

SERMONIC NOTES

TODAY'S INSPIRATION

Grace—unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.

Grace—getting what you don't deserve / unmerited favor

Mercy—not getting what you do deserve / withheld Punishment

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SICK/SHUT-IN & PRAYER

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| Edward Corpening | Harold Dula |
| Katherine Purnell | Gary Phillips |
| Thelma Dula | Adoree Millsaps |
| Edith Dula | Rosalee Patterson |
| Jerlene Dula | Willow Carter |
| Vondra Johnson | Angela Dula |
| Jarae Millsaps | Curtis Dula |
| Mona Harshaw | Rev. E.B. Freeman |
| Pastor Valerie Hightower | Patricia Grimes |
| Mekosha Austin | Donald Dula |
| Ruth Ferguson | Everette Logan |
| Evelyn Bennett | Roger Harris |
| Jonathan Setzer | |

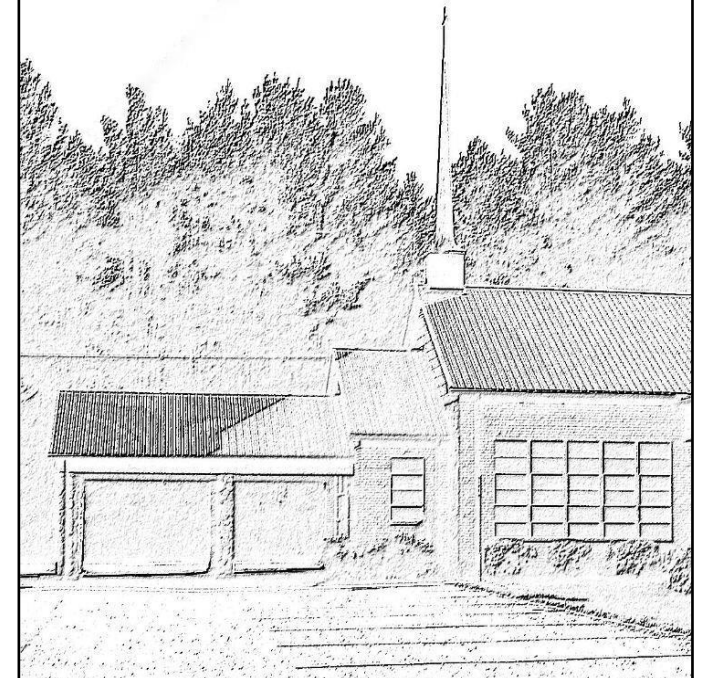
CAMPUS MINISTRY OUTREACH

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| Brooklyn Boston | Qua |
| Jermecca | Erica |
| Kayla | Jess |

CHURCH INCOME - DECEMBER 11, 2016

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| Sunday School | \$ 26.00 |
| Mission | \$ 39.00 |
| Children Fund | \$ 19.00 |
| Wilson Foundation | \$ 10,000.00 |
| General Offering | \$ 1,135.00 |
| Total | \$ 11,219.00 |

4th Sunday
Of
Advent



DULATOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. HAROLD J. BENNETT II, PASTOR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

"stand firm in your faith"

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 18, 2016—10:45am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTROIT OR PROCESSIONAL

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (ALCOLYTE)

*WELCOME (LITURGIST)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN: #202 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION (LITURGIST)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

*DECLARATION OF PARDON (LITURGIST)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

GLORIA PATRI #654

*WELCOME/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

*ANNOUCEMENTS

LITANY FOR ADVENT

*OFFERTORY: (SCRIPTURE)

SELECTION BY CHOIR

*OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (LITURGIST)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #208 “Away in a Manger”

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: PASTOR

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC:

(CHOIR SELECTION)

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (LITURGIST)

GOOD NEWS

HYMN OF INVITATION:

SPECIAL SELECTION

BENEDICTION (TILL WE MEET AGAIN)

SENDING/PASS THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Christ came to be our King.

We have come to be Christ’s people.

The King of Kings calls us to follow.

We have come to follow him.

Christ is our King.

And we are his people.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

You have given us your Holy Child, O God,
and we long to believe in him.

Help our unbelief.

Some of us are so certain we know all we need to know
of you that we cannot grow in faith.

**Some of us are too taken with ourselves and have trouble
knowing our depth of need for you.**

Some of us are so unsure of ourselves that we fear your
call to discipleship will cost us what little we have.

**Yet we trust you to know our most essential need, and
ask that you bring us low if we are prideful, and build us
up in love if we are broken.**

Forgive us, O God, and by your mercy heal us.

We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (UNISON)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of
heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He
descended into hell. The third day He arose again
from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic
Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

MEETINGS/REHEARSALS:

OFFERING AND TITHES: The first plate(s) passed
by the ushers will be for Tithes and Gifts. The
Second plate will be for Mission offerings. The
Children plate will be a small basket.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be today at
3 pm. Please come out to fellowship and enjoy!

MEMBER SURVEY FORMS: In the coming weeks,
all members will be asked to fill out Member Survey
forms (requirement from Presbytery) for you and
your family members.

ANNUAL REPORTS: Committee Chairs reports are
due by December 31st.

NEW YEAR RALLY: The Stewardship Committee
is requesting that each member give \$100.00
beginning January 1, 2017.

TICKETS FOR THE MLK’S BREAKFAST to be held
on January 14, 2017 at 9 am are \$6.00 each. We have
been issued 20 tickets. See Rev. Bennett for tickets,
no tickets will be sold at the door. Please plan to
attend!

NO BIBLE STUDY until February 2017.

REMINDER: All key holders, if you open the church
doors, you are responsible for securing the church
doors.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2016!
Reather Ervin—Dec. 4, Gene’ Robertson Dec. 4, Makayla
Tate—Dec. 6, Xzavian Hendrix—Dec. 7, Madison
Hendrix—Dec. 15, Shirley Patterson—Dec. 16, Cassandra
Patterson—Dec. 28. Please let the Secretary know if any
members need to be added to the December Birthday List.
May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you always!

SCRIPTURE READING(S): Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMONIC MESSAGE: “The Hero of the Pregnant Word”

COMMISSION AND BLESSING OR POSTLUDE (CHOIR)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/SHARING COMMUNITY LIFE