

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

<b>Monday, December 24</b>	Christmas Eve Preschool Closed- Christmas Break	
5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, December 25</b>	Christmas Day Office/Preschool Closed – Christmas Break	
<b>Wednesday, December 26</b>	Office/Preschool Closed – Christmas Break	
<b>Thursday, December 27</b>	Preschool Closed Christmas Break	
<b>Friday, December 28</b>	Preschool Closed Christmas Break	
<b>Sunday, December 30</b>		
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

### PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

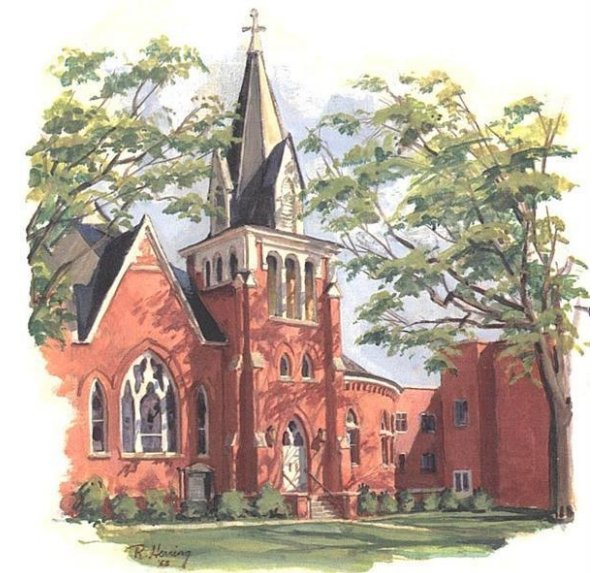
Marian Dillingham, Business Administrator  
Bryan Cerrone, Director of Youth Ministries  
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Lori Stewart, Director of Preschool  
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### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher  
Assistant Head Usher

Beverly Chappell  
C.P. Chappell



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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*  
**December 24, 2018 ♦ 7:30 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: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. Craig A. Penfield  
Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

THE CHRIST CANDLE Bill & Carolyn Brawley 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)**

ANTHEM: *Mary, Did You Know?* Lowery/Greene  
The Autens

\*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!**

SERMON LESSON: Luke 2:15-20 pg. 833

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: *“An Event Made Known”* Dave Rockness

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: *Adore Him* Poythress/Wasson  
First Praise Band

\*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		