

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

Edward Corpening	Grover Bailey
Katherine Purnell	Gary Phillips
Thelma Dula	Adoree Millsaps
Rodney Dixon	Rosalee Patterson
Vondra Johnson	Willo Carter
Evelyn Bennett	Angela Dula
Mona Harshaw	Curtis Dula
Pastor Valerie Hightower	Rev. E.B. Freeman
Fritz Reid	Rev. Eddie Deas
Roger Harris	Beatrice L. Dula
Gena Robinson	

CHURCH INCOME – December 17th, 2017

Sunday School	\$ 16.00
Mission Offering	\$ 28.00
Musician Support	\$ 00.00
Donation Leslie Dula	\$ 208.00
Building Funds	\$ 0.00
Children Offering	\$ 6.15
General Offering	\$ 1,168.85
Total	\$ 1,427.00

4th Sunday of Advent



DULATOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. HAROLD J. BENNETT II, PASTOR

“stand firm in your faith”

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 24th, 2017—10:45am

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (ALCOLYTE)

INTROIT OR PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME (LITURGIST)

Call to Worship

OPENING HYMN: #

INVITATION TO CONFESSION
(LITURGIST)

DECLARATION OF PARDON
(LITURGIST)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

GLORIA PATRI #654

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: (SCRIPTURE)

SELECTION BY CHOIR

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
(LITURGIST)

4th Sunday Advent Candle Lighting

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
(CHOIR SELECTION)

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC:

GOOD NEWS

"The Gift left Behind"

*HYMN OF INVITATION

BENEDICTION (TILL WE MEET AGAIN)

SENDING/PASS THE PEACE

Please Stand If Possible

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

We come to worship Christ

**Who proclaims good news to the poor,
binds up the broken-hearted,
frees the prisoner
and comforts those who mourn.**

We come to worship Christ

Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy Instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

We come to worship Christ

Who rebuilds ancient ruins
and restores broken places.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (REPONSIVE)

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. **We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs.** Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. **Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings.**

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.

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.

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

LOST & FOUND: If you lose anything in the church, please check the lost and found.

Annual Reports of all Committees DUE by:
Jan 5th 2018

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR
December 2017! Reather Ervin 4th, Makayla Tate 6th, Xzavian Hendrix 7th, Madison Hendrix 15th, Shirley Patterson 16th, Christopher Gibbs 24th, Cassandra Patterson 28th**

Please let the Secretary know if any members need to be added to the Birthday List for the stated month. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you always.

SCRIPTURE READING(S):

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anointed Praise Dance Team

SERMONIC MESSAGE:

Luke 2:1-14

Rev. Harold J. Bennett

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