



Purity Presbyterian Church

135 Wylie Street, Chester, SC 29706

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY 2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2010

11:00 am

Dr. William M. Johnson, Interim Pastor

Mrs. Faye A. Daniel, Director of Music/Organist

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*Gathering: We informally greet one another and prepare for worship.
Visitors are asked to sign the visitor's book in the back of the church.*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Unto Us a Boy Is Born"

setting Wilbur Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, * forever;

People: *with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.*

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: *your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.*

Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,

People: *your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.*

Leader: For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

People: *Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord?*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

O Great and glorious God, in your wisdom you created us, in Jesus Christ you came to redeem us, and through your Holy Spirit you guide and sanctify us. As we begin our journey into this new year, we pray for breath to sing of your majesty, and with all creation, praise you as the true life of all; through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God forever. Amen.

***HYMN No. 28**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

In Dulci Jubilo

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, go with us as we travel once again into a new year. It stands before us like an untraveled road, full of promise and adventure. Give us the confidence to know you will be there, whether we travel far or wander on the scenic route. We will spend this new year with many people – some will be easy to love and others will be hard to like. Remind us that our witness for you should be that we see all people as your children and relate to them as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to remember the many times in days past when we were full of despair – how you never left our side, but sent your Spirit to quicken our hearts with hope and courage. In all things we ask for your guidance and forgiveness. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

“Lord Have Mercy Upon Us”

#574

*Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be to the Father”

#579

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON (Pew Bible page 547)

Psalm 90 verses 10-14

ANTHEM

"In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born"

Barbara Mays

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible pages 198)

Philippians 3: 12-16

SERMON

“A Lesson from Calendars”

Rev. Williams

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" Page 14
(Traditional)

*HYMN No. 371 "Lift High the Cross" Crucifier

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Robert Lau

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN No. 29 Go Tell It on the Mountain" Go Tell It

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "All Glory Be to God on High" Estes Psalmes

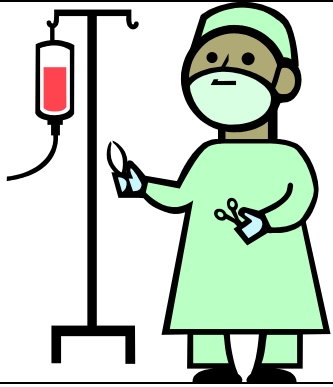
*POSTLUDE "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" Wilbur Held

**Please stand if able*

Mission Statement

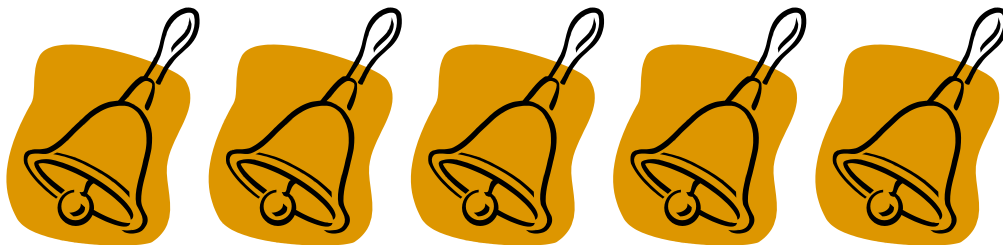
*Purity Presbyterian Church has the mission to glorify
Jesus Christ through corporate worship, prayer,
stewardship, study, faith, outreach, witnessing with
our church family and the community.*

We are pleased to welcome to the pulpit this morning the Reverend Franklin Williams. Barbara and Franklin Williams are the parents of Cathy Badalamenti and the grandparents of Isabella, Sophia, Lilianna and newborn Lucie. Reverend Williams is a retired Presbyterian Minister, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, and a graduate of the University of Virginia and Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.



Purity Blood Drive -
Tuesday, January 5, 2010
Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm until 7:30pm
Please donate or volunteer

Don't Delay! The deadline to register for Providence Presbytery's E3 leadership event is **Tuesday, Jan. 5th**. Avoid long lines and assure yourself a spot in the workshop of your choice by pre-registering for this FREE Event to be held, Sunday, Jan. 10 from 2:30 - 5:30PM at Rock Hill First Presbyterian Church. There are workshops for adults of all types in your church as well as youth in grades 6-12. For a complete list of workshops and to pre-register by January 5, go to www.providencepres.org, or you may mail your registration form to Kathryn McGregor at the presbytery office at **515 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29730**. Registrations must be received by Tuesday, Jan 5 in order to be preregistered. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows, but some workshops may be closed due to space limitations. Need more info? Email Kathryn at kmcgregor@providencepres.org or call her at **800-922-1609**. Forms are available in your church office or online at www.providencepres.org.



The Purity Bells will be playing for the morning worship service at Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton on January 10. They will have lunch with the children and later in the afternoon Purity Bells will give a mini-concert and play for the Vespers Service at the Clinton Home. These are some of the activities that Purity Bells planned for the celebration of their sixteenth year of playing.

Joy Gift Offering - \$925.00