

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.**

*CLOSING HYMN #266 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"
(verses 1, 2, and 4)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. C. Dobrinski

*Please stand if you are able.

We are so happy to have with us in worship today "The Savior's Soundwaves," a ministry of First Baptist Church on the Square. The group is directed by Sally Traylor.

A donation has been made to the Baker Endowment by Jeff and Shelley Skinner in honor of Winnie Baker.

The rosebud on the altar last Sunday was in honor of the birth of William Lawson Darden, son of Will Darden and Amber Hoge. Paternal grandparents are Randy and Pat Darden.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Liturgist: JJ Brown
Elders on Duty: Arnold Darden and Koren Stapp
Ushers: Bobby and Suzi Goldston, Joe and Trudy Calhoun
Greeters: Lois Vincent and Vaughn Yarbrough
Nursery: Koren Stapp and girls
Toddler Room:
Children's Church:

Happy Birthday this week to: (Today) Garden Grzesik; (Monday) Mollie Callaway, Lori Pullen, Gary Headrick, Keaton Moat; (Wednesday) Jameel Dixon; (Friday) Nancy Brown; (Saturday) Bob McCrary.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Join us this evening at 6:00 for the **Children's Christmas Musical**, "The Reluctant Innkeeper." Bring some of your favorite Christmas goodies to share in the Fellowship Hall afterwards!

Today is the last day to make reservations for the annual **Christmas Banquet**, which will be held next Sunday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. Please fill out the insert in today's bulletin.

There will be a **congregational meeting** on Sunday, December 18, immediately after worship for the purpose of voting to extend a call to our new pastor. The Pastor Nominating committee will present more detailed information about this candidate next Sunday.

The Partners in Education Committee will be assisting a few families from Long Cane Elementary as we did last year. We have an **Angel Tree** in the narthex with the sizes and wishes of the children that the school counselor deemed to be in need. There are still some "mittens" on the tree. If you can, please pick one and attach it to your gifts, which we ask that you place in Darden Hall by the 11th. Thank you!

The L Club (for folks 50 and over) is planning an outing to Opelika on Friday evening, December 9, leaving the church at 6:30 p.m. for the annual driving tour where the Victorian homes of the town have been transformed into an Old World Christmas wonderland. Afterward, the group will return to Wade and Anne Hall's house for dessert. Call Barbara Darden if you'd like to reserve a spot (706-884-4085) by the end of the day today.

Giving back to those who have given so much...whether providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families or enabling deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related colleges and schools, your generous gifts to the **Christmas Joy Offering** will bring Good News of Great Joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit. We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering this evening at the Christmas Musical, and at Sunday Worship on December 11 and 18.

Our traditional **"Happy Birthday, Jesus!"** Sunday School celebration for the kids will be held on Sunday morning, December 18, in Darden hall at 9:45. Come help us decorate and get ready for Jesus' birthday!

Calendar for this Week: (December 4 - December 11)

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast / Fellowship (Darden Hall)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts (Darden Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Musical
Wednesday:	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice / Caroling
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.	Men of the Church
Friday:	6:30 p.m.	L Club Outing
Next Sunday:	9:00-9:20 a.m.	Breakfast served
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	4:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 518
	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Banquet

Loyd Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 4, 2011
11:00 a.m. Worship



CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "Celebrate and Ring!" D. Edwards
(The Savior's Soundwaves)

(Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship pad that you will find on the inside aisle and pass it to your neighbor.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING

*HYMN (Insert) "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Lighting of the Candles
Lifting up the Word of God

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE
The Sandiford Family

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, we have tried to cover up our sins, yet you know the disorder we have caused in our lives. You have witnessed our poor choices and our destructive habits. We have denied our baptism and ignored the responsibilities of discipleship. The good we do is often self-serving, while we avoid the full claims of gospel partnership. Hear our cries of repentance and turn our lives around, that we may know the wonder of your forgiveness. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

**“Silent Night”
(The Savior’s Soundwaves)**

arr. S. Eithun

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

How good you have been to us, gracious God! How meagerly we have responded. You have restored our fortunes when we felt all was lost. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. We give thanks, not only with a portion of our income, but also through renewed commitment to righteous living. By your grace, we share in the work Christ came to accomplish among us. May love abound in and through us. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Coventry Carol”

arr. J. Treisback

*Lully, thou little tiny child,
By by, lully, lullay.
(Repeat)
O sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day,
This poor youngling, for whom we sing,
By by, lully, lullay.
Herod the king in his raging,
Charged he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight,
All children young to slay.
Then woe is me, poor child for thee!
And ever mourn this day,
For thy parting neither say nor sing
By by, lully, lullay!*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

(Children in Pre-School through 2nd Grade may go to Children’s Church.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

**Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all
her sins.**

A voice cries out:

**“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”**

**Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings.
Lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.**

THE MESSAGE

Reverend David Omerod

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION