

Eleven O'clock Worship December 23, 2018
4th Sunday of Advent
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Dave and Rachael Carter, Chad Babe of Bethlehem
Shut-in: Fred Collins Servant

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 Kit Hooper and Sam Torian at the North Door Mike Freshour and Skyler Smith* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Maddie Freshour. Winston Harrell 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 Melissa Fraser. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

This Week's Announcements

Poinsettia Ministry – Please see enclosed to view all ordered Poinsettias.

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. Today will be our last Sunday to collect so we can get the funds to Bonita Nelson for the families.

Christmas Eve Service – Tomorrow we will gather together for our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Monday, December 24 at 5:00 pm.

Choir/Praise Team – There will be no Choir or Praise Team rehearsals this week.

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*. If you crave simplicity, yearn for peace and calm, this book is for you. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas season, and Happy New Year! Enjoy the time with family. We'll see you again in January. Study materials are available in the office to purchase.

Stewardship! – 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 \$149,840 which is 59% of our budget, as of 12/20.

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.

Year End Giving – We will keep the 2018 book open through Tuesday, January 8th.

Ladies Circle – We will meet Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 10:30 am in the Philathea Room. We continue our study taken from the book *Attitude is Your Paintbrush. It Colors Every Situation*, by James W. Moore. Kim Albert will lead our class, which will be Chapter 10 – Attitude of Trust. Refreshments are available.

Men of the Church – Will begin a new study starting in January. Titled: *Believe Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus*, by Randy Frazee. "For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also. – Matthew 6:21. What you believe in your heart will define who you become. God wants you to become like Jesus. This is who God created you to be. It is the most truthful and powerful way to live. The journey to becoming like Jesus begins by thinking like Jesus.

From Julia Baskerville – With Glory to God and love to all! May you have a joyous Christmas season and a healthy and happy New Year!

Christmas Families – We were able to provide \$250 dollars to the 2 families for Christmas. Thank you for those who donated. If anyone still wants to contribute for this we can take offerings through today. Thanks for making Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate.

5 Cents-a-meal – next week we will collect for the Presbytery of the Peaks program- 5 cents a meal. Please mark monetary donations accordingly.



Greeting/ Announcements:

Welcome to worship: the origin and a celebration of meaningful of Christmas hymns

Opening Prayer

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory Red Hymnal #189 v.1&4

A word about that

*Away in a Manger Red Hymnal #203 v.1&3

A word about that

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Choir

*Go Tell it on The mountain Red Hymnal # 218 v.1&3

A word about that

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel Red Hymnal #154 v. 1&4

A word about that

*Joy to the World Red Hymnal #179 v.1&4

A word about that

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Red Hymnal #185 v.1&3

A word about that

*It Came upon the midnight clear Red Hymnal #191 v.1&3

A word about that

*Oh come all ye faithful Red Hymnal #182 v.1&3

A word about that

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Calendar

Sunday, December 23 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve – Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day – Office Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 26 No Praise Team or Choir Rehearsals tonight

Thursday, Dec. 27 No Men of the Church

Friday, December 28 12:00 noon AA

Saturday, Dec. 29 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 23, 2018

Prelude
Welcome/Prayer
Praise and Worship Time

Away In A Manger (inst)
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (inst)
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (inst)

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

Go Tell It On the Mountain (inst)
Oh Come, All Ye Faithful (inst)
Joy to the World! (inst)

Scripture:
Sermon:
Prayer
Closing Song: Silent Night

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



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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*"Glory
to God
in the highest,
and on earth
peace among
those with whom
he is pleased!"*
Luke 2:14, ESV

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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