

## Worship Assistants for October 9

Acolyte/Greeter	Tripp Trexler
Nursery	Peggy & David Trexler
Ushers	Danny Deese, Alex McLeod, Brenda Morgan, & Hugh Wallace
Duty Elder	Frank Trexler

## Announcements & Events

### Today:

- October Stated Meeting of Session follow Worship Service

### Next Sunday:

- Acolyte/Greeter: Dylan Trexler
- Nursery: Gretchen & Bryan Trexler
- Ushers: Eddie Huntley, Bob Stowe, Jim Strayhorn, & Bryan Trexler

**October 11:** Presbytery Meeting 10:00 a.m. at Siler Presbyterian Church

**October 14:** First Presbyterian supper for Anson High Football Team

**October 16:** CROPWalk to help stop hunger begins at 2:00 p.m.

**October 21:** November newsletter articles due

**October 29:** Fall Fun Night 6:00 p.m. at home of Jim & Brenda Morgan

**October 30:** Annual Fish Fry Supper 6:00 p.m.

**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 grow in faith so that our eagerness will overcome any fear we might have? There is no hour of worship when we do not talk about faith and about the source of our faith, but for the next several Sundays we will be putting a particular focus on *Facing Life With Faith*. Our scripture lessons for October 16 will be Deuteronomy 31:9-13 and 1 Corinthians 9:16-23.

## Attendance on October 2

Worship Service: 56                      Church School: 27

## Offering on October 2

General Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$3,264.00
Received	<u>\$2,862.26</u>
Shortage	\$401.74
Building Fund	
Weekly budgeted amount	\$400.00
Received	<u>\$755.00</u>

## 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, Emma Rogers, Craig Thomas, Doug Thomas, Frances Vernon, & Rick Witherington.

*If you know of any persons to be added or any to be removed from this list, please notify the Church Office.*

# 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

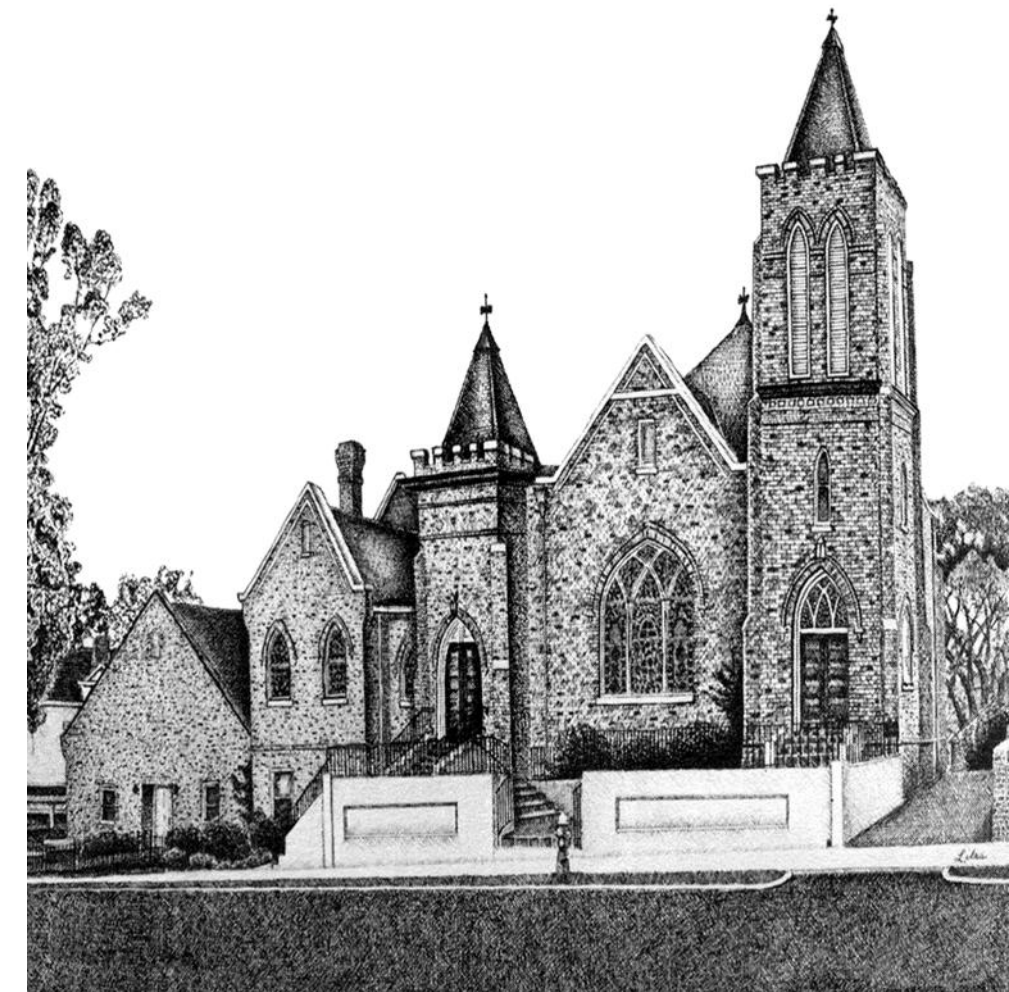
Finance/Property/Admin.....Ed Emory, Calvin Catoe, & Bob Stowe  
 Christian Education/Worship.....Anne Hyatt, Foyle Hightower, & Pam Vernon  
 Member Care .....Jim Boylin, Jeanne Price, & Ross Huntley  
 Mission.....Frank Trexler, Robin Trexler, & Kaye Ratliff



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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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 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 .....*Andante Semplice* ..... E. Tomlinson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN NO. 484.....*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Loving heavenly Father, please forgive those occasions when love has not been the guiding principle of our lives. Forgive us when we have been impatient with others, unkind, and envious. Forgive us when we have been boastful or rude or selfish or quick to take offense. Forgive us those moments when our love has grown cold and lost its faith and its hope and its endurance. God our Father, forgive our sins, lead us away from pride and conceit, enlarge our thoughts, and make us more compassionate towards others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

## Proclaiming the Word

TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

FIRST LESSON ..... Psalm 25:1, 4-14

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose. They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land. The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

ANTHEM .....*Everlasting Father* ..... E. Tomlinson

SERMON .....*Facing Life With Faith:*..... The Rev. Stacks  
*Deepening Faith Through Friendship With God*

SECOND LESSON..... Colossians 1:3-6, 9-14

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. . . . For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## Responding to the Word

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)..... *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**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 NO. 244..... *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (responsive)

Lord God, we have faith in you and trust you with our lives. Because you love us, we are called to love you, to love your world, to love one another, and to love ourselves as belonging to Christ. May you so increase our love that the world we serve may place its faith and hope in you above all.

In love, we now pray for the world that love may prevail:

**Love that feeds the hungry;  
Love that defends the weak;  
Love that loves fairly;  
Love that returns right for wrong;  
Love that brings peace.**

In love, we pray for those who suffer, that love may prevail:

**Love that heals the sick;  
Love that stays with the dying;  
Love that comforts the sorrowful;  
Love that calms the fearful;  
Love that suffers with us.**

In love, we pray for the whole church of God, that love may prevail:

**Love that binds all Christians together;  
Love that inspires our worship;  
Love that is sensitive to need;  
Love that is humble and kind;  
Love that reaches out to all.**

In love, we pray for ourselves, that love may prevail:

**Love that overcomes fear;  
Love that brings understanding;  
Love that is motivated by another's needs;  
Love that gives everything;  
Love that is of God.**

**All: Lord God, we hope in you alone, for you alone will never fail us. 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)

**God, there is not much in life that seems very secure. Events and experiences in life shake our confidence. But, in this time of worship, we are reminded that we can place our confidence in you. It is in gratitude for your steadfastness that we give. Receive your tithes and these gifts in thankfulness, O God. Amen.**

## Carrying the Word Into the World

\*HYMN NO. 396 ..... *O for a Closer Walk with God*

\*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 ..... *Hymn to Joy* ..... A. Travis

*\*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.*