

Worship Assistants for December 4

Acolyte/Greeter Mary Catherine Boylin
 Nursery Ellen & Eddie Huntley
 Ushers Foyle Hightower, Alex McLeod, Pam Vernon, & Hugh Wallace
 Duty Elder Anne Hyatt

Announcements & Events

Today:

- Second Sunday of Advent
- The Lord's Supper celebrated during 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- \$2-Per-Family Mission Fund Offering received
- Anson Singers Concert 3:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church

Next Sunday:

- Third Sunday of Advent
- Acolyte/Greeter: Tripp Trexler
- Nursery: Ross Huntley & Ginger Trexler
- Ushers: Danny Deese, Brenda Morgan, Jim Strayhorn, & Bryan Trexler

December 9: Food Pantry set-up begins at 4:00 p.m.

December 10: Food Pantry 8:30-10:00 a.m. Sign-up sheet to provide Christmas refreshments is in the Bell Room.

December 11: Deadline for bringing in filled Christmas Stockings
 Stated Meeting of the Session after Worship

December 17: Christmas Gifts & Groceries distribution

December 18: Christmas Caroling 4:45 p.m.

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

Advent Worship Schedule

December 11: Children's Christmas Program at 6:00 p.m.

December 18: Chancel Choir to present *Tapestry of Light: A Celtic Christmas Celebration* by Joseph Martin during 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 24: Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols. Carols will be interspersed with readings, with carol singing by the congregation.

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 November 27

Worship Service: 57 Church School: 23

Offering on November 27

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$3,264.00
Received	<u>\$2,366.50</u>
Shortage	\$897.50
Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	<u>\$225.00</u>
	\$175.00

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 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

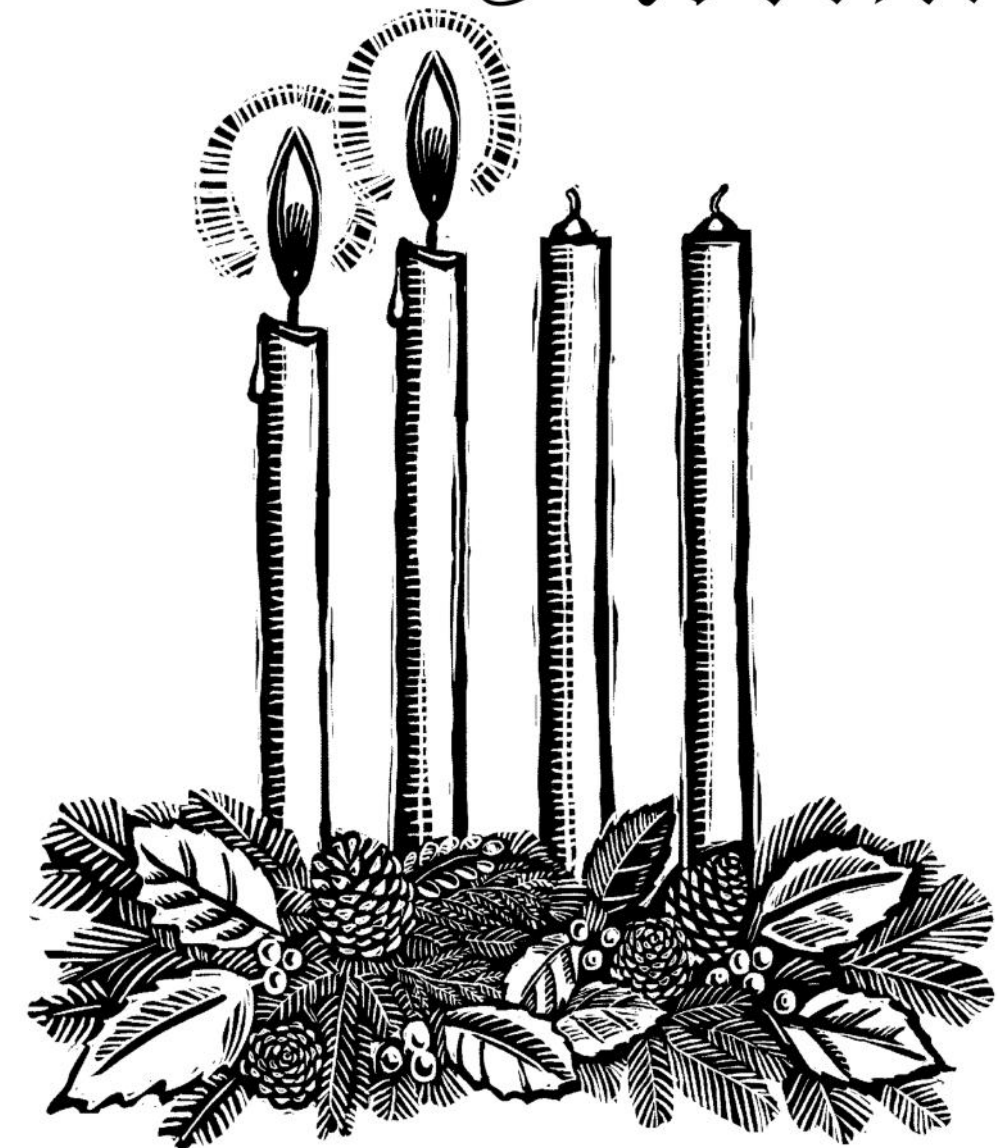
Finance/Property/Admin.....Ed Emory, Calvin Catoe, & Bob Stowe
 Christian Education/Worship.....Anne Hyatt, Foyle Hightower, & Pam Vernon
 Member CareJim Boylin, Jeanne Price, & Ross Huntley
 Mission.....Frank Trexler, Robin Trexler, & Kaye Ratliff



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Second Sunday of Advent



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
 CHURCH OF WADESBORO

The Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDEO Come, O Come, Emmanuel E. Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

SERVICE OF THE ADVENT WREATH..... Bryan & Gretchen Trexler Family

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST & SECOND ADVENT CANDLES

LITANY

O God, we light two candles of Advent.

We look to John, the one you sent, to point us to your light. The light will come into our world and enlighten everyone.

God sent John the Baptizer to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the World. John called for people to repent of their sins and to live faithfully. He baptized with a cleansing water and proclaimed the new life that Christ, the one who would follow him, would bring. This Advent, we ask for God's mercy and a joyful new beginning.

Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John to call us to greater faith.

All: We ask that in these days we may prepare for you in prayer and acts of holy compassion. Forgive us and lead us to your light. Shine on us, O God of justice, and guide our path through gloom of night. Bear within us Wisdom's glory. Come to us, O Christ the Light. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 8Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we conceal your love by pursuing other priorities that prevent us from seeing and serving people in need. We conceal your compassion by harboring prejudice and intolerance. We conceal your mercy by having hard and unforgiving attitudes. We conceal your truth by failing to witness. We conceal your glory by reflecting only our own self-centeredness. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us, until we reveal your transforming power in all we do and say and are. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Proclaiming the Word

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

ANTHEM Like a Child D. Damon

MEDITATION..... Questioning The Witness The Rev. Stacks

SECOND LESSON..... John 1:19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 5Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 you thanks with grateful hearts for lives transformed through your love, which you revealed in the one whose birth we await once more: Jesus Christ. We make these tithes, and we offer these gifts and the service of our lives, praying that they

may be used to transform the lives of those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer by Pastor)

All: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all of the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name. And we come together as one body and make this prayer: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND DEDICATION OF THE ELEMENTS

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Carrying the Word Into the World

*HYMN NO. 11 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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!

*POSTLUDEThen Shall Your Light Break ForthP. Harris

**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.