

# *Perry Presbyterian Church*



*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*



*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone  
with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

*Colossians 1:28*



*December 4, 2022*

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP**

**ADVENT READING AND PRAYER**

*The Candle of Peace*

*David & Mary Nichols*

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

I John 1: 1-3; 3 1-2

**LEADER:** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--

**PEOPLE:** **This life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us – that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.**

**ALL:** **Behold, what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so, we are. Let us join our hearts before Him in worship!**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*John Frances Wade (1751)*

*#208*

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come, ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God in the highest;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **CALL TO RENEWAL**

*I John 3: 7-9*

*Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.*

### **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE**

*I John 5: 11-12*

*And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

### **SONG OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

*Have You Ever Heard the Story? Sung to the tune of "Jesus, What a Friend of Sinners"*

**Have you ever heard the story when the Son of God came down,  
Giving up His throne of glory, giving up His kingly crown?  
So, the wise men, watching, praying, followed God's sign in the sky.  
And they knew the King was given, Incarnation from on high.**

**Did you know that lowly Baby was the bright and Morning Star?  
He, who came to bring salvation, and to light our hearts so dark?  
And we, too, may seek His cradle, there our hearts' best treasures bring –  
Love and faith and true devotion for our Savior, God and King!**

### **INSTALLATION OF DEACONS FOR 2023**

### **DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Acts 20: 35b*

*Let us remember the Word of the Lord Jesus, how He himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

### **HYMN**

*Away in a Manger*

*Anonymous (1885)*

*#204*

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

## **GOD CALLS US TO HIMSELF THROUGH THE MEANS OF GRACE**

### **PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*RE, Dan Peterson*

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 1: 26-38*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.<sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, <sup>33</sup>and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MESSAGE**    *"Preparing for Christmas: Seeing the God of the Unexpected"*    *Rev. Parker Agnew*

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Silent Night! Holy Night!*

*Joseph Mohr (1818)*

*#210*

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright**

**Round yon virgin, mother and child, Holy infant, so tender and mild,**

**Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light**

**Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,**

**Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus Lord at Thy birth!**

**Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light  
With the angels, let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!**

## **GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE**

### **\*WORD OF BLESSING**

*I John 5: 20-21*

*And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourself from idols.*

### **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Jesus Loves Me*

*Anna B. Warner (1859)*

*#189*

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!**

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#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

##### **Adult Classes:**

**PATHFINDERS CLASS** – Room 5-last room on the left in the education building

TEACHERS: Parker Agnew, Brandon Eubanks, John Hutchens, Nathan Tart, Dan Peterson

STUDYING: The Righteous Shall Live by Faith, a study of the book of Romans by R.C. Sproul

**WESTMINSTER CLASS** – Rooms 2 & 4-Media room

TEACHERS: Glenn Jakes and Chris Kinnas

STUDYING: "Exodus: Let My People Go"

##### **Youth and Children's Classes:**

**YOUTH** – Upstairs in the Youth Hall

TEACHER: Louis Shelton, Jerrell Williams, Karl Nelson, Carlos Molina

STUDYING: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" by Al Mohler

**JR. HIGH** – Breakout Room in Youth Hall

**K3-K5** – Playschool room, next to the nursery

TEACHERS: Toni Smith, Jane Shepley, Elizabeth Williford

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>** Room 1, upstairs on the youth hall

TEACHERS: Brod Bourque, Wes Ellis, Denise O'Neal, Marla Sellers, Lynn Watts, Linda Nelson

STUDYING: Great Commission Curriculum

# Events at Perry Presbyterian

December 4, 2022

- 9:30 am Corporate Worship
- 10:45 am Fellowship
- 11:00 am Sunday School
- 6:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

## **DECEMBER**

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Installation/Ordination of Officers
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Senior Saints Christmas Coffee & Dessert
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Creekside Kids
- 8<sup>th</sup> – WOW Christmas Dinner
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Playschool Christmas Program
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Deacon's Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Creekside Christmas Party/  
Last gathering of the year
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service
- 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve Communion



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:** The following men have been elected to the office of Deacon for the class of 2026: Sam Esmond, Chris Fischer, Ray Knapek and Louis Shelton. We are thankful for their willingness to serve. Please be in prayer for them as they begin their ministry.

**CAKE MIXES:** Thank you so very much! Perry Volunteer Outreach asked us to donate 400 boxes of cake mix and we met that goal.

**WOW MINISTRY PROJECT:** You will find a large basket right inside the women's restroom in the vestibule to place the feminine hygiene products we are collecting for Loaves and Fishes. This is an ongoing project that will continue throughout the year.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The presence of flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings add beauty and warmth to our weekly gatherings for worship as a congregation. If you would be willing to provide flowers for the 2023 calendar year, please call the church office, or send us an email. We are working on the schedule now.

**WOW CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY:** "Ready for Christmas" is the theme of our women's ministry event, December 8 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Perfect Pear is catering the meal and transportation is available upon request. If you have any questions, please call Joy Peterson.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today  
to give glory to God and with thankful hearts  
for the birth of our Savior.

*She will give birth to a son, and  
you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save  
His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21*

Susie and Tim Greer

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY TEAM

DATE	DEACON OF THE WEEK	FLOWERS	SOUND SYSTEM	LIVE STREAMING	NURSERY
12/04	Billy Sellers	Susie Greer	Wesley Ellis	Danny Deal	Elizabeth Day/ Len Stephens
12/11	Danny Deal	Bristol Williams/ Louis Shelton	Brod Bourque	Louis Shelton	Kat Brown/ Gena Eubanks
12/18	Len Stephens	Joe & Michelle Andrews	Billy Sellers	Oliver Stephens	Sandra Milby/ Toss Sichelstiel
12/25	Greg Watts	Bridget Howard	Wesley Ellis	Jake Watts	
01/01	Billy Sellers	Marla Sellers	Brod Bourque	Danny Deal	

**MINISTRY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you for your service to the body of Christ here at Perry Presbyterian. If you are unable to work on your designated day, please remember to find a replacement or switch with another volunteer and contact the church office so we can update the calendar

**OUR Wi-Fi PASSWORDS:** The sanctuary is Wi-Fi accessible. The network is **Netgear 09-5G** or **Netgear 09**. The password for the Sanctuary is: **hungrysquash567**

**LIVE STREAM BROADCAST/SOUND:** Each Sunday, our worship service is broadcast live on Facebook. It is also posted on YouTube. Here are the links to both web sites:

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/PCAPerryGeorgia/>

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/CyhG9VAZhSje-xy6ajTidRg>



**“...and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8**

### IN OUR JERUSALEM – PERRY AND HOUSTON COUNTY

Iglesia Christiana El Mana  
Presbyterian Playschool

Perry Ministerial Association  
Perry Volunteer Outreach

Presbyterian Church Outreach

### IN OUR JUDEA – GEORGIA

Athens – Chinese Outreach, Joe & Elizabeth May  
Athens – UGA RUF, Ben and Anna Coppedge  
Macon – Covenant Care Adoption Agency  
Sacred Roots Farm

Macon – Mercer RUF, Marlin & Caroline Harris  
Statesboro – GA Southern RUF, Nathanael & AK Miller  
Valdosta –VSU RUF, John & Sarah Gordy

### IN OUR SAMARIA – REGIONALLY

University of Arkansas, RUF - Austin & Anna Carolina Royal  
International Students Inc – Jeff & Mary Townsend  
Hernando, MS – Palmer Home

Hispanic Ministries – Hernando & Debbie Saenz  
Penn State Univ RUF International – Richard & Lynne Smith

### TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Africa, Sub Saharan – Don & Fran McNeill  
Ontario, Canada – Bill & Mae Lee Letchworth  
International Missions – Cheryl Crocker  
Latin America – Ash & Betsy Aeschliman  
Juarez, Mexico – Aaron & Leticia Zapata  
World Reach – Rick & Kathryn Searle

Guam – Mike & Eli Sabin  
Hungary – Endi & Kati Kovacs  
London, England – Jonathan & Leah Jakes  
Aix-en-Provence France – Donald & Claire-Lise Cobb  
Peru – Andrew and Krista May  
Glyfada, Greece – David & Erin Pervis

## **2022 LEADERSHIP & STAFF**

**Pastor:** R. Parker Agnew

**Assistant Pastor:** Glenn Jakes

**Pastoral Intern:** Carlos Molina

### **SESSION:**

Wesley Ellis (2023)

Brandon Eubanks (2027)

Chris Kinnas (2023)

Karl Nelson (2025)

Dan Peterson (2027)

Mayo Sexton (2027)

Todd Sichelstiel (2027)

Nathan Tart (2025)

**Clerk:** Nathan Tart

**Administration:** Chris Kinnas, Karl Nelson

**Children's Ministry:** Nate Tart, Wesley Ellis

**Christian Education:** Wesley Ellis/Brandon Eubanks

**Missions/Outreach:** Glenn Jakes/Dan Peterson

**Fellowship/Shepherding:** Mayo Sexton/Dan Peterson

**Trustees:** Joe Andrews, Steve Howard, Todd Sichelstiel

**Worship:** Todd Sichelstiel/Brandon Eubanks

### **DIACONATE:**

Danny Deal (2024)

Billy Sellers (2023)

Len Stephens (2024)

Greg Watts (2022)

**Chairman:** Billy Sellers

**Vice Chairman:** Greg Watts

**Finance:** Billy Sellers and Greg Watts

**Benevolence & Widows:** Greg Watts

**Media & Sound:** Danny Deal

**Property:** Billy Sellers and Len Stephens

### **ELDERS EMERITUS**

Bob Kirkpatrick, Herbert Moore, Jim Stovall

### **OFFICE/STAFF**

Secretary: Bridget Howard

Treasurer: Bonnie Franklin

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Denise O'Neal

Worship Music Coordinator: Gary Johnson

Pianist: Nancy McLendon

Nursery Coordinator: Megan Stephens

Playschool Director: Jane Shepley

## **CARE AND PRAYER GUIDE**

**Virginia Bryant, Carol Fudge, Herbert Moore,**

**Jim Stovall, Ellen Wright**

**Ryan Brewer** – Friend of the Eubanks – diagnosed with a glioblastoma

**Leeza Brown** – pray for her spiritual and mental health

**Jim and Jona Clark** – health needs

**John Geiger** – Beginning a new immunotherapy treatment this week

**Diane Graham** – Linda Nelson's sister, early onset Alzheimer's

**Brian Griffin** - Betty Clay's grandson

**Bridget Howard** – Breast cancer

**Steve Howe** - Carol Fudge's son-in-law, Cathy's husband, Lymphoma

**Dr. John Legg** – Linda Nelson's father, medical issues

**Donna Lehr** – Recovering from surgery

**Andrea Lasseter** – broken femur

**Doug Lilley** – Recovering from surgery

**Hulda Moseley** – Marla Sellers' mom, ALS

**Chalese Lassiter Newberry** – medical needs

**Lexie and Art Reilly and their twins, Trace & Evalyn**

**Joe Rogers** – Anne Agnew's brother, Parkinson's Disease

**Scotty Rogers** – Anne Agnew's brother, MS

**Larry Simpson** - Heart and lung issues

**Bella Velie** – home and recovering

**Landon Whitehead** – Bruce and Sally Sampson's grandson

**MILITARY FAMILIES - Troy Doster,**

**Nick & Izelde Fricchione,**

**Tyler & Kelly Franklin Heck,**

**Aaron Lilley,**

**Cody Ramos,**

**Jeff & Beth Ellis Sabelko,**

**Jason & Ellen Skelton,**

**Grace Tinkey,**

**Eddie Wiggins**

**CHURCH FAMILIES IN MINISTRY**

**Jeff & Robyn Candell**

**Tyler & Susanna Walden**



# Youth Ministry



## YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:

Combined Youth Night 6-8PM

## DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> – Happy Hour Pajama Day
- Dec 30<sup>th</sup> - RYM Scholarship due
- RYM deposit due January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Snowonder Final Payment due Jan 5<sup>th</sup>
- The Edge deposit due January 29th

## GOD'S WORD FOR YOU

### THIS WEEK:

*Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the waters; and you without money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why do you spend money on what is not food, and your wages on what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and you will enjoy the choicest of foods. Pay attention and come to Me; listen, so that you will live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the promises assured to David.*

*Isaiah 55: 1-3*

## GOOD SAM CLUB



## CHRISTMAS DESSERT

The Good SAM Club will gather together for our Christmas Coffee and Dessert on this Tuesday, December 6 from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite dessert or snack to share. Coffee and beverages will be provided.





*Perry Presbyterian Church exists  
to glorify God by making disciples who  
love God, love one another,  
and reach their world  
with the gospel of Jesus Christ!*



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