

## Worship Assistants for December 18

Acolyte/Greeter	Katie Paige Huntley
Nursery	Pam Vernon & Bob Stowe
Ushers:	Calvin Catoe, John Edwards, Luke Hyatt, & Jeanne Price
Duty Elder	Anne Hyatt

## Announcements & Events

### Today:

- Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata during 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Christmas Caroling beginning at 4:45 p.m.

### Next Sunday:

- Christmas Day
- Festival of Carols during 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10¢-Per-Meal Offering Received
- Church School classes will not meet today
- Acolyte/Greeter: Dylan Trexler
- Nursery: Luke & Anne Hyatt
- Ushers: Jim Boylin, Ashe Ratliff, Jerry Ridenhour, & Glenn Trexler

**Anson Crisis Ministry:** December: canned green beans and peas.

## Advent Worship Schedule

**December 24:** Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols at 5:00 p.m. Carols will be interspersed with readings, with carol singing by the congregation. We will receive the Joy Gift Offering during this service.

**December 25:** Festival of Carols at 11:00 a.m. In our worship, we will let our voices echo the jubilation and excitement of the miracle of Christmas. We will not have Church School this day, and dress will be casual, as we gather together to rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

## Attendance on December 11

Worship Service: 72                      Church School: 34

## Offering on December 11

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$3,264.00
Received	\$2,080.00
Shortage	\$1,184.00
Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	780.00

## Prayer Requests

*Please include the following persons in your prayers:*

Pat Allen, Don Baker, Woody & Marjorie Barfield, Charles Beck, Cindy Brown, Billy Burr, Celia Carpenter, Shirley Christian, Ed Emory, Ruth Faulkner, Irene Fisher, Stella Griffin, Terri Hardison, Sarah Alice Harris, Henry Harward, Steve Hyatt, John Johnston, Cameron Keith, Kim Keith, Morgan Lastowski, Wayne Lineberry, Helen Little, John Frank McLeod, Tina Monroe, Laura Napier, Lisa Newberry, Emma Rogers, Andy Strayhorn, Craig Thomas, Doug Thomas, Frances Vernon, & Rick Witherington.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Supply Minister .....The Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Stacks  
 Organist/Choir Director.....Janice Chandler  
 Secretary.....Jan Taylor  
 Treasurers ..... Vera Trexler  
 Assistant Treasurers..... Peggy Trexler, Emily Patterson,  
 & Dianne Deese  
 Custodians..... Alan James & Dot Marsh

## Weekly Schedule

Cherub Choir ..... Sunday 9:45 a.m.  
 Church School for all ages ..... Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
 Wired Word Study Group..... Tuesday 6:00 p.m.  
 Wired Word Study Group..... Wednesday 5:00 p.m.  
 Handbell Choir..... Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
 Chancel Choir Practice ..... Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
 Session .....2nd Sunday of each month

## The Session

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Stacks  
 Clerk: Anne Hyatt

### CLASS OF 2011

Jim Boylin  
 Ed Emory  
 Anne Hyatt  
 Frank Trexler

### CLASS OF 2012

Calvin Catoe  
 Foyle Hightower  
 Jeanne Price  
 Robin Trexler

### CLASS OF 2013

Ross Huntley  
 Kaye Ratliff  
 Bob Stowe  
 Pam Vernon

## Session Ministries

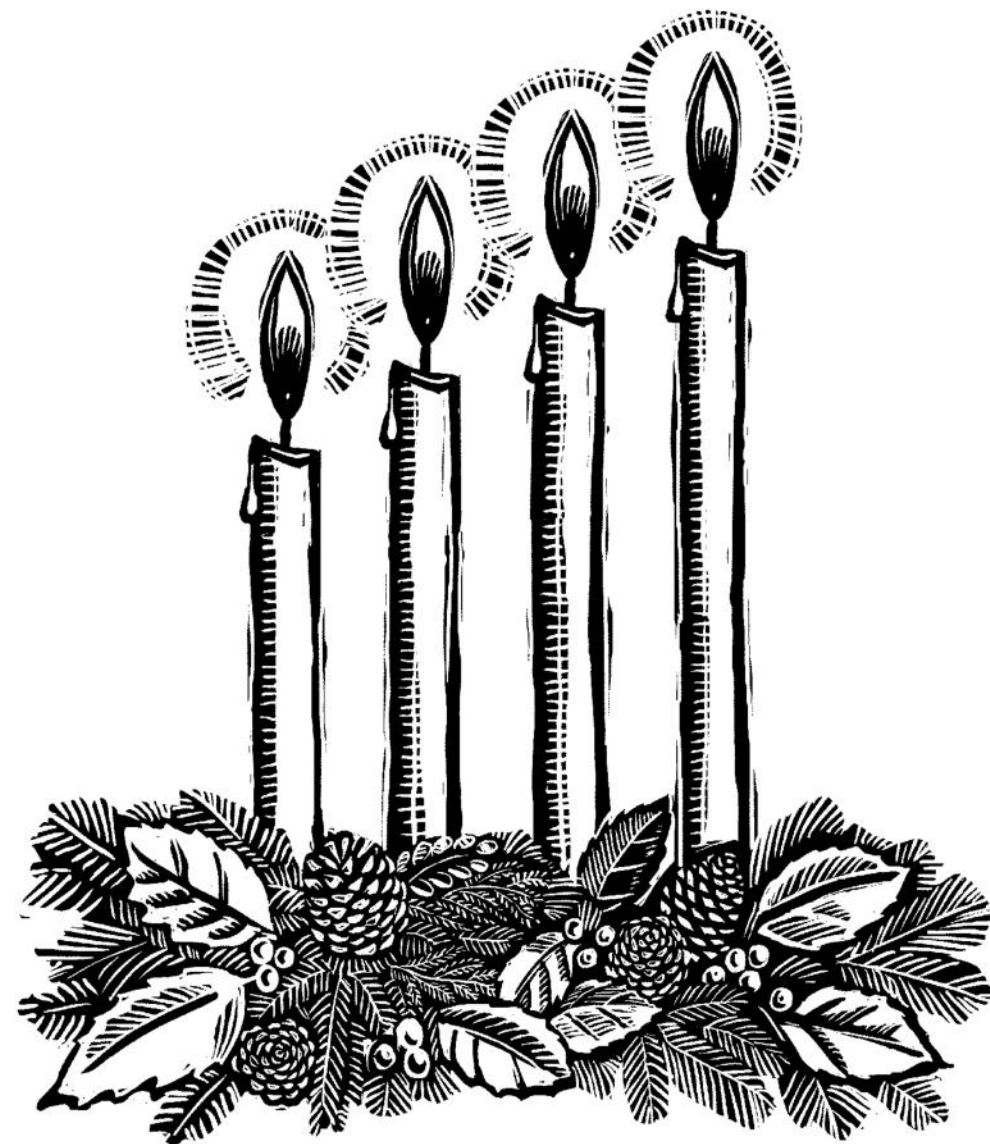
Finance/Property/Admin.....Ed Emory, Calvin Catoe, & Bob Stowe  
 Christian Education/Worship.....Anne Hyatt, Foyle Hightower, & Pam Vernon  
 Member Care .....Jim Boylin, Jeanne Price, & Ross Huntley  
 Mission.....Frank Trexler, Robin Trexler, & Kaye Ratliff



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# Fourth Sunday of Advent



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
 CHURCH OF WADESBORO

# The Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2011

*"I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12*

## Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE ..... Two Bohemian Carols ..... B. Price  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
SERVICE OF THE ADVENT WREATH..... James & Jeanne Price & Ryder  
LIGHTING OF THE FOUR ADVENT CANDLES  
LITANY (responsive)

We light all four candles of Advent.  
**We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.**

Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd — feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock.

**This Advent, we seek out such a God.  
All: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 22 (verses 1 & 4) ..... Angels, from the Realms of Glory  
CALL TO CONFESSION  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God, how easily we miss the meaning of this season — instead becoming preoccupied with choosing gifts, putting up decorations, and preparing food. Forgive us, O God, when we fail in word or deed to proclaim Jesus' birth as the wonderful and true reason for the Christmas season. Rekindle our sense of wonder that you chose to share our humanity by being born as a vulnerable and helpless baby. Merciful God, shape and reshape our priorities, so that the most thoughtful gift we give will be our witness to your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

## Proclaiming the Word

# TAPESTRY OF LIGHT



A Celtic  
Christmas  
Celebration  
by Joseph M. Martin

## MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Carols of Hope and Light  
Longing for the Light  
An Advent Garden  
The Holy Child of Mary  
O Wondrous Night  
A Celtic Noel  
Carols of the Quest  
A Celtic Gloria!  
Bethlehem Light  
Carols of Celebration

## PARTICIPANTS

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Janice Chandler  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Nancy Robinson  
NARRATION: Don Altieri, Tom Buckingham, Jean Gardner, Ted Gardner, Tim Harris, Thomas Huntley, & Vera Trexler  
SOLOISTS: Frank Trexler, Ginger Trexler, Thomas Huntley, & Gretchen Trexler

Soprano  
Dianne Deese  
Jean Gardner  
Bonnie Morgan  
Nancy Robinson  
Ginger Trexler  
Gretchen Trexler

Tenor  
Don Altieri  
Tim Harris  
Thomas Huntley  
Frank Trexler

Alto  
Elizabeth Cannon  
Mary Ann Gibson  
Rachael Huntley  
Ross Huntley  
Robin Trexler  
Vera Trexler

Bass  
Tom Buckingham  
Ted Gardner  
Emmett Patterson

## Responding to the Word

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) .....from A Brief Statement of Faith  
**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, and delivering us from death to life eternal.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
**Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY  
\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 592)  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)  
**Gracious and loving God, we give these your tithes and our offerings in response to your great gift of love in and through Jesus Christ. As he offered himself for the world, so we now offer you our lives. Please guide us in using our time, our talents, and our money to proclaim that the true reason for our joy this Christmas season is the birth of your love in human form in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## Carrying the Word Into the World

\*HYMN NO. 27 .....Gentle Mary Laid Her Child  
\*CHARGE & BLESSING  
\*RESPONSE.....The Baby in a Manger Stall  
Glory to God in depth and height!  
Alleluia! from dawn through night!  
All space and time in Christ rejoice,  
In praise to God, a single voice!  
\*POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are able, please stand.  
The congregation will read the lines in bold type.*

*We give our thanks to Nancy Robinson for serving as Assistant Conductor and to the visiting singers for helping us to praise and worship God this day.*