Worship services and messages are recorded each week. If you would like a copy please contact Neil Reazin. They can be emailed to you. The full service can be viewed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel.

#### THE LORD'S DAY:

8:45 a.m. No Adult Life Group Study until January

9:50 a.m. Worship Service

Children's Church

Sprouts

11:15 a.m. No Adult Life Group—Christmas Prophecies

Youth Life Group—Galatians

1:30 p.m. Caroling at Somerford Place

Little Blessings class (infant-3yrs) is upstairs, Sprouts (4yrs-1st grade), and children in 2nd-5th grade - Children's Church meet downstairs in their classrooms during the worship hour. Parents pick up their children there after the service. Every third Sunday is Family Day; no child classes.

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John 16:24 (ESV)
Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you have a prayer request today, pick up a Prayer Card when you come into the sanctuary, fill it out and place it in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. Please note if it can be shared or if it is just for the Pastor.

If you have a prayer need at any time throughout the week, please text Donna Gregory at 240-575-4076 or send her an email: dgregory826@gmail.com.

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# PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



December 15, 2024

Loving - Connecting - Serving

#### WELCOME TO PVBC

If you are a guest, it is our privilege to have you here today! We trust your worship experience will be a blessing to you and your family. We are very thankful you chose to join us for worship at PVBC. Please fill out a Connect Card telling us a little bit about you, and return it to our Welcome Center today.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

Video ~ Thank You for Keeping Your Missionaries on the Ground

Children's Christmas Program: A Fireside Chat

Song's with congregation ~ Away in A Manger (vv1,3) 103

> 95 Go Tell It On the Mountain

Angels We Have Heard on High (vv1,3,4)

Congregational Reading ~ Isaiah 44.21-28 (Pew Bible p.605) Jerry DeWolf

Congregational Song ~ God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (medley)

Sandy Miller & Betsy Operacz Advent ~ JOY

Message ~ Joy and Jesus Bro. Clayton Clark

Luke 1.39-45 (Pew Bible p.856)

Hymn of Invitation ~ Wherever He Leads 285

Benediction Randy Norman

Closing Song ~ Go Tell It On the Mountain (chorus)

Go in peace as you enter the mission field

#### Serving today:

Greeters: John Miller / Kathy Bouw

Little Blessings: none Sprouts: none

Children's Church: none

A/V: Neil Reazin / Betsy Operacz

#### Serving next Sunday, 12/22:

Greeters: Randy Norman / Kathy Bouw

Little Blessings: none

Sprouts: Debbie Hinkle / LaCrysta Payne Children's Church: Sherrie / Adrena A/V: Neil Reazin / Betsy Operacz

If you have an emergency or concern this week. please contact the deacon for this week: Randy Norman 301-730-1779





We will happily distribute your Christmas cards to our church family who actively attend PVBC, TODAY—12/24. Christmas You are asked to donate the equivalent postage or more, to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering\* for International

Missions. It's easy to calculate: # of cards x 73¢. We make it easy for you by sorting and handing out your cards and in turn the Lottie Moon Christmas fund benefits. (\*this donation is not meant to replace your donation to Lottie Moon, but is a supplemental offering).

Updated church lists are in the vestibule. Mail cards to those who don't attend regularly.

If wintry weather should cause us to cancel a service or another church event, everyone regularly attending services will be called. It will also be posted on our website as soon as the decision to close has been made.





Share some Christmas spirit



Emma Norman c/o Residential Treatment Center & School Sheppard Pratt Health System 6501 North Charles Street Baltimore MD 21285



The beautiful Christmas Poinsettias in the sanctuary have been donated by:

Bobbie Bowers in memory of Doris Bane and Jerry DeWitt

Marlene Bowers, Tracy & Lori and Melissa & JR in memory of husband & father, Robert "Dope" Bowers

Chris & Julie Cook in memory of Chris's dad and mom, Arthur and Nellie Cook and Julie's father, John J. Moody

Stephen & Michael DeFreytas in memory of wife and mother, Emily Anne DeFreytas

The DeWolf Family in memory of great-great grandmother, Juanita Cantrell, grandma, Marion DeWolf and Chrystal's father, Charles "Chuck" Hoover III

Becky Fowler in memory of her dad, Marvin Fowler and her mom, Ann Fowler

> David & Tami Hetrick in memory of their son Michael Hetrick

Debbie Hinkle in memory of Hurricane Helene & Milton victims

Brian & Sherry Lapole in memory of Brian's parents Martin & Rosalie Lapole and Sherry's parents Lloyd & Virginia Metz and sister Debra Turner

Willa McGaha in memory of her husband Gene McGaha and son Kenny McGaha

> Joyce Christman Moody in memory of her sister, Beverly Greenwell and her parents, Don & Barbara Aldrick

Ethan & Anne Winters in memory of beloved parents David Duffey, Wayne Winters and Krista Winters



#### WEEKLY ADVENT GUIDE

Week Three: Joy

As we continue to celebrate the season of Advent this week's topic shifts towards JOY. Jesus' initial visitation resulted in expressible joy. How? Jesus lived a perfectly obedient life (that God requires of everyone), and then was willing to exchange his perfect works for our sins. Knowing that you are free from the condemnation of the Law and the wrath of God ought to swell your hearts with joy. However, Advent isn't simply a celebration of Jesus' first visit. It's also a time anticipating His second and final visit (the Parousia), where our Lord shall reign as a King and Judge in righteousness. As Light entered the world, it went mostly unnoticed. However, those who saw the brilliance of the baby Messiah could not help but to worship. As you traverse the daily readings below keep this thought in mind. What strikes you about these moments of praise? How has God used some seemingly insignificant moments to change everything in your journey? Where do you see God's light shining this Advent?

PRAYER: O Holy Trinity, where you are light shines brightly, joy flows freely, and love runs deeply into the cracks of broken hearts. Free us from the burden of our worries, the weight of our fears, and oppression of our shame, that we might worship with free and full hearts. Help us to sing praises with abandon as Your children, for you are worthy of all praise, glory, and honor. Amen.

Sunday: Luke 2:1-7

Monday: Luke 2:8-20

Tuesday: Matthew 2:1-12

Wednesday: Luke 2:21-35

Thursday: Matthew 2:13-23

Friday: Luke 2:41-52

Saturday: John 1:1-18

Message Notes Sunday, December 15, 2024

Joy aı	ıd	Jes	sus
Luke	1	39-	45


#### **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

Dec. 20	Adrena Sheppard Chris Cook
21	Hailey Teller 🐒
23	Patti Ayers
29	Katrina Kline

### A New December WORDS TO LIVE BY CHALLENGE

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. - Romans 12.9-10

#### **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Life Group study—Acts
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team rehearsal
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Life Group study—Weird Stuff
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Dessert Party

TODAY at the conclusion of the service, we will have a Special Business Meeting to seek approval of the 2025 Church budget.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Budget Needs	3,008
Average Giving in November	3,706
Tithes and Offerings for Sunday, 12/8	2.600

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$1,000 Current giving: \$575

Today the children have a Christmas presentation during the worship service. Today is also Family Day and there are no classes for the children.



Join us TODAY as we share the Christmas spirit with the residents at Somerford Place. Our celebration begins at 1:30. In addition to singing we have our fluffy socks and cookie treats to share with our new friends.



## PVBC Christmas Dessert Party Saturday, December 21 at 6pm

Tasty morsels, yummy treats, games, singing...
Fun for the whole family.

The evening is FREE but please sign up You do not need to bring anything; desserts provided