

Worship Assistants for February 26

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

Announcements & Events

Today:

- First Sunday in Lent
- 10¢-Per-Meal Hunger Offering received

Next Sunday:

- Second Sunday in Lent
- Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- \$2-Per-Family Mission Offering received
- Acolyte/Greeter: Dylan Trexler
- Nursery: Gretchen & Bryan Trexler
- Ushers: Danny Deese, Foyle Hightower, Brenda Morgan, & Jeanne Price

February 29: Lenten Bible Study begins

March 11: Men's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Stated Meeting of the Session following Worship Service

March 22: Hands of Hope Spaghetti Supper fundraiser in Fellowship Hall

March 25: 10¢-Per-Meal Hunger Offering received

Anson Crisis Ministry: The need during March is for canned green beans. The Rev. Stacks will not be in Wadesboro during the week of March 12-17, while her husband is in El Salvador with Habitat International. She will be available by phone (704.577.4568) and e-mail (lrstacks@carolina.rr.com).

Sermons During Lent

Life is made up of stories, and those stories provide us opportunities for discovering and expressing 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. Here is the schedule:

March 4: Go Fish March 11: Get Out of the Boat
 March 18: Up & Down March 25: The Man With the Mouth

Attendance on February 19

Worship Service: 59 Church School: 27

Offering on February 19

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$2,560.88
Received	\$1,011.00
Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	\$25.00

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, Mararuth Cox, Ed Emory, Stella Griffin, Sarah Alice Harris, Henry Harward, Steve Hyatt, John Johnston, Cameron Keith, Kim Keith, Morgan Lastowski, family of Wayne Lineberry, Helen Little, John Frank McLeod, Tina Monroe, Laura Napier, Lisa Newberry, Emma Rogers, Andy Strayhorn, Craig Thomas, Doug Thomas, Dave Thompson, Jill Trammell, Frances Vernon, Tom Bilbor, the Witherspoon family, & Rick Witherington.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Supply MinisterThe 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.
 Lenten Bible 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: 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 CareJeanne Price, Ross Huntley, &
 Caroline Hightower
 Mission.....Robin Trexler, Kaye Ratliff, & John
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



First
 SUNDAY
 IN LENT

The Lord's Day

First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2012

God said, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Isaiah 49:6

Gathering Around the Word

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

SERVICE OF THE LENTEN CROSSBryan & Gretchen Trexler

MEDITATION

EXTINGUISHING THE FIRST LENTEN CANDLE

PRAYER (unison)

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 87 (Tune: #423)The Glory of These Forty Days

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Proclaiming the Word

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that

Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

ANTHEM

SERMON..... GROWING WITH PETER: The Rev. Stacks

The Story Begins

SECOND LESSON..... John 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,

who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Here I am;

in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God;

your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have

spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me.

All: Let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 394.....*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

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

10¢-PER-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

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)

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In returning, now, your tithes as well as offering our additional gifts, we ask that you will empower and encourage us to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation throughout the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Carrying the Word Into the World

*HYMN NO. 80.....*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (responsive)

In this season of Lent, take time, when you can, to be still.

Ponder the one who gave his life to bring forth the kingdom of God.

We will honor Christ by believing in God's vision for creation;

We will be like good soil, in which the seeds of justice may grow.

God speaks to us in the life of Jesus;

Let us hear the word and understand it.

We are witnesses to God's transforming power;

All: We go forth as partners of Christ in his work of justice and love.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE.....*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

Just as I am, without one plea,

but that Thy blood was shed for me,

and that Thou biddest me come to Thee,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*POSTLUDE.....*La Tromba*.....F. Couperin

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The congregation will read the lines in bold type..