

Worship Assistants for November 27

Acolyte/Greeter Luke Hyatt
 Nursery David & Peggy Trexler
 Ushers Jim Boylin, Jerry Ridenhour, Bryan Trexler, & Glenn Trexler
 Duty Elder Jeanne Price

Announcements & Events

Today:

- First Sunday of Advent
- The poinsettias gracing our Sanctuary throughout Advent are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of our loved ones.
- 10¢-Per-Meal Hunger Offering received

Next Sunday:

- Second Sunday of Advent
- Acolyte/Greeter: Mary Catherine Boylin
- Nursery: Ellen & Eddie Huntley
- Ushers: Foyle Hightower, Alex McLeod, Pam Vernon, & Hugh Wallace
- The Lord's Supper celebrated during 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- \$2-Per-Family Mission Fund Offering received

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: Christmas Cantata 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 20

Worship Service: 62 Church School: 17

Offering on November 20

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$3,264.00
Received	\$1,533.00
Shortage	\$1,731.00
Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	\$75.00
	\$325.00

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.
 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

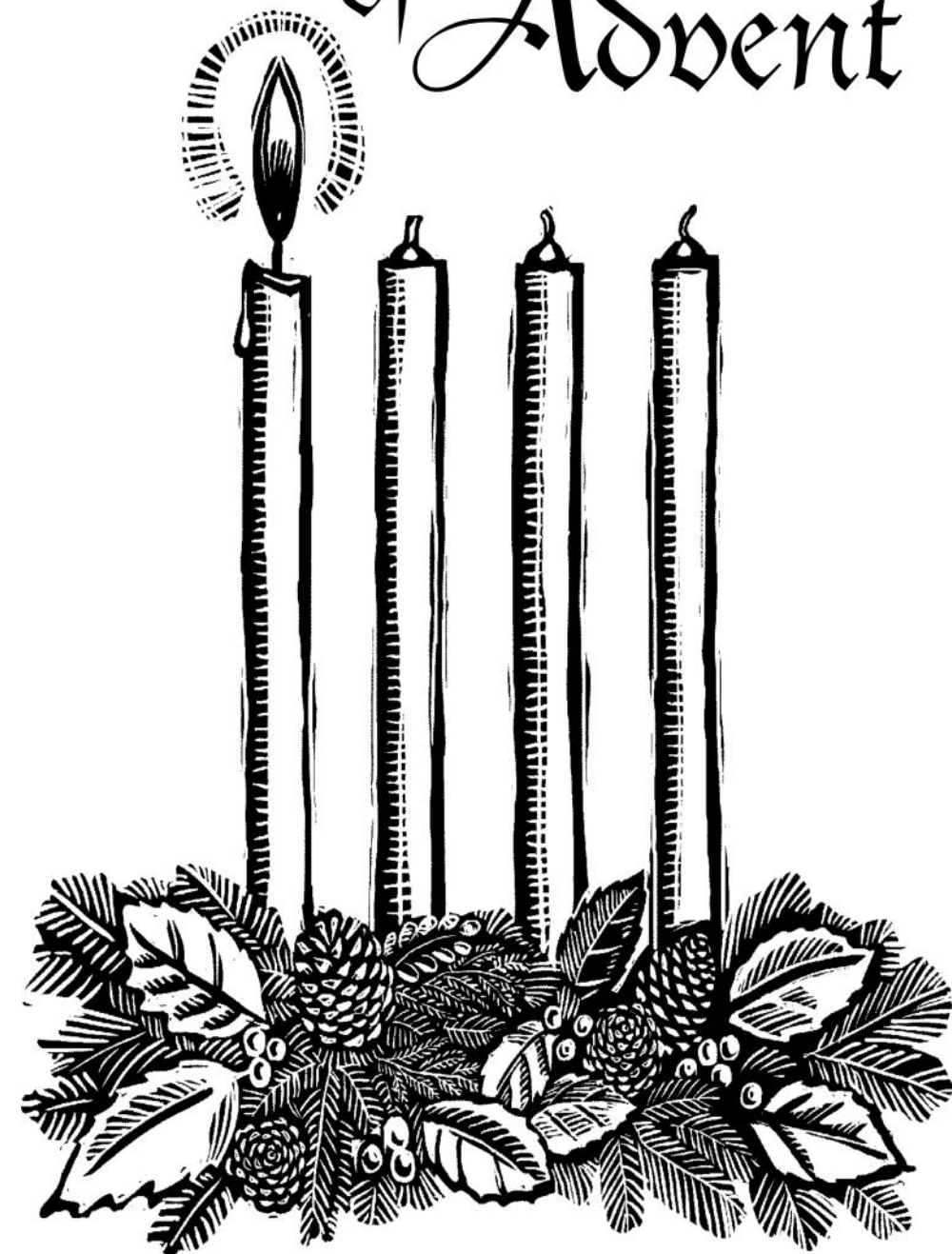
Finance/Property/Admin.....Ed Emory, Calvin Catoe, & Bob Stowe
 Christian Education/Worship.....Anne Hyatt, Foyle Hightower, & Pam Vernon
 Member CareJim Boylin, Jeanne Price, & Ross Huntley
 Mission.....Frank Trexler, Robin Trexler, & Kaye Ratliff



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First Sunday of Advent



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
 CHURCH OF WADESBORO

The Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! Psalm 80:1-2

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE.....Advent Pastoral J. Southbridge
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHORAL INTROIT
SERVICE OF THE ADVENT WREATH..... Frank & Ginger Trexler Family
LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

LITANY

O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

We kindle it with hope, O God. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

The prophet Isaiah also cried to God — to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter.

This Advent, we call out to you, O God.

All: Mighty God, creator of the world: break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and that you reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 2.....Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

There are times, Lord, when we fail to see the light of your presence in creation and in our lives.

Lord have mercy.

Your light came into the world in Jesus, shining in the darkness, and it was not overcome — but we do not always recognize his presence.

Christ have mercy.

Your Spirit enlightens the whole world wherever people turn to you. Forgive us when we fail to open our lives to your presence in the Spirit.

Lord have mercy.

All: Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Proclaiming the Word

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

ANTHEM Advent Grace Larson/Shafferman

SERMON..... Holy Insomnia The Rev. Stacks

SECOND LESSON..... Mark 13:24-37

"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) from Theological Declaration of Barmen

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world that

it is solely his property and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

*HYMN NO. 9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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).....based upon Mark 13:24-37

Lord God, during this season of waiting and anticipation, we are reminded to stay awake for the coming of your Son. Jesus' love often comes into our lives in quiet, unexpected ways. Today, we respond to this compassion by bringing forward your tithes and our offering, and by committing ourselves to living in a manner worthy of your love. In anticipation of the coming of Jesus, the Savior, we pray. Amen.

Carrying the Word Into the World

*HYMN NO. 20 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

*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!

*POSTLUDECome Thou Long Expected Jesus L. Smith

**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.