



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Welcome**

Dr. Stuart Bond

Prelude*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

PAXTON

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 Prince of Peace.

The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.

In the midst of conflict, we look to the One who brings harmony.

The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.

In the midst of confusion, we look to the One who brings clarity.

The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.

In the midst of division, we look to the One who brings unity.

The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.

In the midst of separation, we look to the One who restores the broken.

The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

David Hamilton

Hymn of Praise*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have lived lives of apathy against your love. We have built fences and fortresses to push people away. We have been blind to those in need. Forgive us and heal us, for the sake of Jesus.

(time of silent prayer and confession)

I have good news. Unto us--every single one of us--a child is born. He knew who we were and he came anyway. He came out of love, and he receives you in his love. Praise God!

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Prepare Him Room: Room in our Night

Dr. Stuart Bond

Special Music

Keep your lamps

THOMAS

~ 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.**

Hymn of Commitment

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

*Benediction

Postlude

Partita on "People Look East"

BERTOLOZZI

*All who are able please stand.

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Announcements

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> Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 24th.

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.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be recorded and on You Tube for you and your family to enjoy anytime on Christmas Eve.



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The Session

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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 Efirid

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

Mrs. Betty Parker Overcash

1438 Oak Pond PI NW

Concord, NC 28027-4187

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

Bob Hallman & Family-(In the passing of Bob's sister Mary Lou Sherrill)

Gail Burgess- Mike Lowder's sister (In the hospital, with Covid; Hospice care beginning.)

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.

In Honor and Memory of Our Loved Ones

Given By:

Dawn & Tom Cavin

Mike Freeman

Frank & Peggy Gibson

Bill & Bonnie Goodnight

Steve & Judy Goodnight

Steve Goodnight

Amy Hurst

**Jane Aiken Jacobs
Anna Victoria &
Mary Elizabeth**

Todd & Karen Pless

Jerry Anne Phillips

**Peggy Snider &
Brenda Ramsey**

Bill & Sharon Stricker

**In Memory Of
Jim & Eula Goodnight**

**Mary Freeman
Clinton Freeman**

Larry Phillips

**Kelly Watts
Eloise Watts
Jim & Eula Goodnight**

**Martha & C.L. Suggs
Bruce & Bernice Davis
J.C. Goodnight & Alice Grisdace**

**Mr. & Mrs. Howard L. Belk
Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Belk
Mr. Jerry Hurst**

**Robert (Bob) Jacobs Jr.
Mary Elizabeth & John S. Aiken**

Bynum H. Phillips Family

**Bertie Coggins
Evelyn Ramsey**

**In Honor Of
Rachel Hinson
Justin Bailey**

**Susan & Jason Gibson
Jeff & Paul Barnhardt
Barbara Hancock
Jean Skillman**

**Judy Goodnight
Barbara Wise**

**The Wedding Anniversary
of Richard & Jean Roberts**

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**Allison, Alan,
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