



## *Advent & Christmas at Park Avenue*

- Sun., December 18 9:40am Birthday Party for Jesus for the Children during Sunday School Hour
- Sun., December 18 6:00pm *Christmas at the Keyboards* featuring the keyboard artists of Park Avenue UMC
- Mon., December 19 6:00pm *Kids at the Christmas Keyboards* featuring our young talent in a program of Christmas music
- Sat., December 24 4:00pm Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary  
4:40pm Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship Service—Fellowship Hall  
6:00pm Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary
- Sun., December 25 NO Sunday School  
10:00am Traditional Morning Worship  
10:40am Contemporary Morning Worship  
12:00pm Feed the Homeless at the Soup Kitchen
- Sun., January 1 NO Sunday School  
10:00am Traditional Morning Worship  
10:40am Contemporary Morning Worship



### *Christmas at the Keyboards*

*Join us tonight at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary to enjoy the sounds of 7 Park Avenue keyboard artists playing on 6 grand pianos and the organ.*

*Also join us Monday, December 19, 6:00pm, for "Kids at the Christmas Keyboards".*

**Park Avenue United Methodist Church**

**100 E. Park Avenue  
Valdosta, GA 31602  
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# Morning Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2011

\*Please stand 8:30 & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE *Ukrainian Bell Carol* - arr. Hayes  
PAUMC Keyboardists

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. David Tart

## \*AN ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We praise you because you never forgot the humble manger in which you were born.

**All: We praise you because you showed us what radical love is like.**

Pastor: We praise you because you spent time not with the rich and the powerful but with the meek and the lowly.

**All: We praise you because you came so that we might have life and life abundant.**

Pastor: We praise you because we know that whether we are merry or blue during this Christmas season, you are with us.

**All: We praise you for the light that shines in the darkness.**

Pastor: We praise you for being born again — in our lives, in our hearts, in the world around us.

**All: We praise you because you are our Savior, and we are your grateful people.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE Congregation

CHORAL INTROIT *Festival Gloria* -arr. Hakes  
Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE  
8:30-Patrick & Jennifer Carlson  
11:00-Harvey & Jessie Miller

## Opportunities of The Week

### SUN., DECEMBER 18, 2011

8:30 - 1st Worship Service  
9:40 - Sunday School  
10:35 - Coffee Social  
10:40 - 2nd Worship Service  
11:00 - 3rd Worship Service  
6:00 - "Christmas at the Keyboards"  
7:00 - AA Meeting

### MON., DECEMBER 19, 2011

10:00 - Monday Morning Bible Study  
12:00 - AA Meeting  
6:00 - Cub Scout Pack 415  
6:00 - "Kids at the Christmas Keyboards"  
7:00 - Boy Scout Court of Honor

### TUES., DECEMBER 20, 2011

7:00 - Barnabas Men's Bible Study  
10:00 - ACTO  
10:00 - UMW Quilting Bee  
12:00 - AA Meeting  
1:30 - Staff Prayer Time/Meeting  
8:00 - AA Meeting

### WED., DECEMBER 21, 2011

9:00 - Clothes Closet

10:00 - ACTO  
10:00 - Older Adult Chorale - Presbyterian Home  
11:00 - Langdale Bible Study  
7:00 - AA Meeting

### THURS., DECEMBER 22, 2011

7:00 - Thurs. Morning Men's Bible Study  
9:15 - Bible Study Fellowship  
10:00 - ACTO  
12:00 - AA Meeting  
6:00 - 10:40 Worship Band Practice  
8:00 - AA Meeting

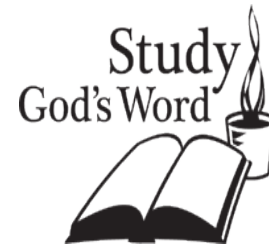
### FRI., DECEMBER 23, 2011

12:00 - AA Meeting

### SAT., DECEMBER 24, 2011

12:00 - AA Meeting  
4:00 - Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary  
4:40 - Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship Service—Fellowship Hall  
6:00 - Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary

AA meetings are held at 2106 Slater St.



**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.



**Everyone is welcome to become a child again!** The Older Adults are going to Walt Disney World, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please pick up a brochure at the Adult Bulletin Board outside the church office for more information.

### **Children's Church:**

Laura Smith & Stacey Whatley

### **Nursery Volunteers:**

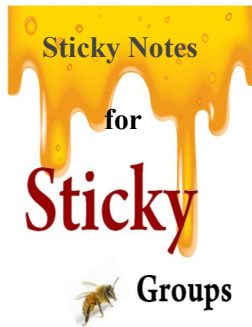
Infants/Creepers  
3 year olds

Cindee Hiers  
Chris & Melissa  
Thigpen

**K Kids** will not meet again until January 11, 2012.

**Big Time Believers** will resume on January 15, 2012.

**Family Night Supper** will resume on January 11, 2012.



**The Journey Series, From Nazareth to Bethlehem**

Luke 2: 1-7 (NIV)

- How does God move you into His will?
- How do you make room for the baby Jesus?
- Once you make room what will really be different?

**At Home:**



Lee Pitcock	Steve Brogdon	Jackie Altman
Marvin Nichols	Jim Bone	Susan Futch
Helen Hayes	Evelyn McMichen	The Wilder Family
Salley Anderson	Raymond Sutton	Maggie Windle
Robin Bone	K. C. Davis	John Koebble
Zan Childress	Katherine McAllister	Myrtice Colson
	Roger Mullican	

**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.

There are only two Sundays left in 2011! Please make sure **you fulfill your pledge for this year and** if you have not done so, **turn in your pledge card for 2012.** The end of the year is a great time to give to your favorite mission or to give an extra gift beyond your pledge to the ministries of the church. God Bless You!

If you have been certified as an **Early Responder through UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) there will be a **mandatory training** and recertification on **Friday night, January 20th and Saturday, January 21, 2012** to renew or obtain your certification. There are only *35 spaces available* in the class and the seats will be filled on a first come, first served basis. With *25 people needing to renew credentials* it is important that you call and reserve your spot TODAY!

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. 238 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles Creed*  
 I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*RESPONSE NO. 234 *refrain O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.  
 We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.  
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INVITATION TO PRAYER *Angels' Carol* - Rutter  
 Chancel Choir

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Tart

LORD'S PRAYER *Congregation*  
 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.

## WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please register your attendance on the pew pad provided and pass it along your row.  
Return it to the starting point and note the names of persons seated near you that  
you may call them by name at the conclusion of worship.

OFFERTORY *As Lately We Watched* - arr. Bonan  
*Sing We Now of Christmas* - arr. Bonan  
PAUMC Keyboardists

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 95 Congregation

*During the singing of the Doxology, children are excused to attend Chapel Time and  
Children's Church.. 8:30 — Children 4 yr. old preschool – 4th grade go to MGM Studios.  
11:00 — 4 yr. old preschool & Kindergartners go to Room C-7. 1st-4th graders go to MGM  
Studios. Please wait until ushers have passed your row if exiting via the center aisle. Parents,  
please remain in your pews and send your children to the door on the pulpit side of the sanctuary  
where volunteers will escort them to their room.*

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.

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tart

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 239 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

\*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2: 1-7 (Page 1590)

MESSAGE Rev. Hale Bishop  
*The Journey Series: From Nazareth to Bethlehem*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 249 *There's a Song in the Air*  
*All who wish to come to the altar for prayer, speak with our ministers, make a profession of faith  
in Christ, or unite with the church, please come forward during this hymn.*

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Bishop

\*RESPONSE *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel. God  
with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel. CCLI #862254

\*POSTLUDE *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* - arr. Hamlin

RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.  
HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES AVAILABLE -- Request  
from usher.



## IN HONOR OF:

*Dana & Mary Cam Harding* by Mac & Jane McLane  
*McLane & Brantley Harding* by Mac & Jane McLane  
*Paul McLane* by Mac & Jane McLane  
*Our Grandchildren* by Herman & Sandra Lindsey  
*Mr. & Mrs. Joe Parker* by Merry Jo & Tom Kurrie  
*Grace Dennis Sunday School Class* by Merry Jo & Tom Kurrie  
*Shirlee Carroll* by Her Children  
*Mildred Greenley* by Donna Leonard

## IN MEMORY OF:

*John T. Belflower* by Joan Belflower  
*Mr. William A. Stokes, my father* by Riley & Rhonda Rutland  
*Carson & Philena McLane* by Mac & Jane McLane  
*Paul & May Bec Bennet* by Mac & Jane McLane  
*Mr. & Mrs. Thompson Kurrie, Sr.* by Merry Jo & Tom Kurrie  
*Randy Parker* by Merry Jo & Tom Kurrie  
*Elizabeth Rhymes Kurrie* by Merry Jo & Tom Kurrie  
*Bo Carroll* by His Family  
*Bo Carroll* by His Children  
*Mr. & Mrs. M.W. Turner, Jr.* by Mr. & Mrs. Wright Turner  
*Dr. & Mrs. J. Crowell Brimm* by Mr. & Mrs. Wright Turner  
*Our Parents* by Dick & Benita Hall  
*Dr. Thomas H. Moseley* by Anne, Allen, Clay, Janet, Richard, & Mary  
Leigh Moseley  
*Mrs. Virginia Scarborough* by Janet, Clay, Richard, Mary Leigh, Anne, &  
Allen Moseley  
*Will Martin* by Jim & Russell Smith

### *Special Announcement about Poinsettias*

This Christmas season the Worship Committee and the Altar Guild are giving our members the opportunity to honor or remember a loved one with a gift of \$15.00 instead of a poinsettia. This money will be placed in a special fund to go to the Pregnancy Support Clinic of Valdosta.

Although there will not be individual poinsettias for each \$15.00 given, there will be a written recognition of those who were honored and those who gave in honor or in memory of a loved one. The deadline for having names listed in the bulletin is Monday, December 19th. Poinsettias will still decorate our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season.

During this beautiful time of celebrating Christ's birth, we can extend His love by giving life to many unborn babies.