



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Welcome**

Dr. Stuart Bond

Prelude

F. Gruber

Silent Night
Fred Caskey-piano

Chimes of the Trinity**Choral Call to Worship***God with Us, Emmanuel*

Joel Raney

***Call to Worship**

During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Mighty God.

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

We look to the One in whom we find redemption.

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

We look to the One who forgives our sins.

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

We look to the One who overcomes the darkness.

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

We look to the One who has come to set us free.

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

David Hamilton

Hymn of Praise No. 76*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we come into your presence knowing that your mercy is beyond our deserving. We confess before you our sins of self-righteousness, pride and possessiveness. Remove our blinders to our faults and increase our sensitivity to those around us. Renew your peace within us, that we may approach you with confidence and serve you with joy. We ask it through your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(In silent prayer, let us offer GOD our confession and our hope)

Leader: Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!**

Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People

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.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Michelle Walker

Special Music

Gesu' Bambino
Cindy Emerson-soprano

YON

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. Stuart Bond

“Prepare Him Room: Room in our Season”

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle's 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 rose 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.

Sacrament of Communion

Song of Commitment

HARRIS

Strange Way to Save the World

***Benediction**

Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas

French Carol

***All who are able please stand.**

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Announcements

November Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$253,269.50

Year to date income - \$228,332.00

Year to date expenses - \$236,815.50

Please visit the Giving Tree in the narthex! This year, the tree will benefit Kannapolis City Schools and Cooperative Christian Ministries. Tags on the tree will feature items requested by these organizations. You may also participate by signing up to purchase items at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4AAbAC2EA1FB6-giving>

Today is communion Sunday when we traditionally collect donations for the Good Sam Fund. We have been blessed to have been able to help several of those in need. If you could prayerfully consider giving to this fund, we will be able to help many more of those who are in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Make plans to visit "CannonBallers Christmas & Trees of Hope" Friday, December 13th! First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a tree, and our youth are taking the lead. They have chosen Operation Christmas Child as the beneficiary of donations given and will help decorate the tree next week. Admission is \$10. Children 12 and under are admitted free with a toy donation to the Rowan -Cabarrus YMCA's Empty Stocking Fund.

Join us Sunday, Dec. 13th for a Live Nativity! Your fellow church members will portray the Holy Family from 7pm-9pm in front of the Sanctuary building. Come and contemplate the real reason we celebrate this season as we continue to "prepare Him room!"

You are invited to a combined adult Sunday School class in the Sanctuary each Sunday at 10:00 am! Join us for socially-distanced learning and fellowship. If you can't make it in person, join us as we go live on YouTube.

- 12/6- Victoria Ellington

Christmas Poinsettias: Today is the is the last chance to order beautiful Poinsettias. You may purchase as many as you would like in Honor or in Memory of a loved one by completing the form in today's bulletin. **Deadline for orders is today, December 6th.**

Men mark your calendar, Saturday December 12, 8:30am for Men's ministry Coffee & Biscuit fellowship.

Thank you Church Family (Wren Philpot) Thank you to all of you for the phone calls, prayers, food & flowers during my recovery after surgery. Your many kindnesses are appreciated so much.



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The Session

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Jeff Barnhardt
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Class of 2022

Debbie McDaniel
Gip Rumble
Bill Stricker

Class of 2023

Dave Agrabrite
Renee Goodnight
Ryan Walker

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Dr. Stuart Bond
Transitional Pastor

David Hamilton
Director of Music

Michelle Walker
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett
Bookkeeper/Videographer

Angela Simpson
Office Manager

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

If you would like to contribute flowers for worship, please see the sign-up poster on the bulletin board just outside the church office. The cost for an arrangement is \$56.

Prayer Concerns

*New Prayer requests will be placed
in the bulletin for two weeks.*

*Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with
weekly updates emailed to firstpresb@firstpresb.org.*

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside

Iris Efird

Betty Overcash - at

Elmcroft in Salisbury

Barbara Wise

Loretta Young - at Five Oaks

MEMBERS

Judy Goodnight - Cancer

Bill Hammond - Health concerns

Paul Barnhardt - Health concerns

Debby Baker – Cancer

Special Church Member of the Week

Mr. Robert Donald Efird Sr. (Don)

407 Iris Avenue

Kannapolis NC 28083-3940

Send a card, make a visit or a call, or
offer a prayer. All to say, "God loves you
and the church cares about you."

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Gail Burgess-Mike Lowder's sister(Back in the hospital, continuing to test positive for COVID, dehydrated and undergoing test)

Anna Claire-Gran-daughter of Barbara Hancock (Has Covid 19)

Laneece Ramsey-Cousin of Mark Goodnight (Throat Cancer)

Shari Blackman- neighbor to the Stricker's (Had both heart & lung transplant this past week, she is struggling to recover.)

Tammi Ford- friend of the Stricker's (In the hospital with Covid 19)

Cindy Fisher-Mother of Lucinda Stewart (At Transitional of Kannapolis with Covid 19 & pneumonia, she is doing much better with breathing treatments.)

Sam McAllister-(2 grandchildren recovering from Covid)

Farrar Griggs- (At home recovering from Covid 19.)

Susan Gibson-Daughter in Law of Frank Gibson (Undergoing treatment for cancer.)

Krystle Tacia- friend of Chariti Lowder (Breast Cancer, has begun radiation treatments.)

Cindy Barnhardt-Cousin of Bonnie Goodnight (Diagnosed with ALS)

Amy Ritchie - friend of Jane Jacobs (Undergoing new chemo treatment at Duke)

Roxanne Debord - daughter of Tony & Judy Hunter (chemo)

Wade Nunnery - father of Karen Pless

Barbara Coffey - friend of Judy Hunter (Cancer treatment)

Lori Holder - daughter of Sam McAllister (MS)

Prayer request? Please write it down on the blue pew prayer card, & place in the offering plate.



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