

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10

Sunday, December 10th Second Sunday of Advent		
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship with Cantata	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Walk Thru Bethlehem	
3:00 pm	MS PYF	Room 313/Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	HS PYF	Room 313/Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Deacons Meeting	Room 300
7:00 pm	Committee Meetings	Classrooms

Monday, December 11th		
2:00 pm	Women of Circle #1	Parlor
5:00 pm	Saints Alive	Zootastic, Troutman NC
5:30 pm	MCM- Circles	Fellowship Hall, 300, & 301
6:15 pm	Exaltation Ringers	Music Room
6:30 pm	BSA Troop Mtg.	Room 307
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Scout Building
7:00 pm	Personnel Mtg.	Library

Tuesday, December 12th		
6:30 am	Young Dad's Group	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Women of Faith #4	Chloe Gildberg Home
12:00 pm	Circle of Friends #5	
6:15 pm	Women of Blessed in Christ #3	Streb's Home
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 13th		
1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
6:15 pm	Supper Club	
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Christmas Party	Sledge's Home

Thursday, December 14th		
9:30 am	Preschool Christmas Program	Sanctuary

Friday, December 15th		
9:30 am	Preschool Christmas Program	Sanctuary

Sunday, December 17th Third Sunday of Advent		
9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
10:00 – 10:45 am	Nativity Tableau Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Worship with Exaltation Ringers	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	HS& MS PYF Christmas Party	Room 310

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator	Mark Auten, Clerk
Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Phil Heilman	Mark Auten
Sparky Hitchcock	Karen Shore
Rog McCrea	Sue Stevens
Dot Nelson	Harry Weyer
Trent Newell	

DIACONATE

Chris Creech, Moderator	Scott Mauney, Associate Moderator
Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Chris Creech	Sandy Bickett
Dave Culler	Maria Heilman
Tom Kirkland	Pat King
Jane Peterson	Paul Manning
Susan Poore	Scott Mauney
Amy Williams	Tom Trosuk

PASTOR

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The 2018 Flower Calendar is available in the parlor for anyone who would like to sign up to provide flowers to enhance worship in the coming year. The calendar will remain in the parlor until the end of January. This is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion or honor a loved one. Your flowers can also encourage someone who is ill or homebound if you wish to leave them to be used by our flower ministry volunteers. Your arrangement will be used to create smaller bouquets that will be distributed on Mondays to brighten someone's day.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
December 10, 2017 ♦ 11:00 A.M ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.
 *Please stand as you are able.
 Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."
 Words printed in **bold** are said by the congregation.

PRELUDE: "Sinfony" from MESSIAH George F. Handel
 Orchestra

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

*CAROL 185: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE The Miller Family

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CAROL 188: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT CONFESSION, LORD'S PRAYER

Jason Sentas

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.

OFFERING AND OFFERATORY: *Christmas Offering* Paul Baloche
First Praise Band, Choir, and Orchestra

*THE DOXOLOGY 34: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

CANTATA: Selections for MESSIAH George F. Handel

And the Glory of the Lord Chorus Isaiah 40:5

Behold a Virgin Dorothy Campbell, soloist Isaiah 7:14

O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings Solo and Chorus Isaiah 40:9; 60:1

For Unto Us A Child is Born Chorus Isaiah 9:6

Pastoral Orchestra

There Were Shepherds LuAnne Sledge, soloist Luke 2:8-13
Jen McNeely, soloist

Glory to God Chorus Luke 2:14

Hallelujah Chorus Revelation 19:6; 11:15

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 188: *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain only)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*POSTLUDE: *Dance of Joy* Eleanor Whitsett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad. **You can become a FPC member** by your profession or reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership. Please speak with our pastor following the service for information. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing a loop. **Assisted listening devices** are also available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary. **Preschool and elementary children during worship:** Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten age during all Sunday morning activities. Childcare is located on the second floor of the educational building.

First Kids Worship: First Kids worship will not be held this morning. First Kids will resume meeting on Sunday, December 17.

There will be a congregational meeting following the 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, December 17. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for the class of 2020. Nominations from the floor will be allowed at the meeting, if the nominee has given consent before their name is placed on the ballot. The committee is placing into nomination the following persons:

- Elder-class of 2020: Brent Curtis, Tom Morrow, Gene Vaughan, Mike Toma, and Mike Campbell
- Elder-class of 2018 : Roger Hyatt (1 year filling unexpired term)
- Deacon-class of 2020: Beverly Chappell, Andrew Coates, Hillary Cole, Angie Copeland, and Teresa Trimble.

Copies of officer biographies will be available in next Sunday's bulletin and emailed to the congregation.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to visit the Zootastic Christmas lights and have dinner at Julia's Talley House, both located in Troutman, tomorrow evening, Monday, December 11. The group plans to leave at 5:00 pm; cost is \$7, plus dinner. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) to make a reservation.

Cross Stitch Group Wanted: Do you love to cross-stitch? Have you been waiting for an opportunity to hone your skills? Then we need people like you. The church wishes to organize a cross-stitch group who would provide items for babies who are baptized. All materials will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Pat King, 704-663-0844.

Devotionals: Samples of devotional books are available in the Fellowship Hall, along with order forms. Take a look at samples for preschoolers, elementary, teens, and adults; please place orders with Ellen Auten by Monday, December 11. Contact Ellen at 704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org

Christmas Eve Tableau: All preschool and elementary children are invited to participate in a Nativity Tableau at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve worship service. The first rehearsal will be held next Sunday December 17, during church school from 10:00 – 10:45 am. Please contact Ellen Auten to sign up.

Chancel Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Fern Alexander	Donna Buyer	Andrew Coates	Bob Campbell
Dorothy Campbell	Kathryn Coates	Cathy Irwin	Chet Carpenter
Angela Carpenter	Sharon Culp	Rusty LaBarre	Bobby Hinson
Mabel Culbreth	Jill Herring	Bill Lackey	Will McIntyre
Jen McNeely	Martha McDonnell	John Redding	Mark McNeely
LuAnne Sledge	Liz Rader		Chas Rader
	Beth Sink		Harry Weyer
	Ginny Swedenberg		

Orchestra

Violin I	Violin II	Viola	Cello
Jane Hart Brendle	Mila Gilbody	Piotr Swic	Deborah Mishoe
Ellyn Stuart	Leigh Marsh	Anna Swic	Jessica Gustis
Double Bass	Flute	Oboe	Horn
Nixon Bustos	Sara Gibson	Brenda Casciani	Graham Sledge

Timpani Jordan Sledge
Organ Gregory Thompson

Praise Band

Guitars	Percussion	Vocals
Chuck Hunter	KJ Reid	Jordan Sledge
Will McIntyre		
Patrick Stutts		

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church if you, a family member, or a friend faces illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or some other concern. Please do not assume the church office knows. If the concern is confidential, please let us know and we will honor your wish for privacy. Names in **bold** indicate new concerns.

Members in Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Willie Allison	Margaret Carrigan	Ellen McGuirt
Joan Gibson	Mary Fortanbary	Margaret Sanders
Lecie Miller	Lois Kirk	John Westmoreland
Estelle Mott		

Members of the Church

Ray & Billie Brawley	Bill Harris	Al Culp
Shirley Crowley	Joyce Sloop	Shirley Morrow
P. J. Decastro	Diane Crymes	Becky Rader
Rosemary LaBarre	Cathy Irvin	Bedo & Pat Culberson

Friends of the Church

Claire & Manny Fontaina; Mary & Bill Clowney, friends of Mike & Angie Toma

Donna Buyer	Amos Family	Ed Barber
Barbara Gepford & family	Libby Ebert	David Childers
Darren Jones	Maureen & Richard	Rick Ervin
Ava Lawrence	Teresa Knutsen	Jayden Hoppel
Mandee Mann & Family	Brian Leon	Jade Knittel
Judy Nickliss	George McClure	Mitchell Mack
Linda Rice	Christine Morgan	Louis Newton
Joseph Ross and family	Glenn Scott	Robb Parker
Ronnie Shultz	Dick Scovil	Jane Scovil
Markie Smith	Becky Smith	Patt Seyller
Jennifer Torsiello	Becky Starnes	Deb Shultz
Jenny Wheeler	Joseph Unrue	Tina Swanson
Ashlyn	Linda Wilson	Voils Family
Mike & Candi Hawkins	Daniela	Jan Zamudio
Diane Church	McKenzie Graham	Douglas
Jeff Snyder	Wanda Cravens	

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LT James B. Eilers, USN
LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN	2 nd LT H. Craig May, USMC	Ens Dylan Powell, USN
Maj. William Matheny, Army	Capt. Ben Peacock, USAF	