

SUGAR GROVE
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

ACOLYTES PRESENT THE "LIGHT"

WORSHIP HIM . . .

*WITH OUR PRAISE

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (VERSES 1,3,4) HYMN 130

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise be to God!

People: **Who has come and brought redemption.**

Leader: As prophesied long ago.

People: **God's salvation will strengthen us and show us the way to peace.**

*Lighting of Advent Wreath

(Congregation may be seated)

Prayer of Confession (READ IN 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.

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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

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING HYMN 125

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

"GOD SPEAKS -BENEDICTUS"

LUKE 1:68-79

BY RESPONDING TO THE WORD:

*BY SINGING A HYMN

I GAVE MY LIFE FOR THEE HYMN 417

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. Please bring your boxes next Sunday. We will dedicate them during the worship service.

Nursery workers needed! Sign-up for this ministry.

Elder nominations—Next Sunday after the morning service we will have a congregational meeting for the purpose of nominating elders. If you feel called to serve as an elder, please let an elder know. If you plan to nominate a person, be sure that person has agreed to serve if elected. The elections will be held the following Sunday, December 20th.

Is God calling you to serve as an elder? . From the Confession of Faith:

2.90 Election, Ordination, and Installation of Elders and Deacons

2.91 In the organization of a particular church, the elders and deacons shall be nominated and elected by the members participating in the organization. In all other cases, it is proper and advisable for the session to nominate, or to cause to be chosen a committee of the congregation at large to nominate, to the congregation at a meeting called to elect elders and deacons, persons to fill these offices. Other nominations may be made by other members of the church, with the approval of the persons being nominated. The vote may be taken on the nominees at the meeting in which they are presented or at a subsequent congregational meeting. Unless by acclamation, the vote shall be by secret ballot, with a majority of votes cast necessary for election. When there are more nominees than positions to be filled, those receiving the highest number of votes are elected.

2.92 When persons have been elected to the office of elder or deacon, the session shall appoint a day for their ordination and/or installation. Persons previously ordained shall be installed only. On the appointed day, with the congregation assembled for worship, the session shall convene for the service of ordination. The minister in charge shall state in a concise manner the nature and responsibilities of the office of elder/deacon and describe the Christian conduct to be

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Additional Prayer Concerns

are in the Sugar Beat

Please use the Prayer request cards

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Bill Clark	Ed Hunt
Jenny Hodge	Maryann Brewer's niece
Tommy Riley	Claudena Travis
Marilyn Travis	
Randy Travis	

Bereavements

David Williams Family
Deborah Decker Family

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maintained. Having done this, the minister in charge shall propose to the candidate(s) the following questions to be answered in the affirmative:

I. Do you believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired word of God, the authority for faith and practice?

II. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America as containing the essential doctrines taught in the holy scriptures?

III. Do you approve of and promise to uphold the government of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America?

IV. Do you promise to promote the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

V. (*To elders*) In participating as an elder in the judicatories of the church, do you promise to share in a responsible way in the decisions that are made, to abide by those decisions, and to promote the welfare of the church?

VI. Do you accept the office of elder/deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to discharge all the duties thereof as God may enable You?

The installation of previously ordained elders/deacons shall consist in asking Question VI.

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

*Becky McKinzie 965-0037 Micheal Travis 812-454-6437

Class of 2011

Devin Brewer 965-5620 Terry Coleman 270-667-7300

Billy Joe Crider 965-9676

*Elder of the month