

SUGAR GROVE

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHOIR *EMMANUEL (TWICE)*
(CONGREGATION JOIN IN)

ACOLYTES PRESENT THE "LIGHT"

WORSHIP HIM . . .

*WITH OUR PRAISE

THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR HYMN 121

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

People: **We trust in you, O God.**

Leader: All God's ways are loving and faithful.

People: **To those who keep the covenant.**

*Lighting of Advent Wreath

(Congregation may be seated)

Prayer of Confession (READ IN UNISON)

God of promises and possibilities, we admit that we color the world according to our own limited vision. We are often unjust in our judgments and faithless in our relationships. We are haunted by sins we have not confessed. Hear us as we entrust them to your forgiving care. Help us to let go of our transgressions, to renew our covenant with you and to live constructively with one another. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, whose coming among us we await with great expectation. Amen.

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DECLARATION OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV

WITH A HYMN

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN HYMN 127

SHARING WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

WITH HIS TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

WITH PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THROUGH PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALTAR FOR ANY OF YOUR PRAYER

CONCERNS.

LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

MESSAGE

"COUNTDOWN"

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

BY RESPONDING TO THE WORD:

*BY SINGING A HYMN

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS HYMN 299

ALTAR CALL: YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALTAR

*BY RECEIVING THE BLESSING

JOY TO THE WORLD (VERSE 1) HYMN 117

AS ACOLYTES TAKE THE "LIGHT" INTO THE WORLD

*STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AKA MINISTRY IN ACTION

Choir Practice will be held today at 5:15PM.

Wednesday gathering 7PM.

Sugar Beats for December are at Information Station.

Loaves and Fishes ministry. You may pick up a box at Information Station. Fill the box with money or a check in response to God's bounty and we will collect it in December.

Nursery workers needed! Sign-up for this ministry.

CPWM will leave the Farmer's Bank parking lot around 5PM to dine at the Majestic House in Princeton. After the meal they will shop for the angel tree children. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Men's Fellowship will meet Thursday at 6:30PM.

Is God calling you to serve as an elder? Nominations will be closed on Sunday, December 13, elections December 20th. From the Confession of Faith:

4.0 SESSION

4.1 The session of a particular church consists of the minister in charge and elders elected by the congregation. There must be a minimum of two elders, but the actual number shall be determined by the congregation in accordance with such rules as it may establish.

4.2 In a church which has no pastor, or in the absence of the minister in charge or of the moderator appointed by presbytery, the session may meet and transact any business.

4.3 The session may be convened when two or more of its members so request. The minister in charge may convene the session at any time during or immediately following a regular service of worship and at other times by giving proper notice to session members.

4.4 A majority of the session constitutes a quorum unless the congregation has set a quorum otherwise; but any two elders, in conjunction with the minister may receive members and grant letters of dismission.

4.5 The session is charged with pastoral oversight of the particular church and has the responsibility to: a. Call a pastor (also an associate/assistant pastor) subject to the approval of presbytery; (*Form for issuing a call to a pastor or associate/assistant pastor, see Constitution, Appendix 4.*)

b. Receive members into the church;

c. Resolve questions of doctrine and discipline in the congregation;

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Additional Prayer Concerns

are in the Sugar Beat

Please use the Prayer request cards

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- d. Admonish or suspend members found guilty in a disciplinary hearing, subject to appeal to presbytery;
- e. Urge upon parents the importance of presenting their children for baptism;
- f. Grant letters of dismission, which when given for parents shall always include the names of their baptized children;
- g. Ordain and install elders and deacons when elected and require these officers to devote themselves to their responsibilities;
- h. Examine the proceedings and supervise the work of the deacons;
- i. Establish and give oversight to church schools, Bible classes, fellowship and other organizations within the church, with special attention being given to nurture of the children;
- j. Encourage the stewardship of church members, order and supervise collections for Godly purposes, and in general, oversee the finances of the church;
- k. Assemble the congregation and provide for worship when there is no minister;
- l. Initiate and coordinate the best measures for promoting and extending the work of the church;
- m. Elect representatives to the higher church judicatories, and require on their return a report of their diligence and the decisions of the judicatory;
- n. Observe and carry out the injunctions of the higher judicatories.

4.6 The session may designate one elder who, when authorized by the presbytery, may administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the congregation.

4.7 The members of the session, excluding the minister, are the trustees of the church. They shall hold title to the property of the church and shall execute all transactions required by civil law. If it seems desirable the session may elect a smaller number of persons to serve as trustees. In this instance the trustees may act only as specifically authorized by the session. The tenure of office of such trustees may be for an indefinite period or for definite terms on a rotation basis.

4.8 Each session shall keep an accurate record of its proceedings which must be submitted to presbytery, at least annually, for review. Each session shall also keep a record of congregational meetings, of marriages, of baptisms, of additions, and of the death and dismission of church members.

Welcome to the Celebration

We are glad you are celebrating with us. It is our hope that you will experience the presence of Almighty God. May He inspire you to continue on your journey of faith. Allow God to richly bless you today as you participate in the service.

++++Nursery +++++

A nursery is provided for children age 3 and under for your convenience. It is located in the fellowship hall through the south doors of the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

Pianist—Jayne Ann Head Digital Piano—Joy Wesmoland

Audio/Video—Shaun Wesmoland

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Session

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Class of 2010

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Class of 2011

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*Elder of the month