

Worship Assistants for January 29

Acolyte/Greeter	Trista Trexler
Nursery	Ellen & Eddie Huntley
Ushers:	Jim Boylin, Alex McLeod, Ashe Ratliff, & Bob Stowe
Duty Elder	Kaye Ratliff

Announcements & Events

Today:

- The Sanctuary flowers are given by Shirley Harward to the glory of God and in memory of her brothers and sisters.
- 10¢-Per-Meal Hunger Offering received
- Annual Meeting of Congregation & Covered-dish Luncheon

Next Sunday:

- Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- \$2 Per Family Mission Fund Offering
- Acolyte/Greeter: Ryder Price
- Nursery: Luke & Anne Hyatt
- Ushers: Danny Deese, Foyle Hightower, Brenda Morgan, & Pam Vernon
- Duty Elder: Calvin Catoe

February 10: Food Pantry set-up beginning at 4:00 p.m.

February 11: Food Pantry distribution 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Family Values: A Tapestry

Values discussions are critical for families of all ages. As we discuss our values, we also discuss our faith in God. In February, we will be focusing upon Family Values in our worship services. Please join us as we consider what Scripture teaches us about family values.

February 5: *Deep Caring*

February 12: *Unselfish Affection*

February 19: *Peace & Thankfulness*

Attendance on January 22

Worship Service: 69 Church School: 30

Offering on January 22

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$2,560.88
Received	<u>\$1,516.00</u>
Shortage	\$1,044.88
Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	<u>\$50.00</u>
Shortage	\$350.00

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, 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 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.
 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 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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I have said
THESE THINGS
to you so that my
JOY
may be
IN YOU,
and that your
JOY
may be
Complete.

John 15:11

The Lord's Day

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012

*May the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE *Morning Song* E. Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The Lord is full of light and truth.

Happy are those who place their trust in Him.

God is the source of our happiness;

in him we find joy and peace.

Here we offer ourselves to God,

and here we are reminded how God offers himself to us.

All: We will sing praises to the Lord and call on his name, for we know that he is good and his steadfast love endures forever!

*HYMN NO. 423.....*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

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 of our days. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Proclaiming the Word

TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

FIRST LESSON Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is

God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

ANTHEM

SERMON.....**Resolution:**..... The Rev. Stacks
Embrace Joy

SECOND LESSON.....Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . . For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*HYMN (TUNE: #339)*Lord of All Hopefulness*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors and give us, we pray,
Strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord at the end of the day.

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 God, you revealed your love for us in the gifts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. You call us to make these gifts evident in our lives. Receive and bless your tithes and this offering as a symbol of our thanksgiving and as a sign of our commitment to be prophetic witnesses of your love and mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Carrying the Word Into the World

*HYMN NO. 368.....*I've Got Peace Like a River*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE.....*Ancient of Days*.....R. Powell

**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.*