

November/December 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 29 First Sunday of Advent Brass Ensemble Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Study – “Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?” | 30 AA Noon | 1 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. AA Noon AA 7:30 p.m. | 2 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m. AA Noon Ladies’ AA 7:00 p.m. | 3 AA Noon Men’s AA 8:00 p.m. | 4 AA Noon Decorate Sanctuary 5:00 p.m. | 5 Mike Leonard & Brandon Lithgoe Yard Crew |
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- Here you will find opportunities to
- Connect with God in spirit and in truth,
 - Connect with the Community of Faith in worship, study, and fellowship,
 - Connect with the Neighborhood Community in friendship and service.

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Worship Leaders for November 29, 2015

Interim Pastor Rev. Linda L. Kelly
 Liturgist Doris M. (Skippy) Thompson
 Ushers..... Jack and Betty Bagent
 Hospitality..... Bob and Connie Buck
 Music Director..... Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)

*Flowers are presented to the Glory of God
 for His gift of grace
 and in celebration of the birth
 of Taylor Rose Brown by Thomas Tucker*

Check it out ...

- ✓ Highland Presbyterian Church is once again participating in our **Gift of Literacy project** with Magnolia Woods Elementary School. HPC will give each first grade student a gift of two books for Christmas. The names of the students are on prepared name tags on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Books should be wrapped, tagged, and **placed under our Christmas tree as soon as possible -- deadline December 13!!** If you prefer, a small group will be making a trip to the Scholastic Book Warehouse and would be happy to purchase your books for you. **Talk to Connie Leonard for details.**
- ✓ **NAME-TAG INFORMATION** -- name tags include a first-grader's name on one side and the grade-level books to be selected for that child on the other side. A white ribbon indicates a girl; blue or red ribbon, a boy. The color of the name tag identifies the student's classroom.
- ✓ In our **Tuesday Bible study** Pastor Kelly will continue the presentation of Adam Hamilton's DVD series, *Not a Silent Night*. This week we will look at "The Piercing of Mary's Soul" as we explore the consequences of Simeon's words to her when Jesus was first presented in the temple (Luke 2:33-35). This class meets **on Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m.. All are welcome.**
- ✓ On Friday evening, December 4, Tom Tucker and Carol Behrmann will prepare the sanctuary for the annual trimming of the tree. **Come at 5:00 p.m.** if you can assist – (also let them know).
- ✓ On Sunday, December 6, the Congregation will trim the tree with chrismons that have added grace and peace to our Christmas tree through the years. (Chrismon is from "Christ monogram.")

Pastor Kelly

Pastor Kelly will be in Baton Rouge Saturday evening through Wednesday morning of this week.

If you would like to contact her at any time, please feel free to call or text her at **337-849-2212** or to send her an email at lindakelly@cox.net.

Anniversaries

Birthdays

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| Linda Kelly | December 4 |
| Mei Stewart | December 10 |
| Jack Bagent | December 11 |
| Jim Martin | December 27 |

Music in the Air

Today we are pleased to have the **LSU Brass Quintet** to help us usher in this Advent season. We welcome Michael Huff, trumpet; Josh Enrique Morales Hidalgo, trumpet; Tom Fish, horn; Thomas McKee, trombone, and Phil Slater, tuba. A special thank you is extended to Raymond for arranging this special event.

“Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?”

“Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?” is the topic for today's **Sunday Study**, which begins after Fellowship Time today. The next two Sundays we will view “What does Christmas mean to your salvation?” and “How can Christmas be a time to make peace with others?” All three are from Rick Warren's DVD series *The Purpose of Christmas*.

Advent Sermon Preview

During the next three Sundays of Advent, our Lectionary takes on a journey into the life and ministry of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the advent of Christ. If you wish to do some study in advance, our Advent sermons will look at John as follows:

- December 6 “A Lamp that Burned for a While” (Luke 3:1-6)
- December 13 “The Bridegroom and the Best Man” (Luke 3:7-20)
- December 20 “Born in the Geriatric Ward” (Luke 1:57-80)

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

Shelby and Mary Etta Brown, **David Cook** (Billie Dean's son-in-law), Eva Fuller, Catherine Hackney, Joe Heath, Lexi and her parents Audrie & Jacob John, Jeanette Lambert, Jean Nasse, Jane Payton, Kirby Perry, Mary Perry, Ms. Dell Perry, **Herman Pride**, Earl Rabe, Irlee Redmann, Deanna Lewis Sklar, Bonner Stewart, Mike Tucker, the Congregation and leaders of Matanzas Central Presbyterian Church (Cuba), First Presbyterian Church of Iberia Parish, the Congregation and leaders of Highland Presbyterian Church, and the Pastor Nominating Committee of HPC.
(New names added to prayer list are in bold italics.)