

French Camp Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

December flowers are sponsored by Nadine Ramsey in honor of Jim & Helen Hill.

Announcements

Prelude: *What Child is This?*

Call to Worship

**O Come, Let Us Adore Him* (#196)

Prayer of Invocation

Matthew 2:1-12

Lighting the Advent Candle

(Children are invited to come forward to hear the Christmas story.)

*Hymn #251: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Shepherd's Prayer: Dennis Cox

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

*Response #106: *Worthy, You Are Worthy*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #261: *Away in a Manger*

Sermon: **Jesus Is A Gift**

II Corinthians 9:15 (pg 968 in pew Bible)

*Hymn #277: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Benediction

*Congregation Standing

The Shorter Catechism

Q. 100. What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

The preface of the Lord's Prayer (which is, *Our Father in heaven*) teaches us firstly to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence as children to a father able and ready to help us; and secondly, that we should pray with and for others.

Q. 101. What do we pray for in the first request?

In the first request (which is, *Hallowed be your name*) we pray that God may enable us and others to glorify him in all in which he makes himself known; and that he would overrule all things for his own glory.

Life of the Church

Christmas Covered Dish Today: All are invited to join us today after church for lunch in the LSB for this annual tradition of celebrating the holidays together.

Christmas Caroling December 18, 4:00-6:00pm: Caroling is one of the most fun and meaningful of all Christmas traditions! We'll meet at the LSB at 4:00. Please consider joining us as we sing for folks around the neighborhood.

Christmas Eve Communion, 6:00 pm: Come and bring your family to celebrate with us the great truths of the Christmas story. This will be a time of intimate fellowship with our Lord and with one another.

Sunday School

December 18 – One Class for All Ages

December 25 & January 1 – No Sunday School

January 8 – Regular Classes

Collection for God's House of Hope Due Today: Thanks to all who have brought items for this local ministry outreach in Kilmichael. Is there anyone who would volunteer to deliver them this week?

New Year's Eve Fireworks, 6:30 pm at the Purvis' Place: We look forward to the annual fireworks display and "blowing up the Christmas tree" tradition at the home of Roy Purvis this year! You can see the show from your car or bring your own chairs or blankets. It's a fun community event and a great way to bring in the new year!

Congregational Meeting January 8: Plan to stay after church for a brief meeting to approve the budget and get an update on progress with the building.

Donations to the Church: We have received \$10,782.50 from the Mary Kathryn Snider Foundation for the Building Fund. This money will go towards the completion of the amphitheater and playground.

Debbie Barlow Memorial Fund: The following have made donations in memory of Debbie, which will go towards refurbishing the kitchen at Camp of the Rising Son: Billy & Vickki Carlisle, Danny & Susan Donald, Ricky & Mary Nobile, and Donna Perkins.

Pray for Don & Mary Jane Winter who have retired and moved to their new home yesterday. Pray for them as they get unpacked and settled into this season of their lives. Their address is: 8195 Dogwood Rd., Germantown, TN 38139.

Nursery Coordinator Needed: We are grateful for all those who volunteer in the nursery! Katrina Parkerson has done a great job getting the nursery in order and coordinating the volunteer rotation. She has already done the schedule but will be out of town most of the next three months, so we're in need of a coordinator. Speak to Katrina or Mary Nell if you can help meet this need.

FRENCH CAMP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

323 School St. French Camp, Mississippi 39745

website: www.fcarp.org

Pastor: Rev. J. Alex Coblentz.

Ministry Coordinator: Mary Nell Coblentz

Ruling Elders: Glen Barlow (Treas.), Larry Littlejohn (Clerk of Session), John Cockrell,
Dennis Cox, Bruce Hosket, and Lance Ragsdale

Deacons: Greg Browning, David Dennis, Danny Donald, Jason Purvis, Roy Purvis

Worship Team: Anne Katherine Ragsdale, David Dennis, Kylie Shirley, James Cantey

Sunday Worship is **LIVE at fcarp.org/livestream** at 11:00 am

To watch the replay or listen to past sermons go to fcarp.org/sermons, or fcpc.sermon.net

FCARP sermons are also broadcast Sunday mornings at **8:00 am on WFCA-FM108**

Ushers Danny Donald, John Dendy

Greeters Lance Ragsdale

Next Sunday, December 25:

Ushers Bruce Hosket, Larry Littlejohn

Greeters TBA

Calendar of Events

Today	10:00am – Sunday School, One Class for All Ages 11:00am - Worship Christmas Covered Dish After Church 4:00-6:00pm – Christmas Caroling
Friday	5:30am - Men’s Bible Study at Welcome Center: <i>The Names of God</i>
Saturday	6:00pm - Christmas Eve Communion Service
Next Sunday	11:00am – Christmas Worship Service (No Sunday School or Evening Service)
December 31	6:30pm – Fireworks & Blowing Up Christmas Trees @ Roy Purvis’
January 1	11:00am – Worship (No Sunday School or Evening Service)
January 8	10:00am – Regular Sunday School Classes 11:00am - Worship Congregational Meeting After Church
January 12	Historical Highlight Luncheon, Speaker Retha Moore
February 4-6	Mission Conference with Dr. & Mrs. Clay Quarterman

Ministry of Prayer

Marlene Armstrong, Carol Cannon, Vickki Carlisle, Peggy Cockrell, Susan Donald, Willie Dozier (Lance’s Mom), Mary Ida Harper, Marilyn Johnson, Marvanean Kennedy, Jimmy Middleton (rehab in Ackerman), Roy & Karol Nail (recovering from COVID), Margie Newman, Roy Purvis, Lance Ragsdale, Lesa Rhodes (in remission!), “Gramps” Sorensen, Tom, a prisoner in NC (urgent prayer needed for his safety), Ken & Lyn Utley

Sympathy: Jane Beswick’s nephew, Jeffrey Shiels, passed away December 16 after a long hospital stay. He lived in Philadelphia, PA. Pray for Jane’s family as they gather and for Jane, who is unable to make the trip.

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