

IN OUR PRAYERS

Imogene Giles, Kathy Darnell, Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) and Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey's dad), Clifton Mabry, and Sam and Edna Dillard.

ANGEL TREE 2021

Don't miss your opportunity to share God's Love with our Angel Tree recipients this year! Pick an angel from the tree in the back of the sanctuary! Please have your gifts wrapped with the recipient's name clearly marked on your gifts. All gifts need to be in the sanctuary no later than Sunday, December 19th in order to get them all delivered by Christmas.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETING

Circle will meet tomorrow, December 6th at 4:30 pm in Gossett Hall. Debbie Therriault will be our Bible Study Leader. Everyone bring a goodie to share if you'd like. You are also invited to bring a Christmas ornament wrapped to exchange in our gift exchange! If you haven't joined Circle, now is the time to give it a try! You will be blessed!

ELDER NOMINATING FORM

Our nominating committee is collecting nominations for our next class of officers. We will elect these candidates at our stated congregational meeting Sunday, December 19th after worship. Forms can be submitted to Steve Moore or Paula Meades.

MEMORIALS

The following have given memorials in memory of Doug Stancil: Doug and Shepherd Chuites, Sam and Edna Dillard, Henry and Virginia Gordon, Les and Trish McCoy, Robert and Nita McMillan, Michael and Paula Meades, Ann and John Merritt, Charlie and Patsy Morgan, Pat and Joey Roeder, and Linda White.

SESSION

Clerk: Brad Stancil

Mission/Outreach: Trish McCoy

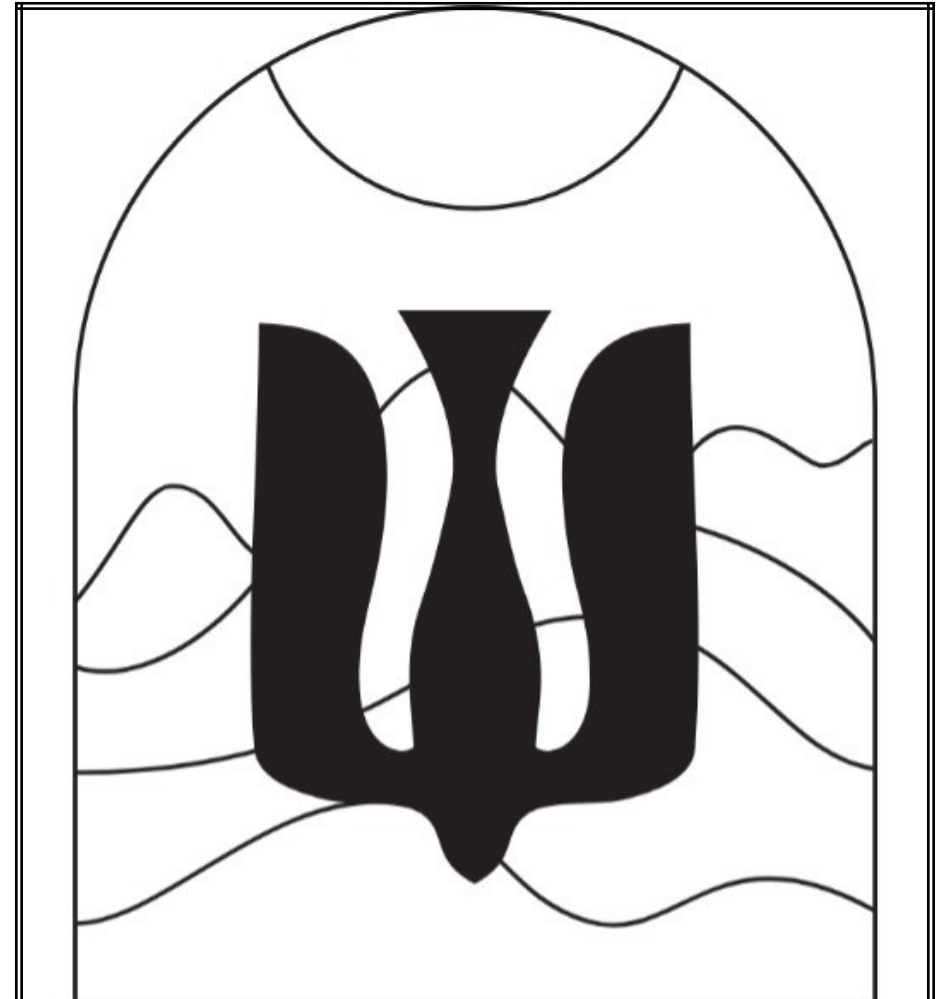
Worship: Virginia Gordon

Christian Education: Lou Haynes

Property: John Merritt

Stewardship/Finance: Kim Burden

Congregational Care: John Johnston



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Advent

December 5, 2021

11:00 A.M

GATHERING

Prelude: “Angels We Have Heard on High”.....Barnes

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle.....Dr. Virginia Gordon

Advent Song: “Soon and Very Soon” (*page 384 Glory to God Hymnal*)

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn 93:** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates”.....Weissel

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely.

We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ and we have ignored your teachings. We have lived lives of apathy against your love and have built fences and fortresses to push people away. We have silenced the screams of those in need.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin. Free us from our captivity. Free us to a life lived in Joy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture: Luke 1:39–45

Sermon: “Mary Visits Elizabeth ”Rev. Audrey Reese

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Apostles Creed** (*The Glory to God Hymnal p. 35*)

Gloria Patri (*The Glory to God Hymnal, p. 581*)

***Hymn 106:** “Prepare the Way, O Zion”.....Price

Offertory: “The First Noel”.....Gardner

***Doxology** (*The Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606*)

SENDING

***Hymn 104:** “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”.....Gerhardt

Benediction

UPCOMING SERMON

Our sermon next week, December 12th will be “My Soul Rejoices ” with scripture readings from Luke 1:46-55. Bring a friend or friends to join us!