

Eleven O'clock Worship December 17, 2017
Third Sunday in Advent
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Greeting/ Announcements:

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Shepherds Crutchfield family

Meditation words: Angels....Christmas...Glory...faith

Prelude

*Gathering Song: Sing we Now of Christmas Red #193 v.1

**Sing we now of Christmas,
Noel, sing we here!**

Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Welcome to worship, just a few days before Christmas.

May God in Jesus Christ be praised!

Mary gave birth to a son

And the Lord God gave him the throne of His father David.

He will reign over the house of Jacob forever.

And His Kingdom will never end.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn: Sing we Now of Christmas Red #193 v.2-3

May the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Children (K thru 2nd grade) exit for Children's Church

First Scripture Reading: Micah 5:2-3 Pew Bible p. 902

Prayers of the People (see list below)

and The Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: Away in a Manger Red # 203

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology Red Hymnal # 34

*The Apostles' Creed Red Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-35 p. 991

Sermon "How Will This Be?" Dr. Russell Lee

Chancel Choir Cantata:

Heaven's Child

By Pepper Choplin

Come, Prepare the Way

Angels Coming Down to Earth

Heaven's Child

Newborn Cry

We Welcome You, Emmanuel

Shepherd's Gloria

Heavenly Star

My Eyes Have Seen the Child

Join the Music of the Angels

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn: Joy to the World Red # 179 v. 1-2

*Charge and Blessing

Response

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Patrick Cherry, New Church Development, Wake Forest, N. C.

Joy

Shut-in: Corrine Williams

Wilderness

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a bright yellow visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

Ushers – serving today are Mike Koch at the North Door Ted VanBenschoten and Brenda McPeters* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Lance Chappell and with Winston Harrell doing audio at the 11 am service.

Children's Church and Nursery: The children are invited to Children's Church in the room across from the nursery. Children's Church is for preschoolers through 2nd graders. Today's leader is Kit Hooper. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

Thanks to our Choir members for all the time and effort they put into providing this Cantata for us today. Our choir members today are: Sopranos: Anne Carlisle Cranford-Edwards, Laura Edwards, Debbie Roller, and Marilyn Lee. Altos: Kim Albert, Eloise Wilder, Lydia Snead, and Susan Walters. Tenors: Mike Rand, Larry McPeters, Jim Luedtke, and Evan Snead. Basses: Bob Hughes and Russell Lee.

This Week's Announcements

Advent – Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. With each week of Advent we draw closer to welcoming our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Today we will light the candle to represent Shepherds.

Christmas Cantata – **Today**, during our 11:00 service, our choir will present the Christmas Cantata written by Pepper Choplin titled *Heaven's Child*.

Joy Gift Joy Gift Pageant and Covered Dish— Tonight at 5 pm. Following the pageant we will gather for a covered dish meal. Plan to be a part of this very special gathering. The offering will go to a fund for retired pastors and spouses of the Presbyterian Church

Stewardship Update- Please continue to pray about tithes and offerings for the Lord's work here at First Presbyterian Church. It takes everyone's help, and we urge you to consider giving a little more this year. If you have not turned in your pledge for 2018, you can do so through the remainder of the year. We have received pledges totaling **\$172,600 which is 66%** of our budget for 2018. 2018 pledges can be received through January 9th.

Poinsettia Ministry –So far we have received \$875. Enclosed flyer has the list of orders to date. We want to express a Thank You to Sue Bales, Carole Woodward, and Marilyn Lee for decorating and making the Sanctuary so beautiful today!

Christmas Angel -We would like to help some families in our area for Christmas. If you know of a family that could really use some help for Christmas (with or without children) please get the information to the church office by next Sunday, Dec. 10 so we can decide on a family or two to provide a blessed Christmas. Let's celebrate all our blessings, by helping others.

Good Samaritan – With holidays approaching, they have a greater need of warm clothing and food; such as peanut butter, spam, canned soups, canned fruit, pasta, anything you donate will be greatly appreciated. Food can be taken to Good Samaritan Monday thru Friday 10 to 12.

Christmas Eve Worship service – Next week, Christmas we will have two worship gatherings on that day. First we will have a combined service at 10 am; then at 5 pm, we will gather for our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Upper Rooms – Now available in the foyer for January/February issue.

Flower Calendar - The calendar for 2018 is located on the bulletin board next to the office door. If you would like to volunteer to provide flowers, please sign up. You can stop by or call the office to choose a date to enhance worship with a gift of flowers for the Sanctuary.

Offering Envelopes - Envelopes are now available in the office or hallway. The Session encourages your usage of the offering envelope, and it helps with the bookkeeping. Get your number early!

Calendar

Sunday, December 17 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
 10:15 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 5:00 pm Joy Gift Pageant and Covered Dish

Monday, December 18 10:00 am Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 19 12:00 noon NA
 7:00 pm Hope Cancer Group

Wednesday, Dec. 20 12:00 noon AA
 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 21 7:00 pm Men of the Church

Friday, December 22 12:00 noon AA

Saturday, December 23 12:00 noon NA Women

Church Staff

C. Russell Lee, Jr., D.Min, Pastor
 Sherolyn Barnett, Administrative Assistant
 Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician
 Robert Nelson, Church Treasurer
 Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton
 Terri Hazelwood, Nursery Leader
 LeAnne Pulliam, Youth Coordinator

Session

Sterling Byrd-Roberts, Clerk

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 Michael L. Freshour
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 Steven Crutchfield
 Mike Koch
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Class of 2017
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Class of 2019
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First Presbyterian Church

9 O'clock Worship ~ December 17, 2017

Prelude
 Welcome/Prayer
 Praise and Worship Time

Yes, this is Christmas (inst)
 Beautiful Star (inst)
 God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen (inst)

Announcements
 A Stewardship Word
 Prayer Time/The Lord's Prayer (words on screen)
 Offering

Silent Night (inst)
 Cradle to the Cross (inst)
 What Child is this (inst)

Scripture: Luke 1:26-35 Pew Bible # 991
 Sermon "How Will This Be?" Rev. Russell Lee
 Prayer
 Closing Song As We Go

Bob and Ann Egloff, Mike Marvin, and Bill Joor,
 and Rev. Russell Lee are today's Praise Team
 Usher for this 9 am service is Steve Reynolds*
 Brian Raney will provide computer/audio support
 A nursery is available

As we worship, may the music of Christmas fill our hearts.



First Presbyterian Church is a
 Stephen Ministry Congregation

Our Missionaries

Patrick Cherry, New Church Development, Wake Forest, N. C.
 C.W. & Leslie Bing, Water for the Oppressed, Zambia
 Dave and Rachael Carter, Chad
 Matthew and Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
 Mission Possible, Haiti and Dominican Republic
 Overseas Missionary Fellowship International
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Christmas Cantata

Mission Statement

"Growing God's Presence"

Foundational Principles

*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
 Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love
 Values*

*Committed~Servant Heart~
 Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

The Lord's Supper is observed bi-monthly.
 All Christians are invited to commune with us.
 A nursery is provided for pre-school children and
 Children's Church is available for children thru 2nd grade each Sunday.
 5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the last Sunday of each month.
 Worship every Sunday at 9 am and 11 am
 and Sunday School at 10 am.

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