

Eleven O'clock Worship December 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Communion of the Lord

Greeting/ Announcements:

Meditation words: Advent...light...Bethlehem...manger

Prelude

*Gathering Song: Jesus, Name Above All Names Red #177

Jesus, names above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Welcome to worship, people of new beginnings with God!

May God in Jesus Christ be praised!

The Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples...

The nations will rally to Him!

The spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

The Spirit of counsel and of power!

We light the first Advent candle, the candle of prophecy,

And rejoice in the present and the future results of God's plans for us!

Let us worship God!

* Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Red #153

May the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

*Let us pray the unison prayer of thanksgiving.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: **We give You thanks, O God, on this**

first Sunday in Advent, that Jesus comes to us from heaven

to the manger of Bethlehem, and works the miracle of grace

in all of us. For this holy time to prepare for the holy

celebration of Christmas, and for all the moments You will

speak and act, we are grateful. Show us how to find the

heart of all that will happen during this season, as we focus

on the blessed, wonderful, lovely action which comes to pass

as Jesus is born. Prepare our hearts for communion with the

living and resurrected Lord. Make this the most blessed

Christmas ever, with all the people who live in our hearts, all

those who walk with us now, and all those who shall join us

in the future walking with us in that holy journey. As we

worship, touch our hearts, and speak to us of the peace

which emanates from the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our

Lord. In Jesus' name, we pray.

*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

Red Hymnal # 734

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

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 pew Bible p.673

Prayers of the People (see list below)

The Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

* Hymn: Like A Child Red #162

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: John 1:1-14 pew Bible p. 1027

Anthem:

Communion Meditation: "Full of Grace and Truth" Dr. Russell Lee

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn: Away in a Manger Red # 203 v. 1-2

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn: Away in a Manger Red # 203 v. 3

*Charge and Blessing

Response

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Patrick Cherry, Wake Forest, N. C.

Shut-in: Julia Baskervill

Advent

Marge Nelson

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.

Flowers – Given to the glory of God, celebrate the season, and to wish JOY to the World! By Jim and Kathy Debiec.

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 Mark and Carol Foster at the North Door Steve Crutchfield and Sue Bales* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Michaela Freshour. Carter Henderson is 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 Winston Harrell. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

This Week's Announcements

A Gift to You – We are giving to you today a tiny notebook for you to record blessings and prayer requests that God makes happen in your life for the coming year, beginning in this Advent season and reaching forward to next Christmas. Keep it with you and let God make it a blessing for you and others.

Ladies Circle – We will meet this Tuesday, December 4 at 10:30 am. Dr. Russell Lee will present the program. Also there will be a covered dish. Please bring a dish to share with the group. We look forward to having you all join us.

Bible Study – We will resume our Bible study group in January 10th. We will be studying another book by Chip Ingram. This one titled *Spiritual Simplicity*. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas season, enjoy the time with family. We'll see you again in January. Study materials are available in the office to purchase.

Stewardship season is here! – If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Ask for God's blessing in giving decisions which impact 2019 and beyond. We have received pledges totaling \$140,040 which is 55% of our budget so far to date.

Good Samaritan – We are collecting for The Good Samaritan. In winter their needs increase. They have more people coming in needing help with electricity, food, etc. So we'd like to help fund their support of the needs in the community. Financial gifts should be marked "Good Samaritan" with your offerings. Thank you! We appreciate all your help in contributing to this worthy cause.

Young Adult Ministry - We are in the process of beginning a new Young Adult Ministry along with new ministry for kids. Be in prayer about this journey, and your part in it. It could involve a new Sunday School class, fellowship or Bible study, and will certainly involve ministry for our kids as well.

Poinsettia Ministry – Please see enclosed flyer to order Poinsettias.

Congratulations! – We want to welcome and say congratulations to our new officers Elders: Robert Guthrie (2019); Carol Foster, Carter Henderson, and Mike Koch (2021). Deacons: Joanna Hughes, Paige Powell, and Terri Smith (2021). New Trustee will be Mike Rand (2021).

Christmas for the Community – We will be reaching out to provide Christmas gifts for two families in our community. Please designate financial gifts toward this as we collect for them over the next couple of weeks.

Christmas Cantata – Next week, December 9th, during our 11:00 service, our choir will present the Christmas Cantata written by Dale Wood titled *Come Now to Bethlehem*. Come join us on a unique experience with the age-old story of our Lord's birth retold in song; and refocus our hearts and minds, as we each in our own way make our pilgrimage to the Babe lying in the manger.

Christmas Cantata at FBC – The community is welcome. Come celebrate the season on December 9th at 7:00 pm.

Joy Gift Pageant - Our Joy Gift Pageant will happen on December 16, during our 11 service. Make plans to be a part of this very special service as our youth join us to help us prepare for Christmas. The offering will go to a fund for retired pastors and spouses of the Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Eve Service – We will gather together for our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Monday, December 24 at 5:00 pm. Mark your calendars.

Calendar

Sunday, December 2 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional

Tuesday, Dec. 4 10:30 am Ladies Circle
12:00 noon NA
7:00 pm Hope Cancer Group

Wednesday, Dec. 5 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 6 10:30 Women's Bible Study
7:00 Men of the Church

Friday, December 7 12:00 noon AA

Saturday, Dec. 8 12:00 noon NA

Church Staff

C. Russell Lee, Jr., D.Min, Pastor
Sherolyn Barnett, Administrative Assistant
Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician
Doris Koch, Church Treasurer
Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton
Terri Hazelwood, Nursery Leader

Session

Sandi Hughes, Clerk

Class of 2018

Steven Crutchfield
Mike Koch
Nancy Pool

Class of 2019

Art Carter
Steve Reynolds
Jim Sizemore

Class of 2020

Linda Lumsden
Donald Cherry
Sandi Hughes

Diaconate

Chairman

Class of 2018

Patricia Burton
Mike Long
Terri Smith

Class of 2019

Laura Edwards
Brenda McPeters
Skyler Smith

Class of 2020

Kelly Chappell
Diane Greene
Sue Bales

Trustees

Michael M. Rand
(2018)

Mac Lacy Jr.
(2019)

Richard Harrell III
(2020)

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees

Ginny Troy
(2018)

Terri Smith
(2019)

Paige Powell
(2020)

First Presbyterian Church

9 O'clock Worship ~ December 2, 2018
Communion of the Lord/1st Day of Advent

Prelude
Welcome/Prayer
Praise and Worship Time

Lord, Reign In Me (CD)
Heart of Worship (inst)

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

Sweet Little Jesus Boy (inst)
How Great is Our God (inst)

Scripture: John 1:1-14 pew Bible p. 1027
Sermon: "Full of Grace and Truth" Dr. Russell Lee
Prayer
Communion: Away in a Manager
Closing Song: As We Go

Bob and Ann Egloff, Mike Marvin,
and Dr. Russell Lee are today's Praise Team
Usher for this 9 am service is Terri Smith.
Brian Raney will provide computer/audio support
A nursery is available

*As we worship, touch our hearts, and speak to us of
the peace which emanates from the Prince of Peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

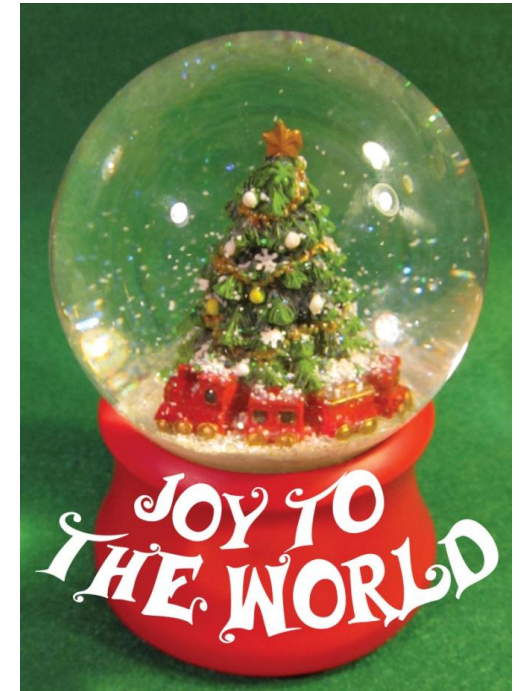


First Presbyterian Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation

Our Missionaries

Patrick Cherry, 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
Paul & Reinhold Sydnor, International Assoc. for Refugees, Europe
Art and Andrea Carter

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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.

Contact us for more information about

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