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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,  
and make Him known.

**~ Gathering before the Word ~**

Welcome

Dr. Stuart Bond

Time of Meditation

*Coventry Carol*16<sup>th</sup> Century English Carol

Chimes of the Trinity

**\*Call to Worship**

We sing your praises, O God, for today, in a special way, we know that Christ has been born to us!

**We have been redeemed. We are no longer afraid.**

Praise to Jesus Christ who has come in the flesh!

**We have been redeemed. We are no longer afraid.**

Praise to the Spirit who calls us to see this thing, which the Lord has done.

**We have been redeemed. We are no longer afraid.**

Hymn of Praise

*Go Tell It On The Mountain*

Spiritual

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of our Christmas joy,  
break forth, O beautiful heavenly light  
and illumine our way to the paths you would have us tread. We know you have called us to be followers of Christ, clothing ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. However, we often clothe ourselves with different attire: apathy, arrogance, even hatred. Help us to bear one another and forgive each other even as we ask forgiveness from you.

Help us to don the clothing of love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

This we pray in the name of your Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

**One:** God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. We can trust God's word. We are a forgiven people.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## **Prayers of the People and the 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.

## **~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**A Word With Our Children**

Michelle Walker

**Song of Preparation**

*Sweet Little Jesus Boy*

MacGimsey

**Sermon**

“Prepare Him Room: Room in our World”

Dr. Stuart

Bond

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:22-40

**Leader:**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**

**Thanks be to God.**

## **~ 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**

*Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace* NUNC DIMITIS

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Il Est, Le Divin Enfant*

18<sup>th</sup> Century French Carol

**\*All who are able please stand**

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## **The Session**

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Jeff Barnhardt  
Frank Gibson  
Phil McLain

Class of 2022

Debbie McDaniel  
Gip Rumble  
Bill Stricker

Class of 2023

Dave Argabrite  
Renee Goodnight  
Ryan Walker

## **Church Staff**

Dr. Stuart Bond  
Transitional Pastor

David Hamilton  
Director of Music

Michelle Walker  
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett  
Bookkeeper/Videographer

Angela Simpson  
Office Manger

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](mailto:firstpresb@firstpresb.org).*

### HOMEBOUND

**Peggy Barnhardt** - at Morningside

**Iris Efir**

**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. Claudine Larson**

PO Box 56

Alamo ND 58830

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

**Laura Hunter**-Friend of Dawn Cavin (Elderly, dealing with health issues)

**Dwight Goodnight**-Bob Faust Brother In Law (Stage 4 Cancer in his lungs & liver)

**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.

## Announcements

**Poinsettias:** "Please feel free to pick up your poinsettia any time. Call Pastor Stuart to let you in or visit during Angela's office hours Wednesday or Thursday 9am-3pm.

**On New Years Eve** enjoy a pre-recorded concert honoring Beethoven. 2020 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. The concert will be made available on our YouTube channel on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy beautiful music performed by David and friends.



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