

Greeting/ Announcements:

Meditation words: praise...adoration...newborn King...new year of grace

Prelude

\*Gathering Song: **O Come, All Ye Faithful** Red #182 v.1

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,**

**O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;**

**come and behold him, born the King of angels;**

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

\*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord from the heavens,

**Praise him in the heights above.**

Praise him, all his angels,

**Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Praise him, sun and moon,

**Praise him, all you shining stars.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

**For he commanded and they were created.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,

**You great sea creatures and all ocean depths,**

Lightning and hail, snow and clouds,

**stormy winds that do his bidding,**

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars

**wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

kings of the earth and all nations,

**young men and maidens, old men and children.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is

exalted;

**his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

**Praise the Lord!**

\* Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful Red #182 v.2-3

May the Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

\*Let us pray the unison prayer of thanksgiving.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Heavenly Father, we give You thanks**

**that You sent Your only-begotten Son to this earth, to be our Savior,**

**Christ the Lord. Thank-You for His wisdom, which He showed**

**already as a twelve year old boy in the temple. Thank-You for His**

**ministry of teaching, to guide us in the way of truth. Thank-You for**

**His works of compassion, confirming to all people that He was truly**

**sent from You. And thank-You for His sacrifice on the cross, and**

**His bodily resurrection to declare His victory over sin, death and**

**Satan. We enter a new year once again, not knowing what the future**

**will bring. Yet we enter confidently, with the knowledge of Your love**

**in Christ, and the assurance that whatever it brings, You hold our**

**lives securely in the palm of Your hand. We pray this in the name of**

**our newborn Savior and King.**

\*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

Assurance of Pardon

\*The Gloria Patri

Red Hymnal # 734

Walks with Jesus

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

First Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52 pew Bible p.993

Prayers of the People (see list below)

The Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

\* Hymn:

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Red #91

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: Colossians 3:12-17 pew Bible p. 1144

Anthem:

Sermon: "Keeping Christ in Christmas All Year Long" Jim Luedtke

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Hymn:

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Red #84

\*Charge and Blessing

Response

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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Directives for Prayer

Patrick Cherry, Wake Forest, N. C.

Choice People

Shut-in: Frances Anne Thackston

Peace

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 Ted VanBenschoten and Mike Koch at the North Door James Edmunds and Brenda McPeters\* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Caroline Edmunds. Don Cherry 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 Jennifer Edmunds. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

This Week's Announcements

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

**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.

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

**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 59% 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.

**Year End Giving** – We will keep the 2018 book open through Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Bible Study** – We will resume our Bible study group on 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.

**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.

**Calendar**

Sunday, December 30 9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional

**Welcome 2019! Happy New Year!**

Tuesday, January 1 - Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2 No Praise Team or Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, January 3 No Men of the Church

Friday, January 4 12:00 noon AA

Saturday, January 5 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 30, 2018

Prelude  
Welcome/Prayer  
Praise and Worship Time

(#36) Holy Father (2:14)  
(#182) Everything I Am (9:13)

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

(#100) Create In Me A Clean Heart (5:15)  
(#186) God is Good (All The Time) (9:17)

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17 pew Bible p. 1144  
Sermon: "Keeping Christ in Christmas All Year Long" Jim Luedtke

Prayer  
Closing Song: As We Go

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

*Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that You sent  
Your only-begotten Son to this earth, to be our Savior,  
Christ the 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 & Reinhild Sydnor, International Assoc. for Refugees, Europe  
Art and Andrea Carter

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**South Boston, Virginia**



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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