

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

Monday, December 24	Christmas Eve Preschool Closed- Christmas Break	
5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
Tuesday, December 25	Christmas Day Office/Preschool Closed – Christmas Break	
Wednesday, December 26	Office/Preschool Closed – Christmas Break	
Thursday, December 27	Preschool Closed Christmas Break	
Friday, December 28	Preschool Closed Christmas Break	
Sunday, December 30		
9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary

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.

Christmas Eve Offering: Any Funds placed in the provided envelopes as well as the loose cash offering will be designated to our local mission partner, Children's Hope Alliance. Please read the insert to learn more about the great work they are doing.

Hurricane Relief Trip: A group from the church office will be in Warsaw, NC January 18 -21 and we are looking to put together a team of 10. Registration forms for the trip are in the church parlor and the main office. Please contact Tom Trosuk with questions. (e) tomtrosuk@gmail.com (c) 704-361-5116.

The office will also be closed on **Tuesday, January 1** for the New Year's holiday. If you wish to drop off any pledges or offerings to be included with your 2018 charitable contributions, please place them in the offering plate or mail them no later than Monday, December 31. Also, if you are planning to donate stock, in lieu of monetary donations, please call or email Marian to let her know to expect it. Any gifts mailed and postmarked by December 31 will be included on your year-end statement.

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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PASTOR EMERITI

The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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Joyce Lytle



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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
December 24, 2018 ♦ 5:00 P.M. ♦ Christmas Eve

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: Trumpet Tune on *The Sussex Carol* David Lasky
Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

THE CHRIST CANDLE Jim & Martha McDonnell Family

CAROL 182: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels; (Refrain)

Refrain:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (Refrain)

CHRISTMAS TABLEAU

*CAROL 180: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Dave Rockness

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.

OFFERTORY: *Ceremony Suite No. 1 in A* Yiruma
Cameron Sledge, Piano

*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 Jason Sentas

*CAROL 191: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From Heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever over its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing

LIGHTING OF THE CONGREGATION’S CANDLES

Please light your candle as the ushers pass on the light from the Christ Candle. As they do so, please tip only unlighted candles. Adults, please assist children in lighting their candles.

CAROL 186: *Silent Night*

**Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Jason Sentas

*CAROL 179: *Joy to the World* (Verses 1-3)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing, and Heaven,
and Heaven, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE 179: *Joy to the World* (Verse 4)

**He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations
prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.**

*POSTLUDE: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* arr. James Pethel

*Those who are able will please stand.

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

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	Abi Abercrombie

Friends of the Church

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	Doug Vinez	Mason Swanson
Jacob Cameron	Alice Smith	Linda Rice
Louis Newton	Sophie Zambrano	Judith McLean
Dottie Dennis	Kimberly Laferriere	Karen Ketchie
John Amos	Henry Hooper	Barry Winecoff

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		