

December 25, 2011 "Christmas Day" 10:00 a.m.

**Gathering Around The Word**

*Welcome to worship at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church!  
This time of preparation is offered so that you may make ready your heart  
for the worship of God. May God bless you as you enter God's presence.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has made the darkness vanish. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**The Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements** "The Shepherds' Farewell"

**\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

**\* Call to Worship** *based on Isaiah 9:2, 6; John 1:4-5, 14*

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Leader: Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined.

**People: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father.**

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**People: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

**\* Hymn No. 249** "O Come All Ye Faithful"

**The Birth of Jesus Foretold** Luke 1:26-38

**Hymn No. 253** Verses 1, 2 and 4 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

**The Birth of Jesus** Luke 2:1-7

**Hymn No. 281** "What Child Is This?"

**Christmas Litany**

Leader: On this holy occasion when we celebrate our Lord's birth, let us pray for the peace, joy, hope and strength offered by the Christ Child: For the church, that it may faithfully and boldly proclaim to every human heart the Good News made known this Christmas Day.

**People: Lord, empower your Church.**

Leader: For peace in our troubled world, that every darkness of injustice may be cast out by the light shed into the world by this Child.

**People: Lord, grant peace to all.**

Leader: For ourselves that we may come before you with confidence knowing that because of the Child we are forgiven of our sins.

**People: Lord, we give you thanks.**

Leader: For our families and all those, far and near, to whom we are bound by the love of this Child, that the bonds which unite us may be strengthened.

**People: Lord, build our love.**

Leader: For all those in need, those whom we might otherwise forget at this joyous time: the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, the sick, the grieving, those in prison, those owned by addictions and all who know any great sadness this Christmas Day.

**People: Lord, comfort them.**

Leader: For all who labor during these holy hours on behalf of others: doctors, nurses, medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, the military charged to stand watch and all whose duty prevents them from sharing this holy day with those they love.

**People: Lord, sustain them.**

Leader: For all who have known the glory of this Child in their earthly pilgrimages and who now serve at His right hand in places eternal that following their example we may remain faithful to the end of this earthly life and live forever in the light of this Child's eternal glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayers.**

Leader: Blessed Christ Child, be with us in all our sadness and share in all our gladness. Lead your children on to the place where you have gone, set at God's right hand on high. Amen.

**\* 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.

**Four Cents a Meal Offering**

**Children's Time**

Merle Fisher

At the conclusion of the "Children's Time" older children are encouraged to stay for worship and younger children, up to age 4, are welcome to go to the nursery or stay with their families. Let us thank God for our children by singing "Jesus Loves Me."

*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.*

**The Shepherds and the Angels** Luke 2:8-20

**\* Hymn No. 265** Verse 1 "The First Noel"

**Prayers of the People and 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.

**The Visit of the Magi** Matthew 2:1-2, 5-6, 9-11

**\* Hymn No. 288** Verse 1 "We Three Kings"

**Meditation**

"The Cross In The Manger"

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

*"The Scots Confession"*

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

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

**Offertory** "Christ was Born on Christmas Day"

**\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\* Hymn No. 270** Verse 1 "Joy to the World"

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**\* Postlude** "In Dulci Jubilo"

\* all who are able, please stand.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship with us at Tinkling Spring** each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Beginning January 8, the 8:30 a.m. service alters its sound and look. The music may be more like that you hear on local Christian radio, the service may not

have all the pieces many people are accustomed to, but the message will remain the steadfast love of God as found in Scripture. If you have been a part of *Third*, which will no longer take place, or if you would like to try something a little different, then join us at 8:30 a.m., every Sunday, beginning January 8, 2012.

**If you are visiting** with us this morning, we welcome you! Crib and Toddler nurseries are provided in rooms 100 and 102 on the first floor of the main building. Please see an Usher for assistance. To learn more about Tinkling Spring, or if you are interested in becoming a member, please speak with one of our pastors or greeters, or you may visit our website at [www.tinklingspring.com](http://www.tinklingspring.com).

**Audio compact discs** of today's 11:00 a.m. worship service are available for \$4. To obtain a copy, please contact the church office (885-0746) on Monday morning.

**Hearing assistance devices** are available if needed. Please see an usher if you would like one for use during worship.

**Last Sunday, Tinkling Spring Church** welcomed 24 guests to its worship services. Each Sunday morning, many of our pews will have a first-time or repeat visitor. Your warm welcome to our guests expresses the inviting and hospitable character of this congregation. Your smile and welcoming word make a difference!

**We respectfully ask that you** place your cell phones and pagers on silence or vibrate prior to the worship service.

**Greeters for today** are David Graham for the 8:30 a.m. worship service, and Wendell and Betsy Coleman and John Wimmer for the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**Welcome to worship on Christmas Day!** It is a blessing to worship with you on this special day. The Sunday School classes are not meeting today, but will resume next Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Praise be to God!** To date we have received 154 pledges totaling \$440,700.00. We give thanks to God and encourage everyone who has not done so to turn in your 2012 pledge as soon as possible by placing your pledge card in the offering plate or by bringing your pledge by or mailing it to the church office.

**The Four Cents-A-Meal Offering** is being received today. Twenty five percent of this offering is shared equally between the Valley Mission in Staunton and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. The remaining seventy five percent is dispersed by the Shenandoah Presbytery to fight hunger locally, nationally and internationally.

**Youth** will not meet this evening. Merry Christmas!

**April Cranford is on vacation** December 26 – December 30, 2011. She will return to the office on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

**Missy Brydge is on vacation** December 27– 29, 2011. The office is closed on Monday, December 26 and Friday, December 30, 2011. Volunteers will be in the office to cover for Missy while she is out.

**Name Tag Sunday is next Sunday!** On the first Sunday of each month we invite everyone to wear a name tag. We hope this monthly event will help us get to know each other, not only by face, but by name as well.

**Wonderful Wednesdays** will not meet on December, 28, 2011 and January 4, 2012. We will resume on Wednesday, January 11, with the return of delicious meals and wonderful faith opportunities for children, youth and adults! If you have not yet signed up for the upcoming session of Wonderful Wednesdays, please stop by the coffee gathering area today and add your name to the mid-week ministry board.

**Ten cakes or pies** are needed for the Habitat for Humanity's Annual Volunteer Luncheon held in Spring Hall on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon is a

fundraiser for our High School Mission Trip. If you would like to donate a dessert, please sign up on April's board outside her office. Thank you.

**Youth Mission Trip Deposits** are due in December. Please turn in the \$50 mission trip deposits to April for the MS Youth Charlotte Mission trip, April 27-29, 2012, and the HS Youth Atlanta Mission trip, June 24 - 29, 2012.

**Reminder from the Receiving Treasurers:** All gifts and offerings placed into the offering plates on 12/25/2011 or delivered to the church the final week of December will be added into the 2011 Annual Giving Statement. January 1, 2012 is the first Sunday of 2012 and gifts placed into the offering plate that day will be included on the 2012 Annual Giving Statement. Thank you for your faithfulness to the mission and life of our church.

~ Jean Shrewsbury & Jerry Pangburn

**Begin 2012 with mission!** Youth and Confirmation/Covenant Partners are needed on Sunday, January 1, to provide a New Year's Day Lunch and board game fun at Valley Mission from 12:00 (noon) -4:00 p.m. The drop-in lunch and board game fun will serve approximately 80 people at Valley Mission. Our menu will be the traditional New Year's Day Meal: Spiral Ham (represents progress, pigs root forward), Hotdogs for children, Black Eyed Peas & Rice (prosperity), Collard Greens (fortune), Simple Salad (for those who don't like collards), Cakes & Donuts (circles- coming full circle; God's never ending love) Sign up for 1-2 hour slots with April today.

**Welcome Sharon Stanley to preach at Tinkling Spring on Sunday, January 1, at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.** Sharon is the daughter of one of Tinkling's former pastors, Rev. John Stanley. She is one of our missionaries and serves as the founder and director of FIRM Inc. in Fresno, California. For more than 16 years, FIRM has worked with refugees and immigrants to help them build a better life and build communities of hope in the Central Valley of California. FIRM has grown into a complex ministry that engages in culturally-sensitive work with issues related to health, housing, employment, child development, education, citizenship, tenant's rights, and so much more! The ministry partners with a wide variety of churches and other organizations to accomplish this work.

**As we enter into the Christmas season,** many of us are involved in various activities and tend to leave purses and other valuables unattended in the church and in our cars. Please keep your valuables with you at all times and when securing items in your vehicles, keep them out of sight and make sure to lock your vehicle at all times. We encourage you to always be aware of your surroundings to ensure your safety.

**We need your information!** Please take a moment to fill out a database update form for each member of your family. This information will be used to update our database and to generate a friends and family directory. Database Update Forms can be found at any of the three entrances to the sanctuary, on-line at tinklingspring.com (click on media and publications "bulletin, newsletters and other"), or by contacting the church office at either 885-0746 or mbrydge@tinklingspring.com. Please turn your forms into the church office by January 1, 2012.

**Found!!! Northface girls' jacket.** Please call the church office at 885-0746 to identify.

**Families with children in preschool and elementary school** may pick up their family's gift from the mission table outside of the sanctuary if they have not done so already. May you and your family enjoy the gift of time and conversation together. Merry Christmas, from the Christian Education Committee!

**The Monday Night Weight Loss group** will not meet December 26. The group will resume weekly meetings on Monday, January 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Homebuilder's classroom, room 215. For more information, please contact Ann Gregory at 949-0829.

| <u>Our Stewardship Report</u>  |                  |                           |                 |
|--|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Needed per week:   | \$9,935.00       | Year to date:             | \$506,685.00    |
| Received last week:  | \$12,201.71      | Year to date:             | \$511,495.24    |
| Other:   | \$214.43         | Building Fund:            | \$7,083.00      |
| <u>Attendance Last Week</u>  |                  |                           |                 |
| 8:30 Traditional Worship   | 140              | 11:00 Traditional Worship | 180             |
| 11:00 Third Worship  | 124              |                           |                 |
| Sunday School  | 189              | Sunday School Offering    | \$145.00        |
| <u>Ushers</u>  |                  |                           |                 |
| <u>Today</u>   |                  |                           |                 |
| 10:00 Alan and Sandy Wagoner<br>Keaton Boysen, Emily Wagoner   |                  |                           |                 |
| <u>January 1, 2012</u>   |                  |                           |                 |
| 8:30: Cynthia Corell (A) Gary Palmer (B) Pinky Palmer (C) Jack Marcum (D)  |                  |                           |                 |
| 11:00: Vickie Craft (A) Ann Todd (B) John Craft (C) Laura Craft (D)  |                  |                           |                 |
| <u>Nursery Attendants</u>  |                  |                           |                 |
| <u>Today</u>   |                  |                           |                 |
| 10:00 Crib & Toddler: Jeff and Kim Wood  |                  |                           |                 |
| <u>January 1, 2012</u>   |                  |                           |                 |
| 8:30 Crib & Toddler: Tanya Ingersoll, Sue Ervin  |                  |                           |                 |
| Nursery: Nancy Martin  |                  |                           |                 |
| 11:00 Crib & Toddler: Karen Cunningham, Tammy Coulter  |                  |                           |                 |
| <u>Weekly Schedule</u>   |                  |                           |                 |
| Date   | Time             | Event                     | Location        |
| Today  | 10:00 a.m.       | Worship Service           | Sanctuary       |
| Monday   |                  | Office Closed             |                 |
| Tuesday  | 1:00 p.m.        | Tinkling Belles           | Room 213        |
| Tuesday  | 6:00 p.m.        | Zumba Class               | Spring Hall     |
| Wednesday  | 6:30 p.m.        | Craft Time                | Room 210        |
| Friday   |                  | Office Closed             |                 |
| <u>Prayer List</u>   |                  |                           |                 |
| <u>Health Concerns</u>   |                  |                           |                 |
| Billy Argenbright  | Ethan Blevins    | Addison Bower             | Don Campbell    |
| Kathryn Campbell   | Qavah Campbell   | Betty Jane Clouser        | Brenda Coffey   |
| Dann Conyers   | Elvira Crummett  | Mark Diehl                | Jan Deitz       |
| Lyle Fangman   | John Filler      | Martha Forbes             | Ariel Gandy     |
| Jack Groome  | Lowell Harold    | Janis Hepler              | Justin Johnson  |
| John Keys  | Barb Kiser       | Haley Kudro               | JoAnne Lam      |
| Frank Law  | Goldie Lockridge | Norma Mathis              | Wendy McCoy     |
| Michael Meoni, Jr  | Carol Mills      | Phyllis Myrtle            | Landon Payne    |
| Terry Puffenbarger   | Dylan Richardson | Danny Rose                | Virginia Roscoe |
| Jennifer Schepps   | Libby Shephard   | Dennis Simmons, Sr        | Sharon Shaeffer |
| Angie Smithkin   | Virginia Snead   | Frankie Sours             | Betty Young     |
| David Webster  | Claire Williams  | Linda Young               |                 |
| <u>In Special Care</u>   |                  |                           |                 |
| Jackie Batson  | Vera Brown       | Lorraine Caldwell         | Joe Cappo       |
| Janet Weaver   | Laura Weaver     | Irene Wiseman             | Otis Fisher     |
| <u>Special Concerns</u>  |                  |                           |                 |
| William Barker   | Gwen Carr        | Ryan Chandler             | Derick Coffey   |
| Laura Collmus  | John Craft       | Paul D. Julian, Jr.       | Morgan Gardner  |
| Luke Lockridge   | Logan Ridley     | Jeff Sensabaugh           | Ben Sprouse     |
| Kenny Wolfe  | Doug Wolfe       |                           |                 |
| <u>Bereavement</u>   |                  |                           |                 |
| The family of Nelson Sutton *  |                  |                           |                 |
| *New to Prayer List  |                  |                           |                 |
| If you have a concern or joy to share with the congregation,<br>Please drop a written note in the basket on the pulpit prior to worship. |                  |                           |                 |