

# Sunday Worship

December 02, 2018

*“Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things—the weather, human relationship, the economy, the political situation, and so on—will get better. Hope is trust that God will fulfill God’s promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom.” ~ Henri Nouwen*

## WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
CHIMING THE BELL  
LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE\*\*

Dave and Judi Crane

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first one is HOPE. Psalm 33:20 – “We wait in hope for the LORD, or help and our shield.”

**Eternal God, as we await the coming of our Savior, give us the courage to hope. Grant us grace to see your plan of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world.**

**Through Jesus Christ, the source of our hope. Amen.**

*CHOIR:*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*ALL:*

♪ **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*CHOIR:*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.

*ALL:*

♪ **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRELUDE

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Matt Corl

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #82

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

# First Sunday of Advent - Hope

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *in unison*

**Long-Expected Jesus, how often we forget you are the Hope of the world. Forgive our self-focused desires and our constant chasing after things that don’t last. Take away everything that displeases you. Wonderful Counselor, release us from every fear so that we will find our only comfort and rest in you. We pray in the power of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

~ MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, in unison**

*Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?  
A. That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**\* PASSING THE PEACE**

*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God, we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God’s command to love and forgive one another.*

**WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

ANTHEM “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” Geonyong Lee  
Sarah Cifani, flute

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:1-7 Pew Bible, 489

Sermon “Wonderful Counselor” Rev. Holly K. Davis

**HYMN OF PREPARATION, seated**

“In Remembrance of Me” #521

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

♪ **LORD’S PRAYER, sung**

**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Communion Music*

“Still, Still, Still” Jay Rouse “Coventry Carol” Jay Rouse  
“Appalachian Yuletide” Jan Forrest

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“In the Bleak Midwinter”; “Love Came Down at Christmas”  
Mark Hayes

\* **DOXOLOGY** Traditional Melody #606

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* **CLOSING HYMN**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” #347

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

“While We are Waiting, Come” #92, Verse 1

POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” Robt. Hobby

\* *If able, please stand for these portions of the service.*

\*\* *Today’s Advent wreath liturgy is adapted from the writings of Rev. M. Kozlowski.*



Congratulations, Ruth Caldwell,  
December Elder of the Month.

The flowers this morning are  
the gift of Denise Butler  
with deep gratitude for her Church Family.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -  
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**WELL DONE!** A million thank-you's to the legions of folks who stepped up and helped with the Community Christmas Cheer Breakfast. It couldn't have been done without you!! Phew!

**BOOMERS!** Did you forget to RSVP? There's still time. Call the office or let Lee Galloway know you'll be there. He'll save you a seat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. 6:00 p.m.  
Kobe Japanese Express in Waynesville Plaza.

**POINSETTIAS** Please take a moment to place your floral tributes by the **December 6<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

**OUT THERE**

*Beyond the weekly calendar:*

- Dec. 13 – Boomers!
- Dec. 16 – Holly & Van's Christmas Open House  
2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Men's Breakfast
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
6:00 p.m.

Complete calendar @ [www.fpcwaynesville.org](http://www.fpcwaynesville.org)

***This WEEK: December 2 – December 9***

- 12-02 Today Refreshments in Fellowship Hall
- 12-03 Mon 10:30 – Prayer Group  
12:00 - Lunch Bunch  
4:00 – 5:00 Jam Session – Fellowship Hall  
**Happy Birthday, Jim Whitman!**
- 12-04 Tues 10:00 Ruth Circle  
NO Mission this month. Moved to January.  
NOON: Ladies Christmas Luncheon – Lambuth Inn
- 12-05 Wed 10:00 Building & Grounds  
1:00 Finance Team  
[Fellowship Hall in use by ARC Luncheon]  
Choir – 4:00; Chimes 5:15
- 12-06 Thurs POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE  
**Happy Birthday, Joyce Day!**
- 12-07 Fri Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- 12-08 Sat **Happy Anniversary, Gene & Margot Harpe!**  
**Happy 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Malene Cammer!**
- 12-09 Sun Covered Dish Luncheon & Christmas Choir  
**Happy Birthday, Rev. Holly!!**

**ATTENDANCE**

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| November 04 | 92 |
| November 11 | 90 |
| November 18 | 98 |
| November 25 | 86 |

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**At November 25**

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Tithes and Giving           | \$1,994.00 |
| Poinsettias                 | 238.00     |
| Organ Fund                  | 650.00     |
| Oper. Christmas Child       | 50.00      |
| Presbyterian Disaster Asst. | 75.00      |

**Prayer Corner**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

**The Tingle Family Lynn Hanna & Jim Charlie Cox**

*Our military, police, firefighters & EMT's*

*Our Missionaries Abroad & The Peace Corps:*

Mission Team in Malawi

Rev. Gordon & Dorothy Gartrell (Brazil) Honduras Eye Clinic

Brian & Sandi Thompson-Royer – Guatemala

**Elder of the Month for December**

*Ruth Caldwell*

**Food Baskets Delivery –**

*Haywood Christian Ministries – Marty Prevost*

**Church Staff**

*Rev. Holly K. Davis, Pastor*

*Joel Lillethun, Minister of Music*

*Diane Combs, Organist*

*Scott Lawrence, Sexton*

*Kristi Siplon, Office Manager*



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# First Presbyterian Church

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, USA*

*December 02, 2018*

## First Sunday of Advent



**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church**

Your presence at worship this morning is our honor and joy.  
We pray that your heart is open, that the Word is clear, and that  
you go from this place renewed and refreshed.

***The Session, Our Church Elders***

**Pat Briggs (2020)**, Missions, 926-1356

**Joan Schrenk (2019)**, Christian Education, 564-6330

**Drew Schrader (2020)**,

Communications & Personnel, 404-520-0170

**Ruth Caldwell (2018)**, Congregational Care, 452-0020

**Ron Morrow (2018)**, Building and Grounds, 400-3983

**Judi Crane (2019)**, Hospitality, 926-4759

**Lynn Kelley (2020)**, Finance, 627-2736

**Ron Tingle (2018)**, Clerk of Session, 400-6900

**Denise Butler (2019)** Worship, 246-9154

*Child care for babies and young children is available.  
Please meet our childcare providers in the Nursery downstairs.*