

# Opportunities of The Week

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011**

4:00 - Christmas Eve Traditional Service  
 4:40 - Christmas Eve Contemporary Service  
 6:00 - Christmas Eve Traditional Service

**SUN., DECEMBER 25, 2011**

NO Sunday School  
 10:00 - Traditional Morning Worship Service  
 10:40 - Contemporary Morning Worship Service  
 7:00 - AA Meeting

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**MON., DECEMBER 26, 2011**

OFFICE CLOSED  
 12:00 - AA Meeting

**TUES., DECEMBER 27, 2011**

12:00 - AA Meeting  
 8:00 - AA Meeting

**WED., DECEMBER 28, 2011**

12:00 - AA Meeting  
 7:00 - AA Meeting

**THURS., DECEMBER 29, 2011**

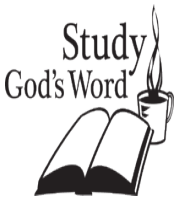
12:00 - AA Meeting  
 8:00 - AA Meeting

**FRI., DECEMBER 30, 2011**

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON  
 12:00 - AA Meeting

**SAT., DECEMBER 31, 2011**

**Feeding the Less Fortunate** - The Soup Kitchen is not open to serve meals on holidays which means those who use it as their main source of food will go hungry. *So we will be feeding the homeless and less fortunate in the parking lot of the Soup Kitchen on Christmas Day at 12:00 noon.* If you would like to help or bake some extra desserts that are portable (cookies, brownies, etc.) please call Jamie at 242-3562.



A Beth Moore Bible Study, "James", begins on January 11, 2012 at 9:15 am. The study will be led by **Cindy Ganas** and will last 8 weeks. Contact Cindy at [cganas@bellsouth.net](mailto:cganas@bellsouth.net) to sign up. **Jamie Bone** will be teaching Bible Study again on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning January 11th. The study will begin with the book of **Isaiah**.

Sun., December 25

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 10:00am Traditional Morning Worship  
 10:40am Contemporary Morning Worship



Sun., January 1

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 10:00am Traditional Morning Worship  
 10:40am Contemporary Morning Worship

**Park Avenue United Methodist Church**  
**100 E. Park Avenue**  
**Valdosta, GA 31602**  
**229-242-3562**

# Christmas Eve Worship

Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2011

\*Please stand

4:00 & 6:00pm

PRELUDE	<i>A Joyous Christmas</i>	- arr. Leavitt
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		Acolytes
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Hale Bishop
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		Congregation
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Come and Receive</i> Chancel Choir	- arr. Rhodes
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		4:00-Mac & Jane McLane 6:00- Alan & Leah Rodemaker

ADVENT SONG *Joy Has Dawned* - Townend & Getty  
Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation: God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory, but a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.  
Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory. Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story. Gold, a King is born today; Incense, God is with us; Myrrh, His death will make a way; by His blood, He'll win us.

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\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;



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WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Some Children See Him* - Burt/ arr. Ades  
Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. David Tart

MEDITATION Rev. Hale Bishop

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION *(Unison)*

**I confess, O Lord, my everlasting need for You: the need of forgiveness for my greed and selfishness, the need of life for an empty soul, the need of love for a heart grown cold. I acknowledge the glory of all that is like Christ: the steadfastness of friends, the blessedness of home, the beauty of compassion, miracle of hearts made kind at Christmas and the courage of those who dare to resist all hatred. By Your mercy, grant each of us gathered here forgiveness of our sins. Purify us by the in-dwelling of that love which comes down at Christmas. Be born afresh in us this day, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ was born that we might have life, hope, joy and peace. Christ was crucified and died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Christ is born.

**Let all the world give thanks.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father, at this blessed Christmas feast, we give You thanks and praise. You created all that is, and called it good. You made us in Your own image. Though we have rebelled against Your love, You loved the world so much You sent Your only Son to be our Savior.

As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem, Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem. As they went in humiliation to a stable, Jesus went to die for the sins of the whole world.

As in that stable Jesus was born, so from the shame of His death He was raised to bring us life. As the Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago, so on the night in which Jesus gave Himself up for us He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said:

*"Take, eat, this is My body which is given for you."*

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to His disciples, and said:

*"Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood, which seals God's promise, poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins."*

When we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and look forward to his coming in final victory. With the shepherds and wise men we offer ourselves and our gifts in union with Christ's offering for us.

By the power and blessing of your Holy Spirit, may the bread which we share be a sharing of the body of the living Christ, and the cup which we share be a sharing of his blood.

*(Everyone in unison)*

**We join the entire company of heaven and all Your people now on earth in saying, Glory to You in the Highest: And we pray in the Spirit of the Angels' Song of Peace on earth that as You are one - Father, Son and Holy Spirit -- so we, and all Your creation may be one. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**