

Worship Assistants for February 19

Acolyte/Greeter	Tripp Trexler
Nursery	Jeanne & James Price
Ushers:	Luke Hyatt, Jerry Ridenhour, Bryan Trexler, & Glenn Trexler
Duty Elder	Calvin Catoe

Announcements & Events

Today:

- Join us for a time of fellowship in the Bell Room following Worship

Next Sunday:

- Acolyte/Greeter: Katie Paige Huntley
- Nursery: Peggy & David Trexler
- Ushers: Jim Boylin, Alex McLeod, Ashe Ratliff, & Bob Stowe

February 21: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:00 p.m.

February 22: Ash Wednesday Service at 1st United Methodist at 7:00 p.m.

February 26: 10¢-Per-Meal Hunger Offering received

Anson Crisis Ministry: The need during February is for corn, mayonnaise, and canned tomatoes.

Ash Wednesday

The observance of Ash Wednesday provides an opportunity for us as a worshiping community to engage in corporate penitence and confession, to prepare for the Season of Lent, and to look forward to the hope of Easter. During the Ash Wednesday Service, we receive ashes on our foreheads as we hear the words from Genesis: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." We take the opportunity to examine the kind of life we are leading, asking, "What is the quality of our actions, our thoughts, our relationships?" Join us at 7:00 p.m. on February 22 for our Ash Wednesday observance at First United Methodist Church.

Sermons During Lent

Life is made up of stories, and those stories are opportunities to discover and express the story of God and his gracious work. During Lent, we will be looking at the story of Simon Peter. Peter's story went through many chapters as he sought to understand and follow Jesus the Christ — not so different from the rest of us. Join us as we look for the parallels between the story of Peter and the story each of us is now living.

Attendance on February 12

Worship Service: 54 Church School: 28

Offering on February 12

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$2,560.88
Received	\$1,463.88
Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	\$175.00
	<u>\$225.00</u>

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, Mararuth Cox, Ed Emory, Stella Griffin, 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, Jill Trammell, Frances Vernon, & Rick Witherington.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Supply Minister	The Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Stacks
Organist/Choir Director.....	Janice Chandler
Secretary.....	Jan Taylor
Treasurer.....	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: Jeanne Price

CLASS OF 2012

Calvin Catoe
Foyle Hightower
Jeanne Price
Robin Trexler

CLASS OF 2013

Ross Huntley
Kaye Ratliff
Bob Stowe
Pam Vernon

CLASS OF 2014

John Edwards
Howard Good
Caroline Hightower
Babbs Wilson

Session Ministries

Finance/Property/Admin.....	Calvin Catoe, Bob Stowe, & Howard Good
Christian Education/Worship.....	Foyle Hightower, Pam Vernon, & Babbs Wilson
Member Care	Jeanne Price, Ross Huntley, & Caroline Hightower
Mission.....	Robin Trexler, Kaye Ratliff, & John Edwards



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As for **ME**
and my **ME**
Household,
We will
SERVE
the
Lord

Joshua 24:15

The Lord's Day

Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 2012

*Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness
without which no one will see the Lord.*

Hebrews 12:14

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE*Lord Jesus, Ever Loving*.....R. Koury

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

What is this company?

This is the company of the children of God, gathered in God's holy name.

Where do we come from?

We come from all places, that we may become brothers and sisters in one place.

What is our purpose?

To worship God, to love one another, and to respect all that God has created.

All: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN NO. 353 (verses 1-3, 5) *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here*

CALL TO CONFESSION (responsive)

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us

we often act in destructive and hateful ways.

We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law.

All: Together let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, you created us in your image and endowed us with gifts of reason, imagination, and free will. We have been created so that your goodness might be reflected in our lives, but we have fallen short of your glory. Our relations with others are distorted and confused. Though we live with neighbors, we have not lived for them. Though we live with you, we have not lived for you. Although we recognize our distinctive human gifts, we have not used those gifts well. We have set our hearts on self — not others — and certainly not on you, O God. Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Proclaiming the Word

TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

FIRST LESSON Psalm 105:1-6

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his

wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

ANTHEM

SERMON..... *FAMILY VALUE:* The Rev. Stacks

Peace and Thankfulness

SECOND LESSON..... Romans 12:1, 12-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. . . . Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)from *Belonging to God*

What do we believe about God the Creator?

We believe that God created all that is, seen and unseen. We believe that God made us, male and female, in the image of God.

What do we believe about our relationship with this Creator God?

We believe that we are children of God. We belong to God, who loves us freely with a love we do not deserve and cannot earn.

How shall we proclaim our love and thanksgiving to God the Creator?

We shall love and trust God with all our heart, worship God, love others, and respect what God has created. In our lives we will reflect God's goodness, wisdom, and love.

All: Amen.

*HYMN..... *God Made from One Blood*

God made from one blood all the families of earth, the circles of nurture that raised us from birth, companions who join us to walk through each stage of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.

We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears for all of the families we've known through the years, the intimate networks on whom we depend of parent and partner and roommate and friend.

Give, Lord, to each family in conflict and storm a sense of your wisdom and grace that transform sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart and makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.

Then widen that wisdom and grace to include the people and viewpoints our families exclude, till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

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)

Powerful and loving God, as we return your tithes and add to them our offering, we acknowledge our weakness and your strength. We give money. You gave your life. We give a little time. You are ever with us. In giving, we admit that we cannot save ourselves and we put our trust in your power. Receive what we bring, O God, as our expression of thankfulness for giving us our lives. Amen.

Carrying the Word Into the World

*HYMN NO. 354..... *Guide My Feet*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 299 (chorus only, 3 times) *Amen, Amen*

*POSTLUDE..... *Toccata*..... R. Thygerson

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The congregation will read the lines in bold type.

Selections from Belonging to God: Catechism Resources for Worship.

Our arrangement for *Guide My Feet* is by Wendell Whalum, who was born in Memphis, TN, in 1931. Dr. Whalum graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta in 1952, received a master degree from Columbia University in 1953 and a PhD from the University of Iowa in 1965. He joined the faculty of Morehouse College in 1953 and became Director of its Glee Club. During his 34 years of leadership, the Glee Club traveled throughout the world, earning national and international acclaim. Dr. Whalum served as faculty advisor during the Atlanta sit-ins and was an important worker for civil rights. His concern for quality church music led him to accept positions as organist-choirmaster for several Atlanta churches.