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## **Gloria**

**ANTONIO VIVALDI**

**DECEMBER 9, 2007**  
**10:30 AM**

**Jerrold Tidwell, Choirmaster & Organist**  
**Suzanne Mikalsen, Soprano**  
**Lynn Farmer, Alto**  
**Scott Pieper, Baritone**  
**CNC Adult Choir**  
**Asbell Ringers**

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## Session Members

### Class of 2008

Bill Bower (Clerk of Session)  
Suzanne Holton (Witness)  
Nancy Meinersmann (Fellowship)

### Class of 2009

Scott Holton (Stewardship & Finance)  
Jeannie Jones (Spiritual Growth)  
Richard Russ (Building & Grounds)

### Class of 2010

Ashley DeVore (Worship)  
Curt Schroeder (Witness)  
Gretchen Turner (Worship)

## Newsletter Submissions

New Covenant News is a monthly publication printed by Church of the New Covenant, PC U.S.A., Doraville, Georgia. If you have news you would like to share of upcoming events, please email or call the church office: [newcovenantpcusa@bellsouth.net](mailto:newcovenantpcusa@bellsouth.net), 770-455-8117. Deadline for monthly submissions is the last week of the month.



## November-December Lectionary Readings

- November 18** Isa. 65:17-25; Isa. 12; 2; Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
- November 25** Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
- December 2** Isa. 2:1-5; Ps. 122; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44
- December 9** Isa. 11:1-10; Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19; Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 3:1-12
- December 16** Isa. 35:1-10; Ps. 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11
- December 23** Isa. 7:10-16; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom. 1:1-7; Matt. 1:18-25
- December 30** Isa. 63:7-9; Ps. 148; Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23



### The Clifton Night Hospitality volunteers are:

November 8—Ted and Suzanne Mikalsen  
November 15—Kenneth and Marty Riviere, Marc Dryman  
December 12—Frank Wright  
December 15—Ted and Suzanne Mikalsen  
December 22—Bob and Pauline Weaver, Jan Kepic, Sandy Bond  
December 29—Rick and Ted Meinersmann

## MONTREAT IN 2008

Anyone interested in a beautiful mountain setting, fantastic worship, gorgeous music, interesting classes? And in the company of a host of good people?

We would like to get a group to go to Montreat for the Worship and Music Conference. The dates are the week of June 15 or the week of June 22, 2008. We can stay at the Assembly Inn or in a lodge.

And the bonus is that Martha Clay, our former music director, is on the staff for the conference. She will be accompanying choirs and teaching a class on Music for the Small Church. That class should be one we can use here.

If you have any interest in this adventure, please let Gretchen Turner know.

## LOOK Whose Birthdays!

November 5	John Willson
November 6	Susan Willson
November 7	John Wheeler
November 10	Joan Clemens
November 10	Peggy Heinisch
November 17	Claire Commins
November 17	Stephanie Dodunski
November 17	Jim Glenn
November 19	Gail Cole
November 20	Brenda Dryman
December 4	Megan Butcher
December 4	Mimi Carroll
December 4	Ashley Dryman
December 7	Ann Grier
December 9	Mary Martha Riviere
December 9	Milt Riviere
December 12	Jamie Shiell
December 16	Ralph Wedd
December 20	Dean Morley
December 23	Rosemary Glenn
December 25	Milly Ball
December 26	Judy Cook
December 27	Margot Keily
December 29	Suzanne Holton
December 29	Julie Moor

## LITURGICAL MURAL

Our Liturgical Year Mural is taking shape beautifully. We are close to having the project complete. There will be one more opportunity for you to take part by painting gold ribbons. Plan to stay after Worship on Sunday, November 25th, to help finish. *We will be having a Dedication and Celebration of the mural on January 6.*



Presbyterian Women  
Christmas Gathering  
December 2nd, 3-5pm  
at the home of Carol Payne

## SURVEY RESULTS

After receiving feedback from the congregation, and after careful deliberation, the Session has acted to change our Sunday schedule. **Effective January 1, Sunday School will begin at 9:30 am and worship will begin at 11 am.**



## HANGING OF THE GREEN & PURPLE



December 1 we will have a "Hanging of the Green and Purple" to decorate the church for the season of Advent. All are invited to come for the greening and purpling of the church at 2 pm.

## THE BLEND

The Blend meets on the first and third Fridays of Nov at 7pm-9 pm at Chocolaté Coffee House on Shallowford Road. Also, please join us for "Fellowship Friday on November 30th!"



## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We are off to a great start in our annual Stewardship drive. It's not too late to turn in your pledge cards for 2008. Please plan to turn in all 2008 pledges by December 9th.

## NEW CLASSES STARTING

Beginning January, 6, 2008, Kenneth Riviere and Milt Riviere will again be leading a Sunday School Class at Church of the New Covenant. The class will continue through May 2008.

The text to be studied will be *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* by Marcus J. Borg, Professor Emeritus of Oregon State University, and a world-renowned Jesus scholar. This study should broaden our understanding of Christian traditions, and may well strengthen our lives as faithful disciples.

We invite every person in the congregation, their friends, families and neighbors to join us in this endeavor.

Sunday, December 2, 2008, Scott Johnson and Gary Ashley will begin the winter quarter of the Bible study, *The Present Word: God's Call to the Christian Community*. We encourage everyone to join this class as we study God's call, God's instruction and God's summons to us to respond.

## ADVENT-URES IN SPIRITUALITY

Are you wondering what in the world to do in the Spirituality Center? Are you wondering if there are other ways to spend time with God than just sitting and praying? Do you want to deepen your spiritual life as we enter the new Christian year? If you answered yes to any of these questions, there is a Sunday school class for you. During the four Sundays of Advent Ashley DeVore will be teaching a class on spiritual practices. This class will be a practical guide to a number of spiritual disciplines which can be done in CNC's Spirituality Center, at home or anywhere. **So come to the Spirituality Center at 9 am on December 2, 9, 16, and 23 to spend some time with the Advent lectionary and some intentional time with God.**

## AIM BASKET

**November: Rice—16 oz.**  
**December: Sugar—2 lb. Bag**

## TWO LETTERS RECEIVED

Dear Friends at CNC,

As you know we are now living full-time in Virginia. The decision was a difficult one given that we feel a real closeness and bond with you dear folks. You welcomed us warmly and offered us a church home. It has been good to be among you! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love and support given us during our years among you.

May God bless you as you continue your journey of faith, witness and service.

In the Fellowship of Christ,

Annette & Bill Washburn

Dear Bill,

I am writing you as part of my CNC family. I am really sad to have to write to tell you that our family will be leaving Church of the New Covenant. As you are aware, we moved from Doraville 4 years ago to Roswell. It is time for us to complete the move and start attending church in our neighborhood. Alpharetta Presbyterian Church is the nearest Presbyterian Church and it seems suitable for us. We felt comfortable visiting since Church of the New Covenant had a "field trip" to see a play at their theatre. The theatre is just an added bonus and fits David's interest in theatre! The drive from Roswell to Doraville is doable on Sunday morning, however is very difficult for events around rush hour. Having a 7:00 pm weekday meeting means leaving home by 5pm to give time for rush hour traffic and even that does not assure arrival on time! If traffic is good, you have time to kill. The other major reason we are leaving is to find an active youth group for Elizabeth. I think she has had an excellent Christian orientation at CNC and I would like that to continue in High School. She feels very loved at CNC and knows it as her home church family.

I can not express how grateful I am to all my church family at CNC. You have been a true family showing loving support over all the years with the difficult times in life. I really do not think I could have made it through my pregnancy without this particular church. CNC was there for me the times when David was sick when Elizabeth was younger. You have been so supportive and loving. It has been a true Christian witness which was not lost on our relatives, neither side being Presbyterian. I think your apostleship has been a model for me on the unity for Baptists, Catholics and Presbyterians. I can not express how much I appreciate your acceptance of me being Catholic. It really renews my commitment to work towards a truly one holy, catholic apostolic church. Thank you so much for all you have been to me and my family. I want to assure you that we are not leaving because we are upset with church policy or action. I wish you all the best.

With love,

Katherine Davis

## INVITE SOMEONE!

Advent begins Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Soon we will have the opportunity, in worship, to hear some of the most beloved scripture passages of the Christian faith:

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." --*Luke 2*

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. --*John 1*

All of us come to church seeking this Light, especially at this time of year. We come seeking that Holy Child, hoping, in the midst of a noisy and angry world, to learn again from him the power of true peace. Here is something important to consider: your neighbor, your co-worker, or your friend on the other side of town probably shares this longing with you. *Invite them* to all our Advent services, our special events, and to Christmas Eve, to receive with you the blessings of this season.

In Christ's Peace,  
*Rick*

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Sunday, December 2, 2007  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

All women of the church are invited to attend the PW Christmas Gathering at the home of Carol Payne. We will have punch and cookies and an opportunity to support the Presbyterian Homes Angel Offering. Maps to Carol's home will be available during morning worship on Dec. 2 as well as by email. If you wish to carpool from the church, please notify Joan Clemens.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the November Session Meeting the members discussed the possibility of hiring a seminary student as a part-time Youth Group Facilitator. It has been referred to the Spiritual Growth Committee to investigate the feasibility of the plan.

The Spiritual Growth Committee is also checking into establishing a weekly prayer group.

During January the Worship Committee is proposing the dedication of the mural being painted on the Narthex wall.

There will be a "Hanging of the Green and Purple" event on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Various groups in the church are helping to make new Crismons. Carol Payne and Marsha Thurston are leading this project. We will be educated on the meaning of each Crismon during worship throughout Advent.

The Advent Vesper Service will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> followed by the Figgy Pudding Party and Hymn Sing.

The Rev. Milt and Kenneth Reviere will be leading a study group starting in January and ending in May.

Regretfully, we are transferring the membership of David and Elizabeth Davis to Alpharetta Presbyterian Church. We wish the whole Davis family the best in their new church.

The Session is studying information about the More Light and Covenant Networks. As the study is completed, more details will be provided.



Atlanta Schola Cantorum  
directed by John Whitt

## A Babe is born

*Choral music for Advent and Christmas*

Works by Schütz, Eccard, du Caurroy,  
Gibbons, Parsons, Handl, Bruckner,  
Matthias, and Fricker

8 p.m.	8 p.m.
Friday, November 30	Saturday, December 1
Holy Trinity	St. Bartholomew's
Episcopal Church	Episcopal Church,
515 E. Ponce de Leon	1790 LaVista Road
Decatur	Atlanta

Ten Dollars  
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# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 SDAC 8-9pm	3 SDAC 9-2pm, 5-7pm
4	5	6 1pm Crochet- Library  SDAC 7-9pm	7  6:30 Asbell Ringers 7:45 Adult Choir	8	9 SDAC 8-9pm	10 SDAC 9-2pm, 5-7pm
11 Session Meet- ing 7:00 pm	12	13 1pm Crochet- Library  SDAC 7-9pm	14 Montessori- Kitchen 6:30 Asbell Ringers, 7:45 Adult Choir	15 Montessori- Kitchen	16 Montessori- Kitchen  SDAC 8-9pm	17 SDAC 9-2pm, 5-7pm
18 Thanks- giving Service & Luncheon Choir Re- hearsal fol- lowing; Health Ministries Meeting 6pm	19	20 1pm Crochet- Library  SDAC 7-9pm	21  No Rehearsals	22  Happy Thanks- giving!  Office Closed	23  Office Closed SDAC 8-9pm	24
25	26	27 Presbytery Meeting 9:30- 3:30pm	28	29	30	

# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> SDAC 9-2pm, 5-7pm
<b>2</b> 1st Sunday in Advent	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1pm Crochet- Library SDAC 7-9pm	<b>5</b> Montessori- Play 6:30 Asbell Ringers 7:45 Adult Choir	<b>6</b> Montessori- Play 8am-9pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Vivaldi Dress Rehearsal 9- 12pm SDAC 9-2pm, 5-7pm
<b>9</b> Vivaldi- Gloria 10:30 am; Choir Party- 1 pm; Session Meet- ing 7:00 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Circle- 10am 1pm Crochet- Library  Circle-6:30pm	<b>12</b>  6:30 Asbell Ringers, 7:45 Adult Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  SDAC 8-9pm	<b>15</b>  SDAC 9-2pm, 5-7pm
<b>16</b> Vespers Ser- vice-Figgy Pudding and Carol Sing 5pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1pm Crochet- Library  SDAC 7-9pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  SDAC 8-9pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Lessons and Carols Service 7pm Reception Following  Office Closed	<b>25</b>  <b>Merry Christ- mas!</b>  Office Closed	<b>26</b>  No Choirs	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					