

SERMONIC NOTES

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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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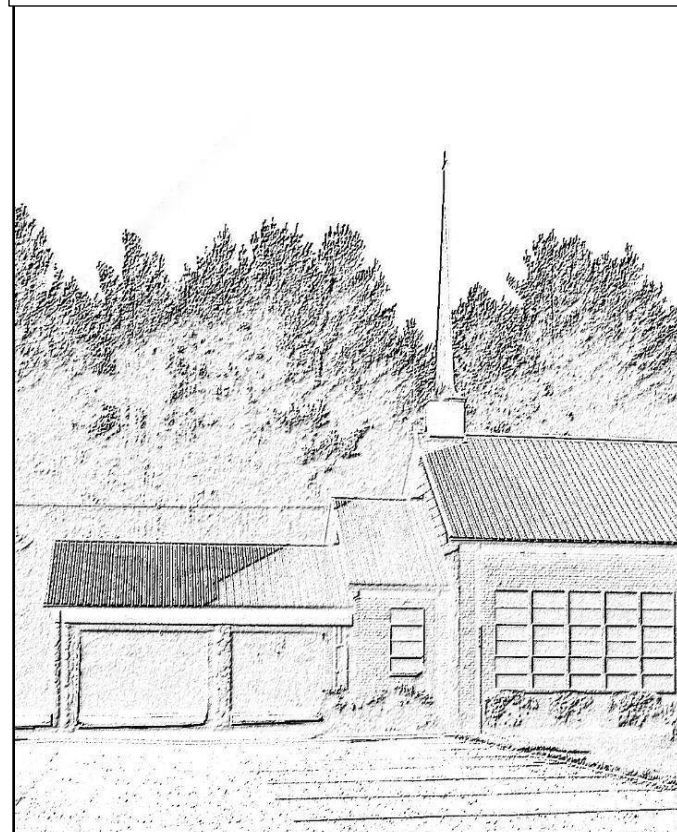
**SICK/SHUT-IN & PRAYER**

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| Edward Corpening         | 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Sunday School	\$ 16.45
Mission Offering	\$ 55.00
Scholarship	\$ 00.00
Donation Leslie Dula	\$ 25.00
Building Funds	\$ 0.00
Children Offering	\$ 21.08
General Offering	\$ 1,163.55
Total	\$ 1,281.00

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After  
Christmas Day*



DULATOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. HAROLD J. BENNETT II, PASTOR

*“stand firm in your faith”*

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

(CHOIR SELECTION)

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC:

**\*GOOD NEWS\***

\*HYMN OF INVITATION

BENEDICTION (TILL WE MEET AGAIN)

SENDING/PASS THE PEACE

**\*Please Stand If Possible\***

### CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Holy God,  
at this dawn of a new year,  
the dawn of a new decade,  
we are gathered together to worship and listen—  
listen for your voice calling us to something new.

**In the wake of Advent, Christmas, and the turn of the  
new year,**

**some of us are still hopeful and full of expectation;**

**some of us are weary and worn;**

**some of us are overwhelmed and anxious.**

**But as sure as the sun rises,**

**a new year is upon us,**

**full of possibilities, full of promise.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (REPONSIVE)

O Holy God of Promise, we so often place our trust in the  
things we can see, and touch, and easily believe.

But you did not ask us to believe what is easy, you have  
asked us to believe what is true! **Forgive us, Holy One,**  
**when we doubt the ways you work. Forgive us when we**  
**find it hard to believe an ancient story.**

**Forgive us we question how you chose to enter the world,  
born as one of us.**

Forgive our lack of faith and belief in ways which seem so  
impossible to believe. **Help us to look in faith, open our**  
**belief, and set aside our doubts that you sent your Son,**  
**born of a virgin – the one who has come to set us all free.**

**We offer these prayers in the name of your Son,**  
**Emmanuel, God with us. 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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

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

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:

**Min. Alecha Boston**

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