

December 1, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
1st Sunday of Advent

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660* J.S. Bach

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Steve Cook

Christ is coming!

We see the signs!

Christ is coming!

We will be ready!

Christ is coming! Raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near!

Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.

***Hymn** 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1,3,7) VENI EMMANUEL

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Brooks Family

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Preparing for Christ's coming requires honest examination of our lives and our hearts. Let us turn to God in prayer to confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgement and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace in the midst of our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 5:17)

"Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.**

Choral Anthem *The Birthday of a King* Neidlinger
(Chancel Choir; Buddy Brooks, soloist)

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39, Book of Common Worship)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** 83 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* STUTTGART

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Carol of the Bells* DieGesare

***Doxology** *Gloria, in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.* GLORIA

Sacrament of Communion
Communion

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

This Sunday we will be taking Communion by Intinction.

Communion Music *Be Born in Me* Nordeman

*Everything inside me cries for order. Everything inside me wants to
hide. Is this shadow an angel or a warrior? If God is pleased with me why am
I so terrified? Someone tell me I am only dreaming. Somehow help me see
with heaven's eyes, but before my head agrees my heart is on its knees. Holy is
he, blessed am I. (Chorus) Be born in me, be born in me trembling heart
somehow I believe that you chose me. I hold you in the beginning. You will
hold me in the end. Every moment in the middle, make my heart your
Bethlehem. Be born in me.*

*All this time we've waited for the promise. All this time you've waited for my
arms. Did you wrap yourself inside the unexpected? So we might know that
love would go that far. (chorus). I am not brave. I'll never be. The only thing
my heart can offer is a vacancy. I'm just a girl, nothing more but I am willing.
I am yours. (chorus)*

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Savior of the Nations, Come* Martin Luther
*Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth. Amen.*

***Postlude** *Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661* J.S. Bach

Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

Acolytes for today: Lydia Fenters and Peyton Haile

The Church This Week (12/1/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	5:00 p.m.	Christian Education
	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	CBS
	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Thurs.	9:00 a.m.	Giving Ministry
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of December 1, 2024

Gerry Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Bobbie Jones
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
 Ruth Jackson
 B.J. Moore
 Marion Murphy
 Edward Tinsley
 Louise Carpenter
 Friends and families affected by Hurricane Helene

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken during Worship next Sunday, December 8, 2024.

December 11- White Christmas Covered Dish Meal at 5:30 pm. There will be a basket for monetary donations to Pee Dee Coalition. It has been a tradition in the past for this event, we bring canned goods wrapped in white paper to donate to a food bank. This year, any canned goods brought to White Christmas will be donated to the Pee Dee Coalition Transition House in Wallace.

Nursery for December

If you are unable to help on the day assigned, please switch with someone. Thank you for your help in this.

December 1	Mary Jane Evans	Steve Cook
December 8	Charlene Tillman	Marietta Melton
December 15	Maggie Lloyd	Edward Tinsley
December 22	Brittany Tillman	Heather Tucker
December 29	Alison Chapman	Michael Chapman

At Ease will meet on Tuesday, December 3rd at 12:00.

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson
Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson	Andrew McLeod
Dan Tillman, III	Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller
Charlene Tillman	Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
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Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
 Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
 Growing in the Spirit,
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

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