

Worship Assistants for December 25

Acolyte/Greeter	Dylan Trexler
Nursery	Luke & Anne Hyatt
Ushers:	Jim Boylin, Ashe Ratliff, Jerry Ridenhour, & Glenn Trexler
Duty Elder	Anne Hyatt

Announcements & Events

Today:

- Christmas Day
- Festival of Carols during 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10¢-Per-Meal Hunger Offering Received
- Church School classes will not meet today

Next Sunday:

- New Year's Day
- Celebration of the Lord's Supper during 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- \$2-Per-Family Mission Fund Offering received
- Acolyte/Greeter: Luke Hyatt
- Nursery: David & Peggy Trexler
- Ushers: Foyle Hightower, Alex McLeod, Bob Stowe, & Pam Vernon

2011 Donations: Pursuant to IRS rule, end-of-year donations to the church must be received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2011, to qualify as a 2011 contribution.

Anson Crisis Ministry: January: canned peaches and canned fruit cocktail.

January Sermon Series: Resolution

At the start of a new calendar year, many of us make resolutions for what we hope to accomplish — and avoid! — during the coming months. With this in mind, "Resolutions" will be our theme during the first month of 2012. Be with us each Sunday, as we consider how we can . . .

January 8: <i>Begin Anew</i>	January 22: <i>Get Real</i>
January 15: <i>Be Intentional</i>	January 29: <i>Embrace Joy</i>

Attendance on December 18

Worship Service: 89	Church School: 23
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Offering on December 18

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$3,264.00
Received	\$4,988.35
Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	875.00

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, family of 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 MinisterThe 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.
 Session2nd 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

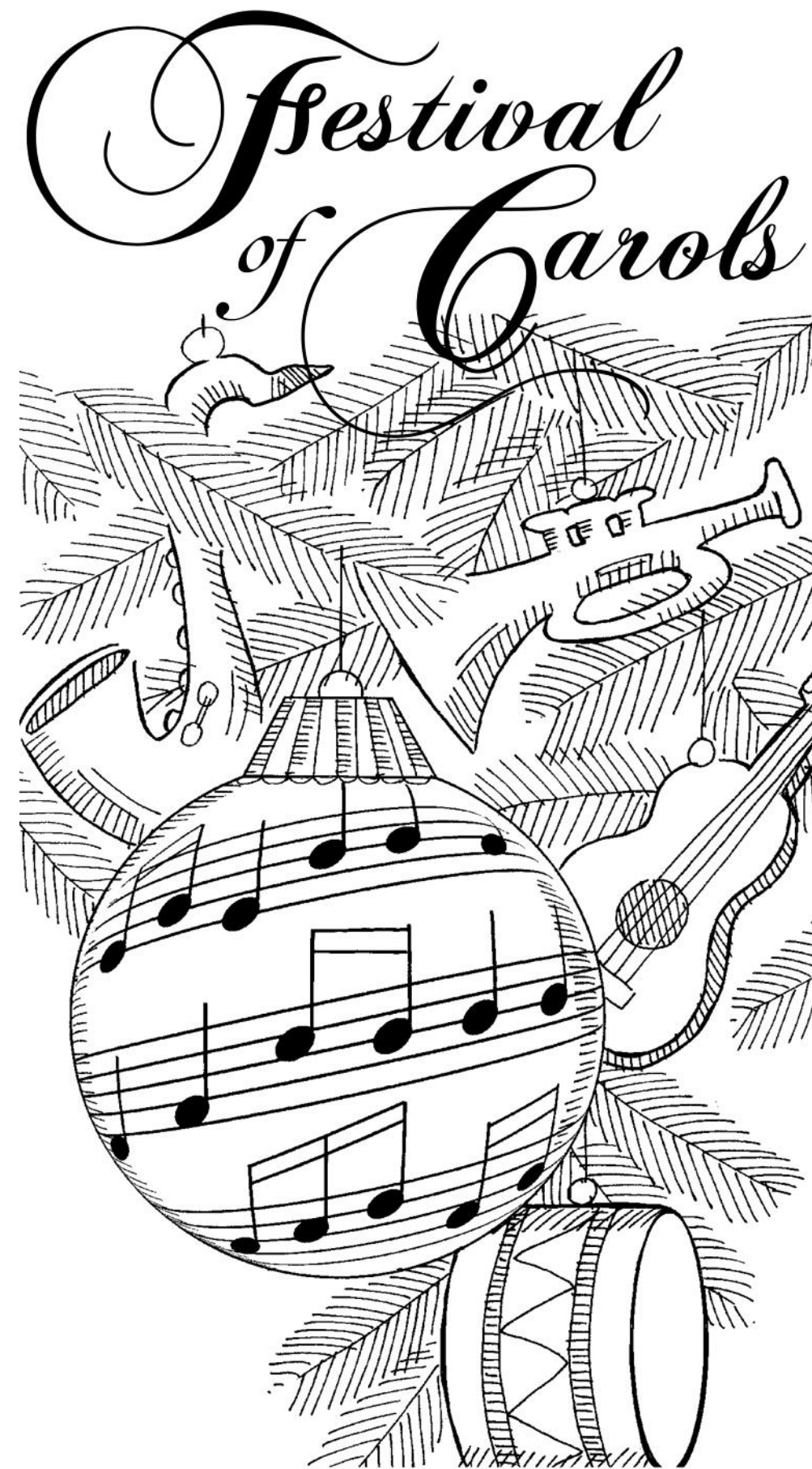
Session Ministries

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



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WADESBORO

The Lord's Day

Christmas Day

December 25, 2011

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

Isaiah 52:9

Gathering Around the Word

In our worship today, we will sing the story of Jesus' birth. May our voices echo the jubilation and excitement of this Christmas miracle — which grants us identity as children of God.

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

PRELUDE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* L. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

*PRAYER OF INVITATION *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Proclaiming the Word

CAROL *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious king!"
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

CAROL *What Child Is This*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

CAROL *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth;
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One;
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter*

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give him: I will give my heart.

*CAROL *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing,
Tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing
Greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you!

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) John 1:1-5, 10-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. . . . He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

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)

Almighty God, from whom all good things come, mercifully accept your tithes and our gifts as a token of our love and gratitude for your gift to us of your Son. And teach us, O Lord, to bring to you that which you desire the most: the offering of all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength to you and to the work of your eternal kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Carrying the Word Into the World

*CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *The Baby in a Manger Stall*

The baby in a manger stall is God Incarnate for us all,
As God, true God, the only One, is born on earth as Mary's Son.

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 *A Classic Trumpet Tune* L. Smith



**Those who are able, please stand.*

The congregation will read the lines in bold type.

Wherever you may live, whatever your need, you are welcome as a friend to this household of Christian faith, hope, and love. It is our prayer that Christ's presence may be more real because you worshiped with us today.