

# The Order of Worship

*Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer  
upon entering the Sanctuary*

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GREETING

Arise, shine, for our light has come,  
**And the glory of the Lord has risen on us.**  
Let us lift up our eyes and look around;  
**That we may see God's salvation.**  
[Isaiah 60]

\*THE INVOCATION

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray...

\*HYMN No. 220

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

*"The Apostles Creed"*

\*THE GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal 70

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON (NT, Page 180, Pew Bible)

Ephesians 1:3-6

THE ANTHEM

\*GOSPEL LESSON (NT, Page 86, Pew Bible)

John 1:1-18

THE SERMON

“Hope For a New Year”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal, Page 15

**This is the Lord’s Table. All are invited to partake of the Sacraments.  
As the bread is passed, please break a portion and hold it  
until the cup is passed. The bread is dipped into the cup and eaten.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN NO. 254

“We Three Kings”

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION

Choir and Congregation

“May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May His light be always in thee.  
May He keep you safe from harm, give shelter from the storm,  
May He grant you His peace. Amen.

\*POSTLUDE

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**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

*In Memory of Dottie Rogers  
and  
In Honor of Raymond Rogers  
given by Judy and Pete Dennis*

*In Memory of Mary Howard  
given by  
J. K. Atkins  
Eleanor Cunningham  
Betty Thompson  
Eugenia Vicars  
Calvin and Annette Bostic  
Mac and Dot MacMillan  
The Ron Howard Family  
The Margaret Smith Class*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** are extended to: Betty Wood - January 6th and Jean Campbell - January 7th.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** Michael Abowd, Mary Lee Boynton, **Betty Clark**, Alvin Hill, Ron Howard, **Dekker Moon**, **Geneva Rowell** and **Bill Searcy (North Greenville Hospital)**. Names are kept on the Prayer List for 4 weeks. If you wish to keep a name on the list after 4 weeks or to add a new name, please notify the office.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are extended to Ron and Sue Howard and their family on the death of Ron's mother and Chris, Chad, Todd and Rebecca's grandmother, Mary Howard, on Friday, December 26th. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Patterson on Monday, December 29th, at Saint Paul with entombment in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are extended to Jon and Allison Miller on the death of Jon's grandmother, Shirley Davis, on Saturday, December 27th. The Funeral Service was held Tuesday, December 30th, at Calvary First Baptist Church with burial at Greenville Memorial Gardens.

**NOTE:** If you have not turned in your pledge forms for 2009, it is not too late to do so. They may be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the office or placed in Jere's mail slot.

The **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** for next Sunday, January 11th, is Mary Pool. The **WORSHIP LEADERS** are Mary Pool and Peggy Whitmire and the **NURSERY WORKER** is Stephanie Gamble.

There will be a meeting of all **Children's Department Workers** next Sunday, January 11th, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship Service. See details in your newsletter.

The **AD/COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The locks on the church doors will be changed just prior to the Ad/Council Meeting. If you have a key to the church, please bring it to the meeting to exchange it for a new key.

In 2009 we will be making major updates to the church building's **AC/Heat system**. We are establishing a Special Fund for any contributions to this project. If you would like to make a donation to help with the expense of this necessary project, just specify AC/Heat Fund on your check or envelope. All gifts will be greatly appreciated.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS:** Beginning around the middle of January the days and hours that the Office is open will be changing. Regular Office Hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Thursday from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. Even though the Office is not open on Monday or Friday, you are always encouraged to call Rev. Patterson at his home (294-6916) or on his cell phone (380-9775) or Jere at her home (234-7662) if you have an emergency or need assistance of any kind.

To Our Saint Paul Family,

All of your calls, cards, transportation, visits, thoughts and prayers have meant so much to me and my family during my most recent surgery and hospital stay. As I continue my recovery I look forward to the time when I can again walk into Saint Paul to worship with all of you again.

Thank you again for all you have done to help and encourage us during this trying time.

Ron and Sue Howard and Family