

Sunday Worship

December 23, 2018

“Indifference, not hate, is the strongest enemy of love.”
– C.S. Lewis

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING THE BELL

PRELUDE “Noel” Clarence Watters

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

- Kate & Jerry Bailey

Today we light the first, second, third and fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY and the fourth candle is LOVE.

John 13:34 – Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you.”

**Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever.
Open our hearts that we may receive your love;
and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a
love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to
the end. Amen.**

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o’er
the grave.

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

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly
home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path
of misery.

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

*OPENING HYMN

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” #104

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *in unison*

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray.

Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

**Lord, we admit how far we fall short of truly loving you
and our neighbor.**

Forgive us for all the ways we disappoint you.

**Make us new through the love of the Father, Son and Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

~ MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *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 arose 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.**

* 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 “Wait for the Lord” Taize/Aberystwyth

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:1-7 Pew Bible, 489

Sermon “Everlasting Father” Rev. Holly K. Davis

- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -

LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE, *seated*

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” [Verse 1,3,5,6] #108

GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Traditional
Chimes Choir

* DOXOLOGY Traditional Melody #606

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* CLOSING HYMN “Love Has Come” #110

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:
“While We are Waiting, Come” #92, Verse 1

POSTLUDE

“People, Look East” Kristen Langlois

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - Are you interested in becoming a church member? If so, please mark your calendar for a 3-week class beginning **January 20**. Pastor Holly will provide an informal overview of what we believe and what it means to belong to this church family. We will gather at 9:30 am in Classroom 4 on January 20, 27 and February 3. If you are interested, please let Holly know!

OUT THERE

December 31 - NO Lunch & Bible Bunch
 NO Ruth Circle – January or February
 January 13 – Covered Dish Luncheon – Soups/Stew/Chili
 January 10th – BOOMERS!
 January 31 – Committee Annual Reports Due
 Complete calendar @ www.fpcwaynesville.org

This WEEK: December 23 – December 30

12-23 Today Refreshments in Fellowship Hall
 12-24 Mon *Office Closed*
 NO Lunch & Bible Bunch
 5:45 Musical Selections
 6:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 12-25 Tuesday **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**
Happy Birthday, Charlie Cox & Rachel Koger!
 12-26 Wed *Office Closed*
Happy Birthday, Charlotte Casey!
 12-27 Thurs *Office Closed*
Happy Birthday, Tim Thrift!
Happy Anniversary, Tyree & Wendy Kiser!
Happy Anniversary, Howard & Ann Kline!
 12-28 Fri *Office Closed*
Happy Anniversary, Van and Holly Davis !
 12-29 Sat *Happy Birthday, Sherry Blount!*
 12-30 Sun INFORMAL Sunday Worship

Prayer Corner

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Barbara Phillips The Family of Bernette Rogers

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



ATTENDANCE

November 25	86
December 02	91
December 09	Snow Day
December 16	87

First Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, USA

December 23, 2018

Fourth 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.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

At December 16

Tithes and Giving	\$6,042.00
Poinsettias	14.00
Organ Fund	4,450.00
Joy Gift	140.00
Bldg./Asset Replacement	420.00
Ten Cents A Meal	529.29



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