

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

### WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass the red Friendship Folder and return it to the center aisle when completed.  
Visitors: Please give your phone number, address, zip code, and e-mail address.)

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lilly Bradley, Ann Butler, Nancy Good, Donna Hoberg

### †PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Greet those near you with “The peace of the Lord be with you.”)

†HYMN 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Congregation

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION (with Silent Confession)

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†HYMN 581 *Glory Be to the Father* Congregation

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Chris Carrasco  
(Children’s Church is in Room 120. Children’s Church is suggested for those children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who are unable to sit through the service.)

ANTHEM *In Silence We Wait* Sanctuary Choir  
Parker/Lawson Rebecca Fetter, Pianist

OFFERTORY *Advent Mediation* L. Smith Organist

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Congregation

NEW TESTAMENT WORD **Luke 2:1-7** (N. T. Pg.58)  
**Matthew 2:1-8, 13-18** (N. T. Pg. 2)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON **The Characters of Christmas: Herod** Rev. Chris Carrasco

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE with THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

†STATEMENT OF FAITH from A Declaration of Faith

**The people of God have often misused God’s promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated. We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.**

†HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Congregation  
(Please come forward if you would like to contribute and help support the food needs of low income families in our area.)

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE *Prepare the Royal Highway* arr. Kessler Organist

†All who are able, please stand

### NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

#### Reflection Question for the Week:

When the King Herods of this world commit evil atrocities, how do you believe God is at work and what is your response?

### INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

**Welcome** to King’s Grant Presbyterian Church. We are delighted you have joined us for worship this morning. We hope the information below is helpful as you get to know our church. May God bless you on your spiritual journey.

**Membership** in this church is open to all who claim Jesus Christ as their Savior. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join in the work and worship of this church. You are invited to indicate your interest on the Friendship Form.

**Toddler Nursery and Mothers’ Room:** We offer a Toddler Nursery for our younger children and a Mothers’ Room for you to care for your baby’s needs. Nursery and Children’s Church are provided for children until the conclusion of the service. Please pick up your children immediately after the service.

**Children’s Church:** Children’s Church is in Room 120. Children’s Church is suggested for those children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who are unable to sit through the service.

**Fellowship Time:** Join us for a time of fellowship before or after the service in the Connection Point which is located through the double doors to the right of the Sanctuary. The pastor would love to meet you there after the service.

**Sunday School Classes:** Join us at 9:45 a.m. - **Preschool & K-5:** Sunday School Classrooms; **Middle School:** Room 102; **High School:** Room 104; **Adult Class:** Advent Class in Fellowship Hall

### Prayer Concerns

Nancy Young

**Prayer Chain and E-Mail Prayer Group:** If you or someone you know needs prayer and would like to be on the telephone prayer chain, please call Margaret Vaderson (340-0812). For the e-mail prayer group, e-mail Pollie Morison: [pwmuckeye@cox.net](mailto:pwmuckeye@cox.net).

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Ushers:** Bill Hudgens, Gay Aridas, David Bernd, Jim Dietz, Tom Dillon, Eric Donaldson, Phil Hightower, Jim Otto

**Cookie Cherubs:** Reagan and Chamberlyn Vaughn, Scarlett Malagon

**Flowers:** The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Nickel A Meal:** Jesus tells us, “Feed my sheep.” During the last hymn, please come forward if you would like to contribute and help support the food needs of low income families in our area.

#### Worship Schedule and Advent/Christmas Sermon Series:

Our advent/Christmas sermon series will be “The Characters of Christmas.” We will take each character and find out more about who they are and what we can learn from them. Using scripture, historical facts, and the culture of the time, we will piece together how each character played an important role in the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

**December 6** – is when the **shepherds** come. What was the shepherding like 2000 years ago? Why did Jesus refer to himself as a shepherd? Why would God’s plan include their attendance at Jesus’ birth? (Communion Sunday)

**December 13** – is Lessons and Carols, a perfect day to remember the role of the **Angels**. Who do they appear to and what are their messages? (Single Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.)

**December 20** – is about **Mary and Joseph**. Mary, the mother of Jesus is central in this story. What can we learn from her faith journey as the “Mother of God”? Joseph is a background character rarely mentioned in scripture. What can we know about him and the role he played in Jesus’ birth?

**December 24 – Christmas Eve** is all about the **infant Jesus**. Reflecting on Jesus’ birth and his infancy reminds us of the full humanity of Jesus. How might the infant Jesus and his birth inform our efforts to birth new life in our lives? (5:00 p.m. Bell Service; 8:00 p.m. Contemporary Candle-light Communion Service; 11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Communion Service)

**December 28**– 11:00 a.m. Single Worship Service

**January 3** – three days before Epiphany, we celebrate the **magi**. Where were they from? Why would they make such a dangerous journey? How far are we willing to journey to find Jesus and worship him? (Communion Sunday)

**January 10** – is Baptism of the Lord Sunday. Who was **John the Baptist**? What was his role ushering in Jesus’ ministry? We will also be reaffirming our own baptisms on this day.

**Adult Sunday School Advent Class:** This class will begin today at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Who is this Jesus whom we celebrate at Christmas? Does this person come to bring us the answers to life’s big questions? Can we look at him as a baby and then trust him as an adult--as the person and power of God Almighty? Consider "the sheer beauty of who Christ is and what he has done" through a class based on Encounters With Jesus by Tim Keller. The class will be taught by Bruce Bradley and others. Bring your Bible.

**Children’s Advent Program:** Our children will participate in a special Advent program called Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected during the Sunday School hour. All are invited to attend and bring a friend!

**Outreach Project:** Would you please be a blessing to someone else this Christmas? Would you provide groceries (uncooked) for Christmas dinner for a family? Contact Bruce or Lilly Bradley to volunteer.

**Poinsettia Tree:** A tradition during the Advent season is the poinsettia tree. Red plants on a tiered platform create a tree and white plants in the center form a cross. Over 100 plants are used to make this design. Please help make this possible by purchasing plant(s) in your name or dedicating them to a loved one. Plants may be taken home following the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Plants this year are \$5.00 each and order forms are in the Connection Point or in the Church Office

**Bethlehem Walk:** It is time to prepare our church and our hearts to share Bethlehem Walk with the community. Signup sheets are in the Connection Point. Bethlehem Walk will be held on December 4, 5, and 6.

**Golden Guys & Gals and Upcoming Golden Guys & Gals:** Our annual Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, at noon at Mahi Mah's, Ramada on the Beach. This is our 9<sup>th</sup> luncheon and is always a time of great food and wonderful fellowship. Sign up in the Church Office with Donna Perry and make your food selection by Monday, December 7. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Contact Lorraine Jordana for more information.

**Children's Lessons and Carols:** The Children's Lessons and Carols will be on Friday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. Please invite friends, family, and neighbors to come and hear the story of God's promise to send a Savior and His fulfillment of that promise is the birth of Jesus. A reception will follow.

**Staff Gift:** Each year it has been the practice of the congregation to present monetary gifts to our KGPC staff during the holiday season. Please place your gift in the offering plate and mark it "Staff Gift" or you may give it to Bill Hudgens.

**2016 Pledge Card:** If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so soon. Just ask an Usher for a card or you can pick one up in the Church Office.

**2016 Flower Calendar:** The flower calendar for 2016 has been posted outside the Parlor. Contact Sandy Christenson for more information.

**Hearing Assistance System:** The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Just ask an usher for a receiver and ear piece.

**www.kgpc.org:** For more information about these and other church activities as well as the monthly calendar, visit our website.

**www.facebook.com/kgpc4me** Join us on FaceBook.

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday, November 29**

8:00 a.m. Music and Tech Team Rehearsal  
 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 1:00 p.m. Building Bethlehem

**Monday, November 30**

9:30 a.m. Quilters  
 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

**Tuesday, December 1**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Bells Rehearsal

**Wednesday, December 2**

6:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast  
 4:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
 4:30 p.m. Rainbow Choir Rehearsal  
 4:30 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal  
 5:05 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Music Team Vocalists Rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m. Music and Tech Team Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 3**

6:30 p.m. Bethlehem Walk Rehearsal

**Friday, December 4**

6:00 p.m. Bethlehem Walk

**Saturday, December 5**

4:00 p.m. Bethlehem Walk

**Sunday, December 6**

2:00 p.m. Bethlehem Walk



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Welcome

We've been waiting for you! It's true, because we believe that every person who comes into the circle of this special fellowship was sent by God Himself. It's not by accident that we have the joy of welcoming you. We want to express Christ's love to you with heartfelt warmth. It won't take you long to discover that this is truly a family, rich in relationships that matter most. If you have been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again ... welcome.

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**8:45 a.m.**

**Friendship Folder:** (Pass the red Friendship Folder and return it to the center aisle when completed. Visitors: Please give your phone number, address, and e-mail address).

**\*Opening Song**      *How Great Is Our God*

**Greeting**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**      Tyler, Kim, Bryn, and Molly Jones

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Song of Praises**      *The Power of Your Love*  
 Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness  
*You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

**Message for Young Disciples**

**Scriptures**      **Luke 2:1-7**      (N. T. Pg. 58)  
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**Message**      **The Characters of Christmas: Herod**  
 Rev. Chris Carrasco

**Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Closing Song**      *Because We Believe*  
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**\*Benediction**

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# Rejoice in the Lord



**EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY**



*Celebrating God's presence in our midst, this congregation worships God in the Reformed Tradition, preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ, teaches through the study of God's Word, reaches out to serve the needs and concerns of our neighbors, close by and in the world, and listens carefully for the leading of the Holy Spirit in our life together.*

## King's Grant Presbyterian Church

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