

Worship Assistants for October 30

Acolyte/Greeter Trent Trexler
 Nursery Ellen & Eddie Huntley
 Ushers Jim Boylin, Jerry Ridenhour, Glenn Trexler, & Pam Vernon
 Duty Elder Frank Trexler

Announcements & Events

Today:

- Reformation Sunday
- 10¢-Per-Meal Hunger Offering received during Worship
- Annual Fish Fry Supper 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday:

- All Saints' Sunday
- Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- \$2-Per-Family Mission Fund Offering received
- Acolyte/Greeter: Trista Trexler
- Nursery: Luke & Anne Hyatt
- Ushers: Foyle Hightower, Alex McLeod, Brenda Morgan, & Hugh Wallace
- Duty Elder: Jeanne Price

November 5: Belk Charity Day Sale (tickets available after Worship)

November 11: Set-up for Food Pantry begins at 4:00 p.m.

November 12: Food Pantry distribution 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

November 13: Stewardship Commitment Sunday
 Stated Meeting of the Session

November 20: Decorating for Advent, following Worship Service

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

Anson Crisis Ministry: Canned mixed vegetables and canned potatoes.

Sermon Series: *Facing Life With Faith*

Do you await the future with fear, or with faith in God's mercy and power? Can we deepen our faith so that eagerness will overcome any fear? Be with us as we continue to address these questions. 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 23

Worship Service: 55 Church School: 23

Offering on October 23

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$3,264.00
Received	<u>\$1,532.50</u>
Shortage	\$1,731.50

Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	<u>\$75.00</u>
Shortage	\$325.00

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, 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

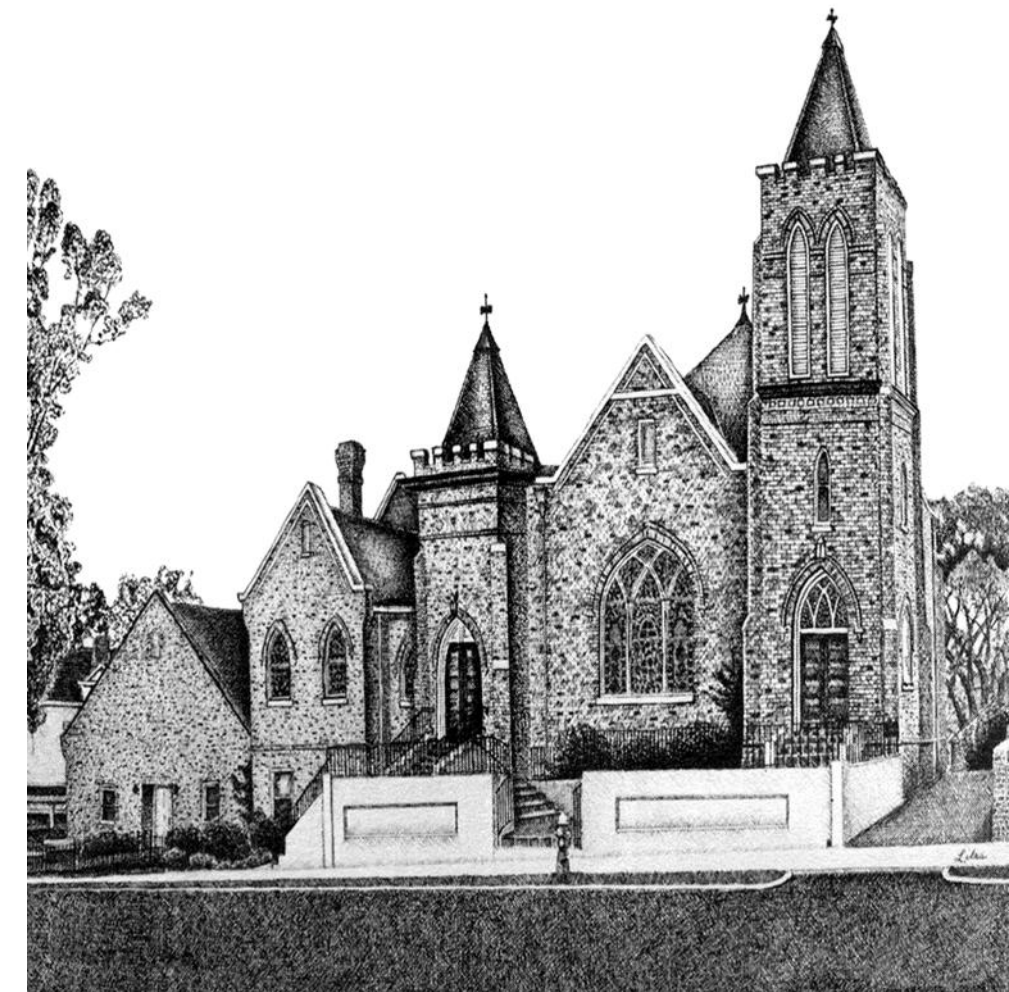
Finance/Property/Admin.....Ed Emory, Calvin Catoe, & Bob Stowe
 Christian Education/Worship.....Anne Hyatt, Foyle Hightower, & Pam Vernon
 Member CareJim Boylin, Jeanne Price, & Ross Huntley
 Mission.....Frank Trexler, Robin Trexler, & Kaye Ratliff



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First 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

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2011

*ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda —
the church reformed and always to be reformed*

Draw Near to God

PRELUDETrio: PastoraleR. Powell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

INTRODUCTION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

there is one hope in God's call to us;

one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

one God and Father of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith.

All: Let us worship God and give thanks!

*HYMN *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong.

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

Daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none

but thee.

Refrain

CALL TO CONFESSION James 4:7-10

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you

sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and

weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

CONFESSION (responsive)

Loving God, here we are again, creatures who turn to you for

help. Some of us are confident and some anxious; some light-

hearted and some low-spirited; some find faith easy and some

find faith difficult.

Please welcome us and save us from our sin and ignorance.

You know we come from secure homes and from temporary

accommodation; from an environment of caring love and from isolated aloneness; from daily work that satisfies and from work that compromises us; from exciting days and from long, boring hours.

Please welcome us and save us from our sin and ignorance.

You know that some are free and happy, some in bondage and shame; some have few regrets, some have many; some are repentant, some in denial; some are thirsty for better things, some are apathetic.

Please welcome us and save us from our sin and ignorance.

We know that we have fallen short of the goal you have set us, and we know that you are a God of forgiveness and reformation. By your free grace in Christ Jesus, please let us know the peace of being put right with you and one another. For your love's sake.

All: Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM*From Age to Age the Same*L. Larson

That the World Might Be Saved

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:16-21

For this is the way God loved the world: he gave his one and only Son that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

MEDITATION

*HYMN NO. 485 *To God Be the Glory*

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)

God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take your tithes and our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

CALL TO COMMITMENT.....Lamentations 3:21-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his

mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

*LITANY OF COMMITMENT (responsive)

Almighty God, by your holy word all that we know has come into existence: our universe, our world, our lives, our loved ones, and all that we have and hold dear. By your holy word, you sent forth your Son to bring us salvation through the cross of death and resurrection. By your holy word, you have called us together to be a Church of love and service in the world. By your holy word, we know that we live in grace and hope. Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in routines that keep us close to you, O Lord. Center us in weekly worship.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in daily prayer.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in knowledge of holy scripture.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in the mission of the church.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in lives of thankful giving and loving for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

All: By your word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy, assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glories of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 555 (verse 3) *Now Thank We All Our God*

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.

The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

*POSTLUDE*Postlude on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* Ed. E. Eliot

**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.