

Eleven O'clock Worship December 16, 2018
Third 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 third Advent Candle, the Joy, or Shepherd, 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 2nd 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

First Lesson Luke 2:1,3-7

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Second Lesson Luke 2:8-12

Good People All, Rejoice!

Third Lesson Luke 2:13-14

Angels We Have Heard on High

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 9:6-7

Sermon "Unto Us" Dr. Russell Lee

He Is Born, the Holy Child

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:15-18

O Come, Little Children

Sixth Lesson Matthew 2:22-25

Sing We All, Noel!

Seventh Lesson Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11

I Saw Three Ships

Eighth Lesson John 1:1-12, 14; Revelations 22:20b

Silent Night, Holy Night- Holy Family enters

Musical Interlude – Away in a Manger – rest of Nativity enters

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

C.W. & Leslie Bing, Water for the Oppressed, Zambia Chuck Van Duser
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 Winston Harrell and Leon Plaster at the North Door Carole Woodward and Patricia Burton* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Brittany Hazelwood. Robert Guthrie 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 Terri Hazelwood. 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: Laurie Edwards, Carol Foster, Marilyn Lee, Kay Lewis, Joni Owens, and Debbie Roller. Altos: Kim Albert, Pat Hay, Karen Henderson, and Lydia Snead. Tenors: Jim Luedtke, Larry McPeters, Mike Rand, and Evan Snead. Bass: Russell Lee. Director & Accompanist: Chris Jones.



This Week's Announcements

Poinsettia Ministry – Please see enclosed flyer to order Poinsettias, So far we have collected 18 orders. 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 Angel – We will be reaching out to provide Christmas for two families in our community. Please designate financial gifts toward this as we collect for them over the next couple of weeks.

Joy Gift Presentation – Thanks to the youth who are sharing the story of Christmas as the Joy Gift Pageant is incorporated into the Cantata presentation. They will be presenting the scripture readings spaced throughout the program, and portray the people of this blessed Bethlehem event at the end.

Joy Gift Offering – if you would like to give toward the Joy Gift offering, over and above regular offerings, please mark your contribution accordingly. The Joy Gift ministry helps retired pastors and spouses of 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.

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 16 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional - Cantata

Tuesday, Dec. 18 12:00 noon NA
 7:00 pm Hope Cancer Group

Wednesday, Dec. 19 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 20 10:30 Women's Bible Study
 7:00 Men of the Church

Friday, December 21 12:00 noon AA

Saturday, Dec. 22 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 16, 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 Colter Wickemeyer.
 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 & Reinhild Sydnor, International Assoc. for Refugees, Europe
 Art and Andrea Carter

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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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