

Worship Assistants for November 13

Acolyte/Greeter	Ava Phillips
Nursery	James & Jeanne Price
Ushers	Danny Deese, Eddie Huntley, Bob Stowe, & Jim Strayhorn
Duty Elder	Jeanne Price

Announcements & Events

Today:

- Stewardship Commitment Sunday
- The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of George and Kate Trexler by Shirley Harward.
- Stated Meeting of the Session following Worship Service
- Deadline for submitting poinsettia requests

Next Sunday:

- Acolyte/Greeter: Ryder Price
- Nursery: Bryan & Gretchen Trexler
- Ushers: Calvin Catoe, John Edwards, Jeanne Price, & Ashe Ratliff

November 22: Community Thanksgiving Service, here at 7:00 p.m.

November 24 & 25: Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

November 26: Decorating for Advent at 5:00 p.m.; bring finger food

November 27: First Day of Advent

10¢-Per-Meal Hunger Offering received

Anson Crisis Ministry: November need is for canned of mixed vegetables and canned potatoes.

Thanksgiving Worship: *Five Kernels of Thanks*

Landing at Plymouth Rock in late 1620, the Pilgrims faced a devastating winter. The daily ration became five kernels of corn per person. As a reminder of their first winter in the New World, the Pilgrims adopted a custom of putting five kernels of corn on each empty plate before serving a dinner of thanksgiving. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, for *Five Kernels of Thanks*, a community service of worship. We will be remembering the Pilgrims and their hardships, reflecting on our countless blessings, and giving thanks to God.

Attendance on November 6

Worship Service: 69 Church School: 31

Offering on November 6

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$3,264.00
Received	<u>\$2,674.00</u>
Shortage	\$590.00
Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	\$580.00

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, Jane Clark, Ed Emory, Ruth Faulkner, Irene Fisher, Stella Griffin, Terri Hardison, Sarah Alice Harris, Henry Harward, Brady Hyatt, Steve Hyatt, John Johnston, Cameron Keith, Kim Keith, Morgan Lastowski, Wayne Lineberry, Helen Little, John Frank McLeod, Richard Melton, 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.
 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

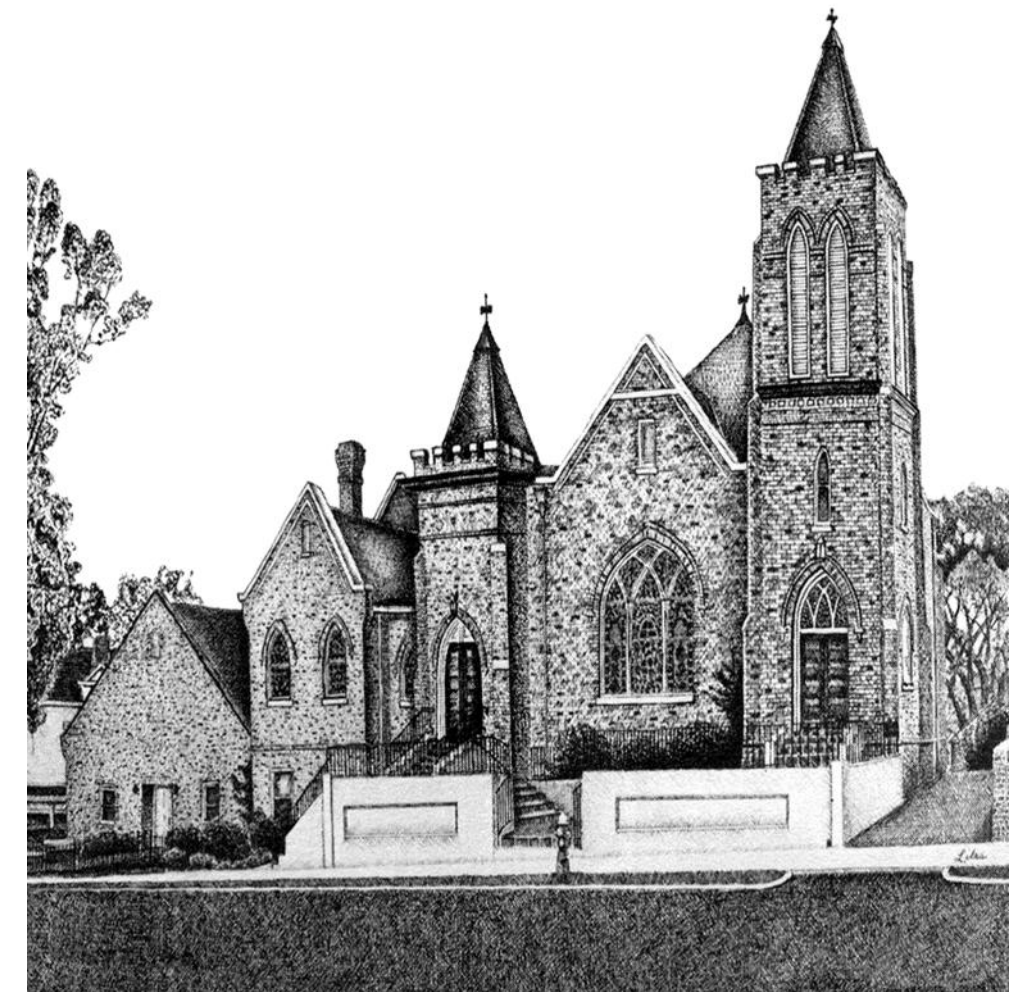
Finance/Property/Admin.....Ed Emory, Calvin Catoe, & Bob Stowe
 Christian Education/Worship.....Anne Hyatt, Foyle Hightower, & Pam Vernon
 Member CareJim Boylin, Jeanne Price, & Ross Huntley
 Mission.....Frank Trexler, Robin Trexler, & Kaye Ratliff



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First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro



We are a Christian community of faith and caring, seeking to live our calling by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit through worship, stewardship, education, evangelism, and missions. We believe that prayer can change people, circumstances, and communities.

The Lord's Day

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2011

*Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Romans 5:1

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE *Interlude in A Major* G. Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN NO. 398..... *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Jesus, Savior and Lord, sometimes we find it hard to pray. You invite us to pray that God's name will be holy. Yet, all too often, we hear God's name being abused, and we fail to speak up. **Lord, forgive our failure to speak up and be counted as your followers, in more than name only.**

We pray that God's kingdom will come, yet we confess that many people do not know that God values justice, mercy, love, and peace, because too often we have failed to make these things visible in and through our lives.

Lord, forgive us when, through apathy and inaction, we fail to make your kingdom known.

When we move from contemplating God's holiness to naming our needs, often we do not recognize that being fed, nourished, and forgiven by God calls us to provide these things for others.

Lord, forgive us for being quite content to receive your gifts, but hesitant to give and forgive others.

We confess that we do not want to experience a time of trial — when our faith will be tested and tried — fearing that we will fall away from faithful discipleship.

Lord, forgive our weaknesses and strengthen us with your Spirit. All: Lord, help us to pray your prayer believing that you can use us to fulfill your purposes. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Proclaiming the Word

CHERUB CHOIR *Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord?* Elkins
This Little Light of Mine Traditional Tune

FIRST LESSON Luke 11:5-13

[Jesus] said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;

for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

ANTHEM *Close to Thee* Crosby/Vail

SERMON..... *Facing Life With Faith:* The Rev. Stacks
Deepening Faith By Not Giving Up

SECOND LESSON..... Colossians 2:6-15

As you, therefore, have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ. When you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 261 *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

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 OFFERING

PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

We invite you to pledge your commitment to return to God your tithes and give to him your offering. Just use the Pledge Forms to designate what you will commit to the ministry God calls First Presbyterian Church to do, then place them in the Offering Plate.

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)based upon Luke 12:34

Father, hallowed be your name. Forgive us of our sins, such as our quickness to make excuses about why we cannot be more generous givers. All too often we find ourselves thinking, "Do not bother me" — just like the friend being asked for three loaves of bread. Yet you are persistent with us. You continue to ask for our tithes, hoping that our money will be given generously to you. May it be so today! Hallelujah! Amen.

Carrying the Word Into the World

*HYMN NO. 379 (verses 1—3) *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN NO. 379 (verse 4) *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

*POSTLUDE *Fuga* J. Pachelbel

**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.