular Sunday, please contact Barbara at the church office.
 Nursery Today: Mary Jane Crosby and Norma Smith
 Nursery Next Week: Sam & Erin Evans
Note: Nursery Volunteers, if you switch your scheduled day, please contact Barbara at the church office after calling Retha to change your day.
 Young Disciples' Worship: Tim & Holly Briscoe
 Deacon of the Month for December: Rick Hall (628-3037)

This Week's Events

Sun.	Dec. 18	9:45am 11:00am After worship	Sunday School Worship Service--Christmas Joy Offering- Children's Christmas Play during worship- Potluck Luncheon
Mon.	Dec. 19	7:00pm	Rest Home Party
Wed.	Dec. 21	10:00am 6:00pm	Bible Study/Prayer Group Choir Party at the Martins
Sat.	Dec. 24	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service- Communion

Coming Soon

Sun.	Dec. 25	11:00am	Christmas Day Worship Service-Two Cents Meal
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A member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Abingdon Presbytery
Green Spring Presbyterian Church
 serves Jesus Christ at
22007 Green Spring Church Road, Abingdon, VA 24211
Adult & Children Sunday School Classes at 9:45am
Worship Service & Young Disciples' Worship at 11:00am
Nursery Provided
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Green Spring Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011

Prelude *The Birthday of a King* Neidlinger

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Solo, Erin Evans *God with Us, Emmanuel* Raney

Statement about the fourth Candle

Solo Response *God with Us, Emmanuel*

The Candle is Lighted

Prayer

*Hymn #174 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*Prayer of Confession and Affirmation of Faith
(Hymnal #141, *An Advent Prayer*)

*Response of Praise (*Gloria Patri*, #805)

Time with Young Disciples

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5a

The Offering

Offertory *Shepherd's Echo Carol* arr. Leavitt

*Doxology (#809)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

Anthem *Calypso Carol* arr. Pote

Scripture Reading Galatians 4:4-7

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn #156 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

Children's Christmas Pageant *Good News of A Great Joy*

Scene I: The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

Song: *Song of Mary* Buryl Red Celina Wade, Soloist

Scene II: Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethelhem

Song: *He Came Down* Caribbean

Scene III: The Shepherds and Angels Visit the Manger

Song: *Angels We Have Heard on High* Traditional

Song: *Away in a Manger* Traditional

Scene IV: The Kings Visit the Manger

Song: *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* Traditional - Green Spring Men

*Hymn #151 *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*
(verse 1-Cast; verses 2 and 3-Cast and Congregation)

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Congregation please stand.

Cast

Director: Kevin Flannagan

Pianist: Patti Quarles

Narrator: Katherine Martin

Angel Gabriel: Rebecca Collins

Mary: Celina Wade

Joseph: Jarred Jackson

Shepherds: Jonah Martin, William Collins, Lucas Barr, Cole Barr

Angels: Megan Cooper, Anna Kate Cooper

Magi: John Clark, Jon Martin, Bob Gillespie, Elizabeth Wade

DECEMBER

“What’s left of it”

December 18-Sunday School at 9:45am;
Worship at 11:00am-4th Sunday of Advent-
Christmas Joy Offering-
Children’s Christmas Play during worship service-
Potluck Luncheon after worship in the fellowship hall

December 19-Rest Home Party at 7:00pm

December 21-Bible Study/Prayer Group at 10:00am;
Choir Party at the Martins at 6:00pm

December 24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00pm-
The lighting of the Christ Candle and Communion

December 25-Christmas Day - Worship at 11:00am-
Two Cents Meal Offering
Community Christmas Dinner at the Abingdon Senior Center
from 3:00-6:00pm



† OUR CHURCH AT WORK †

December 18, 2011

◆ *Welcome to all! We are delighted that God led you to worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor and interested in learning more about our church fellowship, please call the pastor at church, 628-7739 or his cell phone, 206-6370. Also, please take a moment to fill out the ‘Visitors Card’ and place it in the offering plate, giving us the opportunity to welcome you and to know more about you. Note that a ‘pew reservation sign’ has been placed at the end of the last center pew to reserve this seating for those with special needs. Please turn off cellular phones upon entering the Sanctuary, frequencies interfere with microphones.*



◆ **Welcome to the Fourth Sunday of Advent.** We will have the lighting of the fourth **Advent Candle** during the worship service. Our children will present their Christmas Pageant, *Good News of A Great Joy*, also during worship this morning.

◆ This Sunday let us pray for **McCall’s Gap Presbyterian Church** in Glade Spring, VA and for our entire congregation, especially the following:
John Briscoe, Monica Hayden, Tim Meredith, Ann Lowry, Betty Capriola, Roberta Richey, Baird Smith, Jackie Cantrell, William Harris, Lois Gillespie, Ginger Harris, Sara Lawson, Doris Poe, Bob Lowe, Carolyn Deaton, Lynn McConnell, David King, Virginia Thompson, Connie & Tom Counts, Edna McConnell, Sue Elkins, Sandra Wimmer, Nancy Thompson, Bill & Marge Margerum, Janet McCauley, Blair Keller, Erma Combs, Rhonda Moore, Carter Garrett, Jr., Marshall Jones, Barbara Blevins, Edith Ratliff, Jane Bloom, Brenda Sprinkle, Karen Combs, Virginia McFarlane, Dr. Jim Gardner, Aiden Beard, Jim Groseclose, Eva Bailey, Phyllis Garner, Phyllis Dorton, Nancy Greary, Don Stephens, Lena McVey, Rickey White, Terry White, Eric Wimmer, Jim Losinger, April Haga, Brenda Branson, Lucas



Bailey, Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Spence, Vicki Proffitt, Connie Street, Jane Hale, Dottie McGrady and Helen Carter.

◆ **Note:** Please use the **colored cards** in the pew racks for **prayer requests**. Place them in the offering plate, during the offering.

◆ The “**Christmas Joy Offering**”, designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need, will be received this morning during worship service. Please use the envelope provided in the bulletin or designate your check, *Joy Offering*. Thank You.



◆ There will be a “**Potluck Luncheon**” in the fellowship hall following the worship service today. Plan to stay for some good food and fellowship with the church family.

◆ The **Rest Home Christmas Party** will be tomorrow night, December 19th at 7:00pm. Santa will deliver the gifts to the residents while they enjoy a time of fun and fellowship with some members from our church. If you would like to come or help in some way, please call or see Mary Jane Crosby.



◆ There will be a **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 5:00pm on December 24th. We will have the story, the lighting of the Christ Candle and Communion. Make plans now to attend.

◆ **Please Note:** The Sunday School Classes will not be meeting on Christmas morning. The children will remain in the sanctuary for worship on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. No Young Disciples’ Worship on those days.

◆ **A Reminder to the Treasurers.....**Reports for 2011 need to be turned in to the church office soon. Forms are available in the church office. Thank you.



◆ The **Flower Calendar for 2012** is now available in the church office. Choose your date early to place flowers in the sanctuary.

◆ The Choir will be having a Christmas Party at the **Martins** on Wednesday, December 21st at 6:00pm.



◆ The “**Two Cents Per Meal**” offering will be received **next** Sunday, December 25th. These monies are used in Presbytery and around the world to help fight hunger.



◆ Thanks to all who placed a poinsettia in the sanctuary this year. You may take yours home after worship today or you can leave it until Christmas.



◆ In order that we may know who is attending worship, especially the visitors, would **everyone** please fill out the pad in the pew and pass it to the next person beside you. Thank you.

◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Greeters are needed for Sunday worship service for 2012. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the vestibule. Please sign it as you leave today. Thank You!

◆ The Choir will not be practicing until January 4, 2012 at 7:00pm.

◆ Last Sunday there were 131 in worship. The offering total was \$3,437.00, broken down as follows: General Fund \$3,417.00, Apple Butter \$20.00. As of last Sunday, we have received \$179,720.08 toward our budget total of \$200,693.00. Our weekly goal is \$3,860.00.

◆Next week's readings are: (*Dawn*)Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97:
Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2: (1-7) 8-20 (*Day*) Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98;
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14.