

Worship Assistants for October 23

Acolyte/Greeter	Emma Trexler
Nursery	Jeanne & James Price
Ushers	Calvin Catoe, John Edwards, Luke Hyatt, & Ashe Ratliff
Duty Elder	Frank Trexler

Announcements & Events

Today:

- The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of Jamey and Holly Ratliffe by Danny and Dianne.

Next Sunday:

- Reformation Sunday
- Acolyte/Greeter: Trent Trexler
- Nursery: Ellen & Eddie Huntley
- Ushers: Jim Boylin, Jerry Ridenhour, Glenn Trexler, & Pam Vernon
- 10¢-Per-Meal Hunger Offering received during Worship
- Annual Fish Fry Supper 6:00 p.m.

October 29: Fall Fun Night 6:00 p.m. at home of Jim & Brenda Morgan with hayride and Trunk or Treat

November 5: Belk Charity Day Sale (see October newsletter for details)

November 6: All Saints Sunday
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
\$2-Per-Family Mission Fund Offering received

November 9: Deadline for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Forms and instructions available from the Church Office.

Anson Crisis Ministry: October need is for dried beans and rice.

Sermon Series: *Facing Life With Faith*

Do you await the future with fear, or with eagerness and faith in God's mercy and power? Can we deepen our faith so that our eagerness will overcome any fear we might have? Be with us as we address these and other questions in the coming weeks. In two weeks—on November 6—we will consider *Facing Life with Faith: Deepening Faith By Taking Risks*, and our scripture lessons will be Isaiah 51:1-11 and 1 Peter 3:13-18a.

Attendance on October 16

Worship Service: 46 Church School: 23

Offering on October 16

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$3,264.00
Received	\$793.50
Shortage	\$2,470.50
Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	\$25.00
Shortage	\$375.00

Prayer Requests

Please include the following persons in your prayers:

Pat Allen, Don Baker, Mildred Barbee, 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, Emma Rogers, Andy Strayhorn, Craig Thomas, Doug Thomas, Frances Vernon, & Rick Witherington.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Supply Minister	The 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.
Session	2nd 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

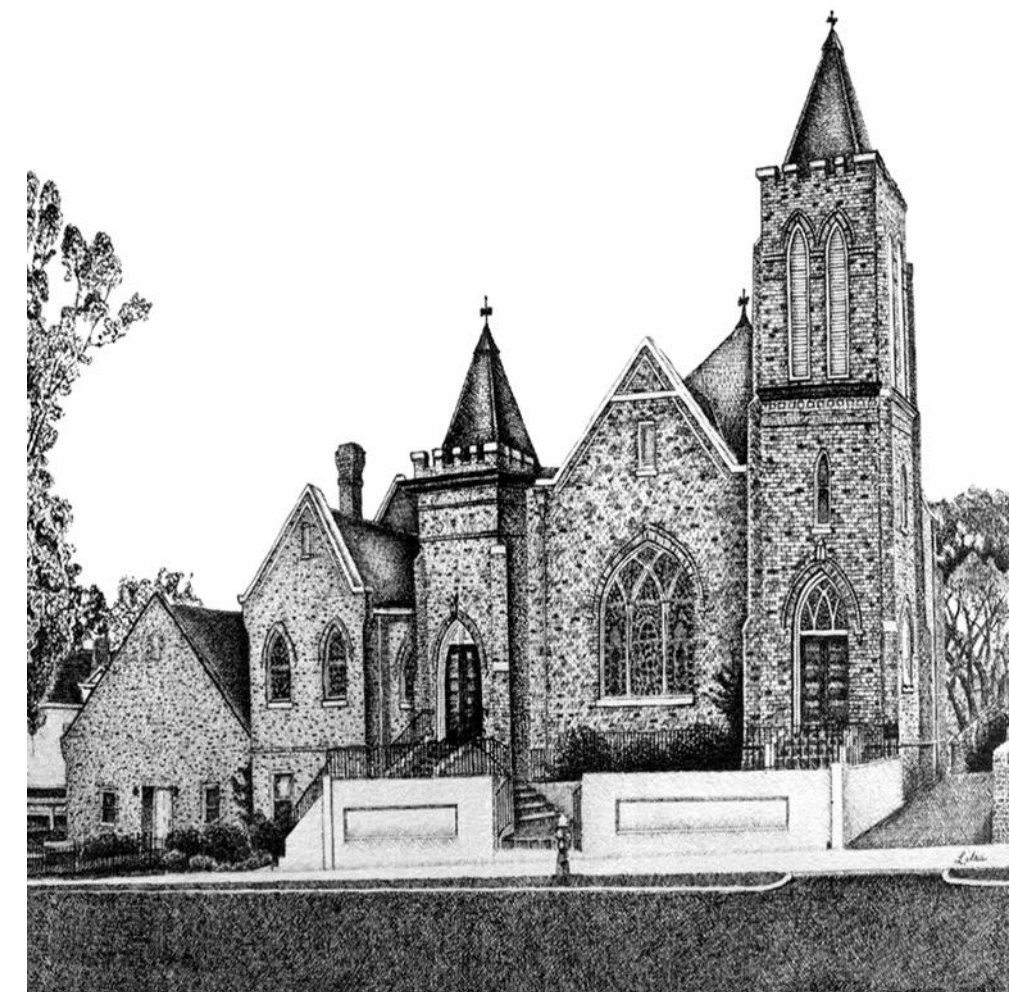
Finance/Property/Admin.....	Ed Emory, Calvin Catoe, & Bob Stowe
Christian Education/Worship.....	Anne Hyatt, Foyle Hightower, & Pam Vernon
Member Care	Jim Boylin, Jeanne Price, & Ross Huntley
Mission.....	Frank Trexler, Robin Trexler, & Kaye Ratliff



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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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 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 *O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day* J. Krieger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN NO. 281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Living God, you have blessed our lives in so many ways, and yet we find it hard to share what we have with others. We forget about those who do not have the opportunities we have. Forgive us when we believe that we are the body of Christ while failing to love as he loved and to care as he cared. Help us to empty ourselves of self so that we can be filled with the desire to meet the needs of others. Help us to discover what hinders our commitment — whether it is our possessions, our hobbies, our career, our family, or our friends. Merciful God, our hope lies in our belief that what is impossible for us is possible with you. In this hope we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Proclaiming the Word

TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

FIRST LESSON Psalm 22:1-11

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my

birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

ANTHEM *Lord God, Almighty* C. Huisman

SERMON *Facing Life With Faith*: The Rev. Stacks

Deepening Faith Through Life's Challenges

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Declaration of Faith*

Jesus is our living Lord. We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

*HYMN NO. 446 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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

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, teach us how you would have us serve you in true discipleship. We return to you your tithes and add to that an additional monetary offering. We also offer you ourselves, and ask that you will remake us in the image of Christ and bless us in

your service. Grant us the power of your Spirit that we may truly be the body of Christ in this place. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Carrying the Word Into the World

*HYMN NO. 354 (verses 1-3) *Guide My Feet*

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.
Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.
Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race.
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Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 354 (verse 4) *Guide My Feet*

I'm your child, Lord, while I run this race.
I'm your child, Lord, while I run this race.
I'm your child, Lord, while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

*POSTLUDE *Toccata in A Minor* J. Sweelinck

**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.