

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 2

Sunday, December 2	First Sunday of Advent	
9:00 am	First Praise w/Communion	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Advent Workshop	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship/Communion/Logos/MSM Handbells	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
6:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
6:30 pm	Stated Session Meeting	Bethel Presbyterian
Monday, December 3		
1:00 pm	FPC Volunteers	Soup Kitchen
5:30 pm	MCM Circles	Fellowship Hall, 300 & 301
6:15 pm	Exaltation Ringers	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Vision Team Mtg.	
7:15 pm	Christian Edu. Mtg.	Room 222
Tuesday, December 4		
2:00 pm	Essential Bible Study (Dave's group)	Parlor
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Room 307
Wednesday, December 5		
10:00 am	Women's Affinity Group	Library
1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Supper Club	
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday, December 6		
7:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
Friday, December 7		
6:00 pm	PYF Ice Skating	Pineville House
Sunday, December 9	Second Sunday of Advent	
9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship/Cantata	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group	Thelma Vaughan's Home
4:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
5:30 pm	Deacons Mtg.	Room 300
6:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
7:00 pm	Committee Mtgs.	Classrooms

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2018

Mark Auten
Roger Hyatt
Karen Shore
Sue Stevens
Harry Weyer

Class of 2019

Bill Brawley
C. P. Chappell
Janice Pluer
Steve Robinson
John Streb

Mark Auten, Clerk

Class of 2020

Mike Campbell
Brent Curtis
Tom Morrow
Mike Toma
Gene Vaughan

DIACONATE

Scott Mauney, Moderator

Class of 2018

Sandy Bickett
Maria Heilman
Pat King
Paul Manning
Scott Mauney
Carol McClure
Tom Trosuk

David Ramey, Associate Moderator

Class of 2019

Fern Alexander
Ross Culp
Lorra Lee Holshouser
Joyce Lytle
David Ramey

Class of 2020

Beverly Chappell
Andrew Coates
Hillary Cole
Angie Copeland
Teresa Trimble

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff

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The Rev. Jason Sentas, Associate Pastor

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

Marian Dillingham, Business Administrator
Bryan Cerrone, Director of Youth Ministries
Alan Sledge, Director of Music
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Lori Stewart, Director of Preschool
Tonya Stinson, Office Assistant
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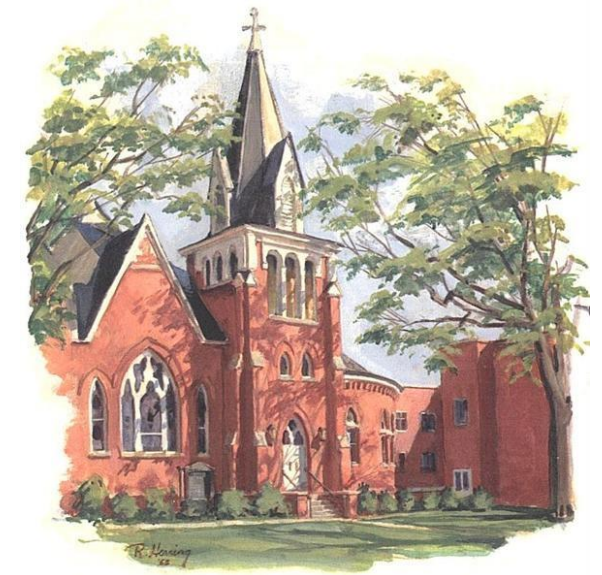
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher
Assistant Head Usher
Ushers
Youth Usher
Greeters
Acolyte
Special Offering Collectors

Joyce Lytle
Angie Copeland
Paul Dame & Andrea Abele
Dan Davidson
Brent & Margaret Curtis
Olivia Sentas

Bell Ringer
Soundboard
Lay Reader

Neely Davidson
Jane Peterson
Fern Alexander



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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

December 2, 2018 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

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: *Pastorale* Elizabeth Hill

Greg Thompson, Organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

ANTHEM: *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* arr. Moklebust

MSM Handbells

INVOCATION

CAROL176: *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

*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 Webb Family

ANTHEM: *Gloria* Lattimore /McKinney
Logos Choir

MINUTE FOR MISSION Gene Vaughan

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Jason Sentas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Fern Alexander

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 11:21-27 pg. 874

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH SILENT CONFESSION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Mary Had a Baby*
Combined Choirs African-American Spiritual
Mary had a baby, my, Lord...What did she name him? My, Lord...She
named him King Jesus, my, Lord...Where was he born? My, Lord...Born
in a manger, my, Lord,

SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIVED BY CHILDREN

*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

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 pg. 935-936

SERMON: *“The Heart of Our Christian Message”* Dave Rockness

CAROL 154: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All professing and baptized Christians are invited to commune today, as well as baptized children instructed in the meaning of the sacrament. Please eat the bread and drink the cup as the elements are passed to you. As you pass the elements to your neighbor, please say, “This is the body of Christ, broken for you” and “This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.” May the risen Christ nourish your soul as you commune.

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 153: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (vs.1)*

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**

*POSTLUDE Rebecca K. Owens
Toccata on *Let All Mortal Flesh and Of the Fathers Love Begotten*

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.

Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. Those who wear hearing aids can have the T-coil activated by their audiologist enabling them to receive the audio signal directly in their hearing aids. Along with the hearing loop, assisted listening devices are available at the soundboard.

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. If you are unfamiliar with this service, an usher can direct you to the proper room. **Worship bags** are available at the rear of the sanctuary for all children.

For those interested in becoming church members: Our next reception of new members will be on Sunday, December 16. If interested, please set up an appointment with Pastor Dave through the main office (704) 664-5275.

First Kids Worship: First Kids Worship will not meet on the following Sundays: December 2 – (Logos choir will be in choir loft), and December 9 – (Choir Cantata).

First Kids Offering Reminder: We are collecting money to donate to the Salvation Army Hurricane Relief fund. We plan to donate what is collected by Sunday, December 23.

Fun and Fellowship: Fun and Fellowship will not meet in December.

Special offering received by the children today will enable us to assist the needy in our area. The offering received supports the Mooresville Soup Kitchen, Christian Mission, and Food for Days organizations.

PYF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Either \$100.00 non-refundable deposits due Sunday, December 2 for MS Great Escape Trip (June 9-14) or HS Arkansas/Nashville Trip (June 23-28). Great Escape Trip is \$430.00 and Arkansas Trip is \$285.00.
- 12/7 – PYF Ice Skating – Pineville House (6:00 pm -12:00 am)
- 12/9 – MS PYF (4-6 pm); HS PYF (6-8:30 pm)
- 12/12 – PYF Supper Club – 6:15 pm

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

Joan Gibson	Lois Kirk	Ellen McGuirt
Lecie Miller	Margaret Sanders	Estelle Mott
John Westmoreland	Mary Fortanbury	Ray Brawley

Members of the Church - Abi Abercrombie

Ray & Billie Brawley	Al Culp	Diane Crymes
Rosemary LaBarre	Bedo & Pat Culberson	Dick Nelson
Lynelle Owen	Bob Campbell	Ginny Swedenberg
Liz Rader	Sarah Deese & Family	Jean Chislaghi
Brian Landis	Angie Toma	

Friends of the Church

Kimberly Laferriere, friend to Victoria Cerrone

Henry Hooper, friends to Angie Copeland & Nikki Robinson

Glenn Scott	Maureen & Richard	Ronnie Shultz
Judy Nickliss	Teresa Knutsen	Jane Scovil
Christine Morgan	Ken & Ginny Lawton	Joseph Ross and family
Jeff Kelly	Becky Smith	Wanda Cravens
Abby	Jack Esala	Matt Childers
John Redding	Amanda Hall	Mason Swanson
Jacob Cameron	Doug Vinez	Linda Rice
Louis Newton	Shirley Abele	Judith McLean
Dottie Dennis	Alice Smith	Karen Ketchie
John Amos	Sophie Zambrano	Bob Castilano

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin,USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
P03 Dylan McIntyre, USN	1st LT H. Craig May,USMC	Major Ben Peacock, USAF
Maj. William Matheny, Army		