

DECEMBER 13, 2009

SUGAR GROVE

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHOIR EMMANUEL (TWICE)
(CONGREGATION JOIN IN)

ACOLYTES PRESENT THE "LIGHT"

WORSHIP HIM . . .

*WITH OUR PRAISE

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR (VERSES 1,3,4)

HYMN 118

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our strength, our song, and our salvation.

People: **And with joy we will see the salvation of the Lord.**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for Joy!

People: **For great is the God of Israel.**

*Lighting of Advent Wreath

(Congregation may be seated)

Prayer of Confession (READ IN UNISON)

What shall we do, O God? We can never do enough to deserve your love. We confess that we are not always truthful. We have defaced the purity of your love for us. We have embraced ugliness and oppression rather than loveliness and grace. We have distorted your cures for justice in order to benefit ourselves. We have given less than our best to others and to you. Forgive us, we pray. 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

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM HYMN 128

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

"YOU BROOD OF SNAKES!"

LUKE 3:7-18

BY RESPONDING TO THE WORD:

*BY SINGING A HYMN

ALMOST PERSUADED HYMN 327

ALTAR CALL: YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALTAR

*BY RECEIVING THE BLESSING

JOY TO THE WORLD (VERSE 2) HYMN 117

AS ACOLYTES TAKE THE "LIGHT" INTO THE WORLD

*STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AKA MINISTRY IN ACTION

The Box A tradition of Sugar Grove is that on the first Sunday of each month people who are having a birthday or anniversary during the month are invited to give to the "box". The money collected is given to the Relay for Life team to benefit the American Cancer Society. Ian McKinzie has taken this on as one of his ministries.

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—After the service we will have a congregational meeting for the purpose of nominating elders. If you plan to nominate a person, be sure that person has agreed to serve if elected. The elections will be held next Sunday, December 20th.

Next Sunday evening we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our Christmas gathering. The festivities begin at 5:30PM.

Wednesday, December 23rd, we will have the Christmas Communion, candlelight service at 7PM.

TIBERIUS CAESAR — i.e., as known in Roman history, Tiberius Claudius Nero, only mentioned in Luke 3:1. He was the stepson of Augustus, whom he succeeded on the throne, A.D. 14. He was noted for his vicious and infamous life. In the fifteenth year of his reign John the Baptist entered on his public ministry, and under him

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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
Jimmy Morris	Jess Melton's B-I-L
Tommy Riley	Claudena Travis
Randy Travis	

Bereavements

Bill Bevins' Family (Judy McMain's Brother)
 Damien Crain's Family
 Robert Nichols' Family

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also our Lord taught and suffered. He died A.D. 37. He is frequently referred to simply as "Caesar" (Matt. 22:17, 21; Mark 12:14, 16, 17; Luke 20:22, 24, 25; 23:2; John 19:12, 15). Source: Easton, M. (1996, c1897). *Easton's Bible dictionary*. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc. Based upon this, the year John began his ministry was 29 AD. John and Jesus would have been in their early 30's.

For Unto Us



A Child is Born

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

Class of 2009

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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