



First Sunday of

*Advent*

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Lighting of the Candles

Landon Walker

Prelude and Preparation

Prichard/DeCesare

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns/Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
David Hamilton, Randy Childers, tenor; Kay Yates, piano

Chimes of the Trinity

**\*Call to Worship**

During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Wonderful Counselor.

**Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.**

We anticipate the One who hears our prayers.

**Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.**

We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities.

**Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.**

We anticipate the One who renews our faith.

**Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.**

We anticipate the One who ignites our hope.

**Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.**

**\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Brian Efird Family

Words and Music by  
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:

Ev-er-last-ing Fa-ther, Prince of Peace,  
Won-der-ful Coun-sel-or, Al-might-y God.  
Em-man-u-el, Em-man-u-el. God with  
us, Em-man-u-el.

**\*Advent Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 61**    *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Prayer of Confession**

All: Gracious Father, who faithfully fulfilled Your promise of redemption through the advent of Your one and only Son, we humbly confess that we have sinned rebelled and grieved You with our proud hearts. Please forgive us for all our sins, for we are truly sorry and do earnestly repent. Restore and renew our spirits by Your grace that we may draw near to You, obey You, enjoy You, and glorify Your matchless Name, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of the Gospel**

Luke 2:10-11

Leader: But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

**Praise and Prayers of the People**

**Anthem**

*Evergreen*  
Choristers

Clydesdale/Clydesdale

**10 Cents a Meal**

Fred Caskey

**Special Music**

*Come, Emmanuel*  
*Chancel Choir*

Paris/Sterling

**~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~**

**\*Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 40:1-5

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Leader: This is the Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

"The Story"

Eddie Spencer

**~ Responding to the Word of God ~**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 95**

GREENSLEEVES

*What Child Is This?*

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*All who are able please stand  
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## To Our Guests

**Welcome!** We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning. We hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors, please fill out the information card located in the pews. If you have a prayer request, fill out the prayer card or call the church office at 704-938-4623.

**Children's Activity Bags** are available for children age 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. An usher would be happy to bring you one. **A nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located on the second floor of the Educational Building.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL PRESENT THE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL, "A TREE LOT CHRISTMAS,"

on Sunday, December 5th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. The Fellowship Team will provide dinner beginning at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will consist of ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, and roll, all on a donation basis. Come support our youth as they focus our hearts and minds on the reason we celebrate! [Sign up using bulletin insert.](#)



## LOOK FOR THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FLOAT IN THE KANNAPOLIS CHRISTMAS PARADE!

Children and youth are invited to ride &/or walk in the parade, and volunteers are needed to staff a hot chocolate/cotton candy booth on our front walk. The parade begins on Saturday, December 11th at 6pm. See Shannon Sechler (parade) or Roxanne Spencer (booth) for more information.

## SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER!

We will go Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins on Sunday, December 19th. Meet at the church at 5pm if you would like to participate!

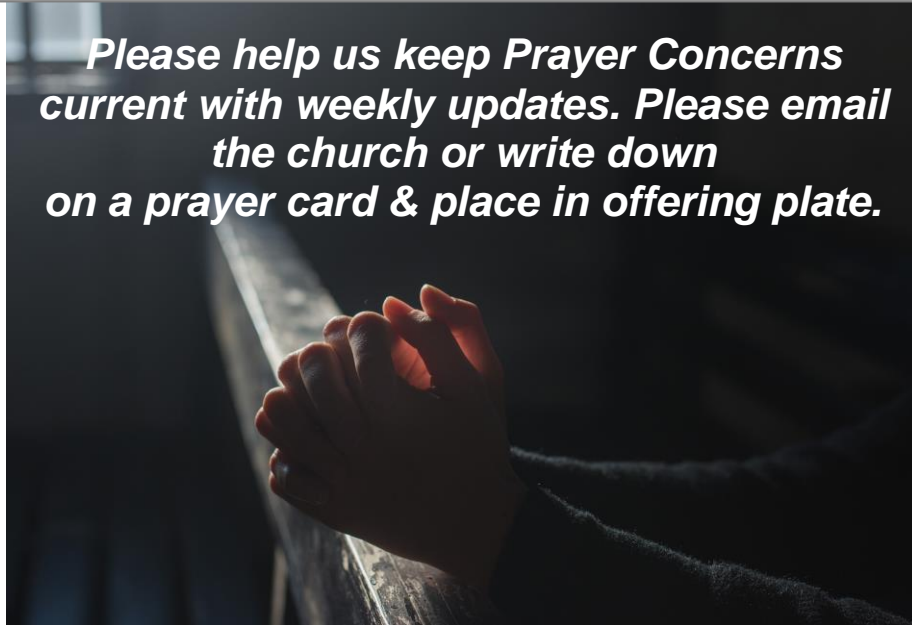


## THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN GIVING TREE!

is in the Narthex. This year, the Missions Team has chosen Kannapolis City Schools and Missionaries Don and Martha Wehmeyer as our recipients. Please take a gift tag from the tree and return your donation under the tree by Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates. Please email the church or write down on a prayer card & place in offering plate.*



## **MEMBERS**

- **Opal Hallman**- Knee surgery Nov. 29
- **Melba Funderburk**- Recovery from an infection
- **Jeff Barnhardt** – Loss of father
- **Shannon Sechler**- Recovery from surgery
- **Roxanne Spencer** – Praise for a good report

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS**

- **Debbie Humphrey**-Katelyn Maxwell's mom- Recovery from an emergency and difficult gall bladder surgery
- **Tom Cavin's father, Eugene**- About the same
- **Ken Boucher** – Home and under Hospice Care
- **Wade & Mary Nunnery** – (parents of Karen Pless) Dementia worse
- **Madelyn Bost**- Recovery from chemo last week

## **HOMEBOUND**

- **Peggy Barnhardt** - at Morningside
- **Iris Efird**- in her home
- **Betty Overcash** - at Elmcroft in Salisbury
- **Barbara Wise** - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia
- **Loretta Young** - at Five Oaks
- **Cindy Fisher** - Mother of Lucinda Stewart (At Transitional Health)
- **Lori Holder** – (McCallister's daughter) M.S





**6 1/2 Pots with Bows**  
**@ \$12.00 each**  
**Deadline: Sunday, December 5**

How Many \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given by:

\_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

In loving honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made to:

**First Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettias" in the memo line**

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Please return this form if you will attend the  
**Fellowship Dinner on December 5 at 5:30pm:**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

# THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

## TODAY

9:00 a.m.                      Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m.                      Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.                      Worship Service

## MONDAY

7:00 p.m.                      Saltshakers Women's Bible Study via Zoom

## TUESDAY

12:00 p.m.                      Narcotics Anonymous

## WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m.                      Moms in Prayer  
5:30 p.m.                      Christmas Play Practice  
6:30 p.m.                      Handbell Practice  
6:30 p.m.                      Christmas Float Prep

## THURSDAY

12:00 p.m.                      Narcotics Anonymous

## SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.                      Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal

## NEXT SUNDAY

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6:30 p.m.                      Christmas Play



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