

## CPC News and Announcements

December 19, 2021

### Sunday, December 19

Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am

### Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service	5:30 pm
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### Announcements:

**Sunday School Classes** - Come join our Adult class this Sunday for fellowship and refreshments in the Adult Education room.

Youth classes will be meeting at usual times and places. PLEASE NOTE: Our Sunday morning classes will not be meeting on 12/26 or 01/02.

**Childcare** - The Toddler Room is welcome to children ages 18 months to 3 years old during the worship service hour.

**Online Giving** - Give online at [www.clarksvillepca.org/give](http://www.clarksvillepca.org/give).

**Angel Tree** - Please consider sponsoring a child through Angel Tree Ministries. The procedure for giving the gifts has changed this year, so please contact Marie Beck at [mamiern95@yahoo.com](mailto:mamiern95@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Upcoming Events

- Christmas Eve Service - December 24

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### Community Groups

Woodlawn – Every Sunday, 4 pm  
Corey and Leann Boyd; Ashley Lesondak  
[cnlboyd@gmail.com](mailto:cnlboyd@gmail.com), (931) 561-8218

Sango – 1st and 3rd Sundays, 5:30 pm  
Steve and Connie Christian  
[steve.christian@me.com](mailto:steve.christian@me.com), (502) 435-4062

McAdoo Creek – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 pm  
Colin and April Foster; Dave and Paige Smith  
[camrts@yahoo.com](mailto:camrts@yahoo.com), (601) 260-1128

Eastland Green – 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Stephen and Tina Lee  
[slee9980@charter.net](mailto:slee9980@charter.net), (615) 477-9980

Rossvie – 1st & 3rd Sunday, 12:30 pm  
John and Dina Stitt  
[johndina@aol.com](mailto:johndina@aol.com), (270) 889-4899

For questions or to learn more about our community groups, please email [cpclarksville@gmail.com](mailto:cpclarksville@gmail.com).

### Ministry Team Leaders

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Women's Ministry	Carrie Abraham: (928) 257-7397

### Elders

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Stephen Lee	(615) 477-9980
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Dave Smith	(931) 603-6133
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### Deacons

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John Michael Stitt	(270) 498-3539
Asa Stone	(931) 358-3726

### General Questions & Assistance

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# CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Prelude**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

### **\*Prayer of Approach**

### **\*Songs of Praise**

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

"Away in a Manger"

### **Baptism and Admission of New Member**

Zoe Elizabeth McMurry

### **Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 6:10-20

### **Prayer of Confession & Intercession**

### **Song of Preparation**

"Silent Night"

### **Sermon**

"God's Gift of Authority in Spiritual Conflict"

### **Prayer of Response**

### **Offerings**

Luke 21:1-4

### **\*Song of Response**

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

### **\*Benediction**

\*As you are able, please stand.

+Children, ages 4-6, are dismissed for Children's Church.

Colossians 2:6-15

Introduction:

I. What They Are

A) Description

B) Purpose

II. What Jesus Has Done

A) The imagery

B) The larger witness

III. What This Means

A) Union with Christ

B) Dependence on Christ

Conclusion:

## **Quotes and Notes**

"A great deal of fiction, superstition, fantasy, nonsense, nuttiness, and downright heresy flourishes in the church under the guise of 'spiritual warfare' in our time.... But the warfare we need to wage engages and implicates our humanity, rather than bypassing it for a superspiritual, demonic realm."

- David Powlison (1949-2019), *Power Encounters*

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight."

- C. S. Lewis (1898-1963), *The Screwtape Letters*

"Satan's army of demons uses subtler strategies also, namely, deception and discouragement in many forms. Opposing these is the essence of spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:10-18). Though demons can give trouble of many kinds to regenerate persons in whom the Holy Spirit dwells, they cannot finally thwart God's purpose of saving his elect any more than they can finally avoid their own eternal torment. As the devil is God's devil (that is Luther's phrase), so the demons are God's demons, defeated enemies (Col. 2:15) whose limited power is prolonged only for the advancement of God's glory as his people contend with them."

- J. I. Packer (1926-2020), *Concise Theology*

"While the New Testament states unequivocally that Christ totally defeated the powers of darkness in his atoning work, it also makes clear that the results of this victory still remain to be worked out through the increasing liberation of the earth from the occupying army of hostile spirits...In folk religion the posture of the Christian towards fallen angels is defensive; in Scripture the church is on the offensive, and the blows it receives from Satan come from a retreating enemy."

- Richard Lovelace, *Dynamics of Spiritual Life*

"Prayer is the principal means of resisting and defeating the work of demons. Jesus illustrated this by his own example, and the apostle Paul also stressed it (Eph. 6:18-20). This is only natural, because prayer represents a dependence on God's power and not one's own. The major blessing of the new covenant is the presence of the Holy Spirit. Consequently, learning to experience a greater closeness to the Spirit and to draw on the power of the Spirit is essential for countering the work of the evil one. Doing this involves engaging in the spiritual disciplines, especially worship, prayer, absorbing the Word of God, and gaining a better understanding of the truth of one's identity in the Lord Jesus Christ."

- C. E. Arnold, *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality* ("Spiritual Warfare")

We are really glad you could be with us this morning. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask our pastor or one of the elders. They would be glad to help you in any way they can. You can call or reach us at: [www.clarksvillepca.org](http://www.clarksvillepca.org).  
\*Webpage access: "Fellowship" is the password for the Directory, and "Cpcprayers2020" is the password for the prayer requests page.

For next week: Guest speaker