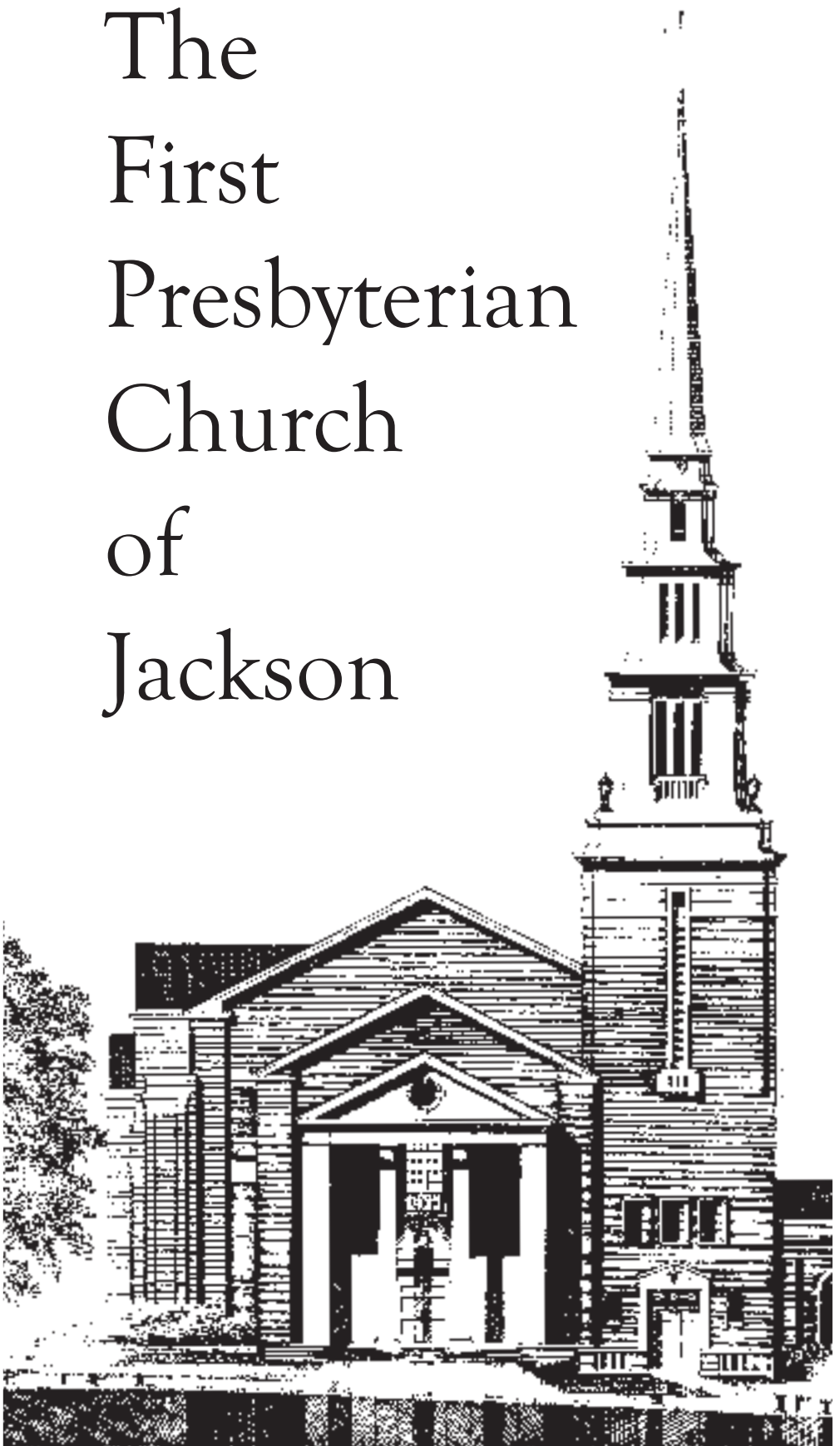


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Day of December, Two Thousand Fourteen  
MORNING WORSHIP  
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock  
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain  
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey  
Minister of Discipleship

*At the time of the Greetings and Announcements and during the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.*

**The Greetings and Announcements** (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — “What Child is This” ..... Paul Manz  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ..... Ancient Chant

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Carol of Praise No. 208** — “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡\* **The Gloria Patri** “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.”

**The Scripture Reading** — Psalm 33 (Pew Bible page 463)

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 193** — “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — “There Is A Star” ..... Joseph M. Martin

“O Morning Star, O promised Light, our longing hearts are opened wide.

When will we see Your glory? There is a star in Bethlehem, a pure and holy light;  
a sacred flame from heaven's hearth to warm the deepest night.

A beacon in the wilderness, a fire to lead the way:

a silver promise in the sky that shines the light of day.

There is a star, promise of heaven, shining with power and glory. Star of the morning,  
sing to our shadows, cry to our winter; come be our song in the night.

Star of wonder lead us on to a manger filled with straw;

where waits the bright and Morning Star, the Savior of us all.

There is a star, promise of heaven, shining with power and glory.

Star of the morning, sing to our shadows, cry to our winter;

come be our song in the night.

There is a star, O Star of the Morning.”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible page 886)

**The Sermon** — “In the Beginning Was the Word” ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Psalm of Response No. 198** — “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”  
(Psalm 24)

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “O Come, Let Us Adore Him!” ..... French Carol

**The Postlude** — “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” ..... Paul Manz

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley

Executive Minister

**The Announcements and Words of Preparation** (5:50 p.m.)

**The Prelude** — “Angels We Have Heard on High” ..... Trad. arr. by J. Hunt

**The First Presbyterian Brass Ensemble**

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Carol of Praise No. 203** — “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

‡ **The Invocation**

\* **The Greetings**

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” ..... Hans Leo Hassler  
William Wymond, Piano

(The children are dismissed following the offertory.)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** – Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (Pew Bible pages 613-614)

**The Sermon** — “The Servant Stricken”

**The Order of Installation**

The Questions to the Candidates..... Mr. Kelley

The Questions to the Congregation..... Mr. Strain

The Charge ..... Mr. Strain

The Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination

and Installation..... Mr. Keeler

The Declaration of Ordination and Installation..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Psalm of Praise** — Psalm 117 (Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen)

“From all that dwell below the skies, O let Jehovah's praise arise!

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

And let His glorious name be sung in ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue!

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Great are the mercies of the Lord, And truth eternal is His word;

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Ye nations, sound from shore to shore Jehovah's praise for evermore!

*Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Right Hand of Fellowship**

**The Postlude** — “Silent Night” ..... Gruber arr. by J. Hunt  
The First Presbyterian Brass Ensemble

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

**To All Our  
Visitors**

We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have, please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We would love to meet you.

# A Guide to the Evening Service

## The Ordination of Elders

Tonight is very special in the life of our congregation. We have the solemn and joyful privilege of ordaining and installing new elders; shepherds of the flock, pastors, guides, disciplers, teachers of the Word. We first meet elders in the Bible, some 3500 years ago. The first Christian elders are already hard at work when we come to Acts 15. Our *Book of Church Order* says:

“This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed *bishop* or *pastor*. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed *presbyter* or *elder*. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed teacher...It belongs to the office of elder, both severally and jointly to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the church generally when calls thereunto. They should visit the people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the church. They should set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care by their zeal to evangelize the unconverted and make disciples. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.”

## The Ordination of Deacons

Tonight we also have the solemn and joyful privilege of ordaining and installing new deacons, ministers of mercy, to the work service. The very first deacons were ordained almost 2000 years ago in the same manner in which we will proceed tonight — through the laying on of hands (see Acts 6:6). Our *Book of Church Order* says:

“The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in a time of need... It is the duty of deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep on proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation.”

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

### O Come, All Ye Faithful

One hymnologist says this of Wade's carol "its popularity in all English-speaking countries is universal: hardly a congregation fails to sing it at every Christmas time. Such popularity is testimony to its genuine worth. In the first place, the method of presentation is dramatic. The poet takes us by the hand and leads us with triumphant song to the cave of the Nativity in Bethlehem, shows us the Babe, and bids us adore. Next, in a stanza that many hymnals omit or modify, we are given an explanation of what we see: it is not a human infant, but God. Here the language is taken literally from the ancient Greek creeds of the fourth century (!). The choirs of angels now burst upon us, urged on to further song by our own exuberance. The shepherds enter the cave; they join us as we kneel in adoration. We speak to the child direct and make our offering of love and praise. This is all so simple, so vivid in imagery, so sincere in emotion, that barring a few theological phrases a child can understand it and enter sympathetically into the experience of worship and joy." A glorious and majestic carol by which to begin our congregational singing on this Lord's Day Morning!

### Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Following the reading and preaching of God's Word from the Gospel of John, we respond by singing this beloved hymn, which is actually a psalm! Appropriately, this excellent new covenant rendition of Psalm 24 emphasizes the coming of the Lord. Churches that follow the ecclesiastical calendar call this season "Advent" in celebration not only of Christ's first coming, but also in anticipation of his Second Coming. The church's longing for the Second Coming of Christ (as well as our thankfulness for his first coming) can be fully expressed in the singing of this psalm. Let us rejoice in singing as we marvel in wonder at the Incarnation of our Savior Jesus Christ, even as we conclude our public worship this Lord's Day Morning.

## DECEMBER CIRCLES

### Monday Circles (December 8)

Circle 2: *Fair Hurst*

10:00 a.m. - home of Maury Ball  
2438 Culleywood, Jackson 39211

Circle 3: *Tot Bailey and Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. - home of Ann Saucier  
169 Dogwood Place, Flowood 39232

Circle 4: *Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. - Church Parlor

Circle 5: *Laura Blaylock/Bess Corbitt*

9:45 a.m. - Church Library

Circle 7: *Marian Ware*

This circle will not meet in December

Circle 8: *Janet Davis*

9:30 a.m. - The Orchard

Circle 14: *Susan Turner and Marty May*

12:00 p.m. - Miller Hall (brown bag)

### Tuesday Circles (December 9)

Circle 9: *Gayle Poole and Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. - Church Parlor

Circle 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. - home of Dot Dazet  
79 Redbud Lane, Madison 39110

Circle 11: *Frenchie Graham and Ruth Tant*

10:30 a.m. - home of Frenchie Graham  
4005 Cabell Lane, Jackson

Circle 12: *Nina Johnson and Rachel Bonner*

10:00 a.m. - St. Catherine's in the  
Sienna dining room

Circle 13: *Karen Crawford*

12:00 p.m. - Miller Hall (lunch may  
be reserved)

### Monday, December 15

Circle 6: *Fran Askew*

6:00 p.m. Fellowship; 6:30 p.m. meeting -  
home of Beth Archer  
2257 East Northside Drive, Jackson 39211

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 7, 2014

## Sunday

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Prayer for Worship Service** — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
 (Library only)

**Sunday School** — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations  
**College Sunday School** — 9:50 a.m. in the CH

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Young Adults Leadership Group** — 4:30 p.m. in WH204

**Student and Choirs** — 4:30 p.m. in the MS

**Newly-elected Officers Meeting** — 4:45 p.m. in HC

**New Members Received** — 5:00 p.m. in PH

**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Officers Ordination/Installation** — 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Senior High Christmas Party** — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the  
 Meenas (4764 E. Massena Drive)

## Monday

**Circles Meet This Week**

**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

**Getty Concert** — 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

## Tuesday

**“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in WH202

**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in the MS

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Twin Lakes Executive Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH

**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

**Credentials Committee of the Presbytery** — 4:00 p.m. WH202

**Junior High Progressive Dinner** — 4:00 p.m. in YH

**Internationals Class** — 6:45 p.m. in PH & SC

**Session Meeting** — 7:00 p.m. in the MS

## Wednesday

**Strategic Planning Committee** — 7:30 a.m. in WH204

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.

**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH

**Junior High Discipleship Groups** — 5:00 p.m. in the YH

**Children’s Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym

**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS

**Children’s Choirs** — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in various locations

**Sixth Grade Fellowship** — 6:30 p.m. in SC321/Gym

**Discipleship Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations

**Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH

## Thursday

**MNA Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH

## Friday

**Sew and Sow** — 9:00 a.m. in SC211

## Saturday

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast** — 7:30 a.m. in MH

CH - College House

LH - Lowe Hall

M - Main Floor

MCR - Ministers

Conference Room

MH - Miller Hall

MS - Music Suite

PH - Patterson Hall

YH - Youth House

SC - Study Center

WH - Westminster Hall

HC - Hutton Chapel

LRC - Learning Resource  
Center

SR - Session Room



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us..." — **Coby & Pamela McGinty**- Working in student ministry with Mission to the World at University of Cape Town in South Africa. Mailing address: Mission to the World, Student Y – UCT, 25 Stanley Rd., Rondebosch, WC 7801, South Africa. Email: [coby@mcginty.com](mailto:coby@mcginty.com). **Center for Pregnancy Choices** ([www.mypregnancychoices.org](http://www.mypregnancychoices.org)) - CPC is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson. This ministry seeks to minister to women who are at risk for abortion as well as to the needs of their unborn children. Mailing address: 114 Office Park Plaza, Jackson, MS. 39206. Email: [cpcmetro@bellsouth.net](mailto:cpcmetro@bellsouth.net).

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peyton Hovious Houchins by his parents, Pamela and Larry Houchins.

## SUNDAY EVENING SERMON SERIES - THE SERVANT: ISAIAH 53

Perhaps no other chapter in all the Old Testament more explicitly and marvelously portrays the suffering and sin-bearing of the Lord Jesus Christ than Isaiah 53, as He secures atonement and purchases pardon for His people. Isaiah 53 is a beautiful picture of the Gospel nestled right at the heart of the Old Testament. Come and hear the Gospel of God proclaimed as our Senior Minister, David Strain, continues his sermon series on this stunning chapter of the Bible.

## BOOK STORE HOLIDAY HOURS AND OPEN HOUSE

Our holiday hours for December shopping are Tuesday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Wednesday 10:00 a.m.- 6:25 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Also, be sure to join us for the annual Christmas Open House Saturday, December 20, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited for refreshments and free gift wrapping on all books purchased that day.

## YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

If you are planning to donate stock to First Presbyterian Church before the end of the year 2014, please notify Earl Davis in the Business Office at 601-973-9107. **In order for year-end church contributions to be deducted on your 2014 tax return, they must be received at First Presbyterian Church on or before December 31, 2014.** The Business Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., and you may give online until midnight, December 31, 2014. If you mail your contribution, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2014. Security will be posted on the south side of the church (Pinehurst Street) to receive any contributions that may be dropped off after hours on December 31, 2014. All gifts received or postmarked after December 31, 2014, will apply to your 2015 Contribution Statement.

## MOMS BIBLE STUDY - DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

MOMS is a weekly Bible study for mothers of children 6th grade and under. It meets on Wednesdays in Patterson Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Starting Wednesday, January 14, MOMS will be studying "Sweethearts for a Lifetime." Registration for new MOMS begins January 1, 2015. To register, contact Joanna McNeel at 601-807-1596.

## "THERE IS HOPE" - WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Ladies, join us December 16, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Miller Hall for our annual Christmas dinner. Our devotional speaker will be Fran Askew, and the cost is \$6.00 per person. The Christmas Dinner is a much-loved annual time of fellowship and encouragement as we recognize ladies who, because of long and faithful service to our Lord and His Church, receive our Life Membership Award. Make your reservation by contacting the receptionist in the church office at 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

## SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share in the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, monthly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, every month a group meets of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction. This is a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

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# **2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 7**

New members received at 5:00 p.m. in Patterson Hall

**Sunday, December 7**

Ordain/Install Deacons and Elders (Evening Service)

**Monday, December 8**

Getty Concert 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

**Sunday, December 14**

Children's Christmas Music (6:00 p.m.)

**Tuesday, December 16**

WIC Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in MH

**Saturday, December 20**

Bookstore Open House (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, December 21**

Music of Christmas (5:00 p.m.)

**Wednesday, December 24**

No Supper (Church Offices Closed)

Family Carols Service (4:00 p.m.)

**Thursday, December 25**

Church Offices Closed

**Wednesday, December 31**

No Supper or Service

**Thursday, January 1**

Church Offices Closed