

Eleven O'clock Worship                      December 9, 2018  
Second Sunday of Advent  
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Greeting/ Announcements:

Meditation words: music...Bethlehem...Noel...Savior

Prelude

\*Gathering Song:            Jesus, Name Above All Names    (twice)    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 the Holy Manger!

**May God in Jesus Christ be lifted up!**

We gather to hear the music of Christmas

**And to celebrate the birth of our Lord.**

We light the second Advent Candle, the Bethlehem candle,

**And join other Christians to prepare the way of the Lord!**

**Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn:                      Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus                      Red #153  
May the Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children (K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) exit for Children's Church

Prayers of the People (see list below)

The Lord's Prayer    Red Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

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

Chancel Choir Cantata:

**Come Now to Bethlehem**  
By Dale Wood

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Good People All, Rejoice!

Angels We Have Heard on High

Sermon    "Unto Us"    Dr. Russell Lee

He Is Born, the Holy Child

Sing We All, Noel!

I Saw Three Ships

Silent Night, Holy Night

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

\*Charge and Blessing  
Response  
Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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Directives for Prayer

C.W. & Leslie Bing, Water for the Oppressed, Zambia

Advent

Shut-in: Clarice Crews

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.

**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 JE and Suzanne Tuck at the North Door Robert Guthrie and Kelly Chappell\* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Logan Chappell. Lance Chappell 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 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Today's leader is Kit Hooper. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

This Week's Announcements

**Poinsettia Ministry** – Please see enclosed flyer to order Poinsettias, So far we have collected \$475. See the enclosed flyer to also view those being honored and memorialized with the poinsettias this year.

**Christmas Cantata** – today, 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 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 at FBC** – The community is welcome. Come celebrate the season tonight 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.

**Offering Envelopes**- 2019 Offering envelopes are now available in the foyer. Get your number early while they are still available. Each church family is encouraged to use offering envelopes in the coming year.

**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. As of December 6 we have received pledges totaling \$145,640 which is 58% of our budget.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Jane Tuck Morgan** – Frances Anne Thackston informed us, and wants to share the information of the passing of Jane Tuck Morgan. They were long time members of First Presbyterian, and beloved by the community here for so many years. Jane was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Archie Thomas Morgan. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law: Deborah and Brian Fulk of Richmond, VA and The Republic of Malta; and Jenny and Mike Markwood of Columbia, MD. Jane passed on to be with the Lord, on November 29<sup>th</sup> in Columbia, SC.

**Flower Calendar** – A new flower calendar for 2019 is available outside the church office door. Sign up early for your favorite dates. Flowers enhance the worship service; we appreciate all those who provide flowers throughout the year.



**Calendar**

**Sunday, December 9** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional - Cantata

**Tuesday, Dec. 11** 12:00 noon NA  
7:00 pm Hope Cancer Group

**Wednesday, Dec. 12** 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, Dec. 13** 10:30 Women's Bible Study  
7:00 Men of the Church

**Friday, December 14** 12:00 noon AA

**Saturday, Dec. 15** 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 9, 2018

Prelude  
Welcome/Prayer  
Praise and Worship Time

Prince of Peace (You Are Holy) (inst)  
No Other Name (inst)  
Cradle to the Cross (inst)

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

Noel (inst)  
Offering (inst)  
I Can Only Imagine (inst)

Scripture: John 1:39-45 pew Bible p. 1028  
Sermon: "Blessed are You" Dr. Russell Lee  
Prayer  
Closing Song: As We Go

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

*As we worship, may Christ fill our hearts, with the joy  
of the season.*



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

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**800 North Main Street**  
**South Boston, Virginia**

*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.

Contact us for more information about  
First Presbyterian Church

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