



Second Sunday of

Advent

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Lighting of the Candles

Caylin Lowder

Prelude and Preparation

Silent Night

arr. Chip Davis

Chimes of the Trinity

*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

The Christopher Lowder Family

Words and Music by
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:

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

*Advent Prayer

Sarah Ann Burke, soprano is a junior at Catawba College where she studies voice with David Hamilton. Locally she has performed in musicals with Belk Theatre, Lee Street Theatre and The Concord Academy of Performing Arts. She is from Salisbury and is pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre. She was nominated for Best Actress at the 2018 and 2019 Blumey Awards in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 2014, she won the award of merit for female vocal solo junior in the National Fine Arts Festival competition in Columbus, Ohio. In 2018, she also won the award of merit for female vocal solo senior in Houston, Texas.

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



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

TONIGHT 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!



SALTSHAKERS CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP- Tuesday, December 7th at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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 and will also be broadcast on Channel

22! See Shannon Sechler (parade) or Roxanne Spencer (booth) for more information.



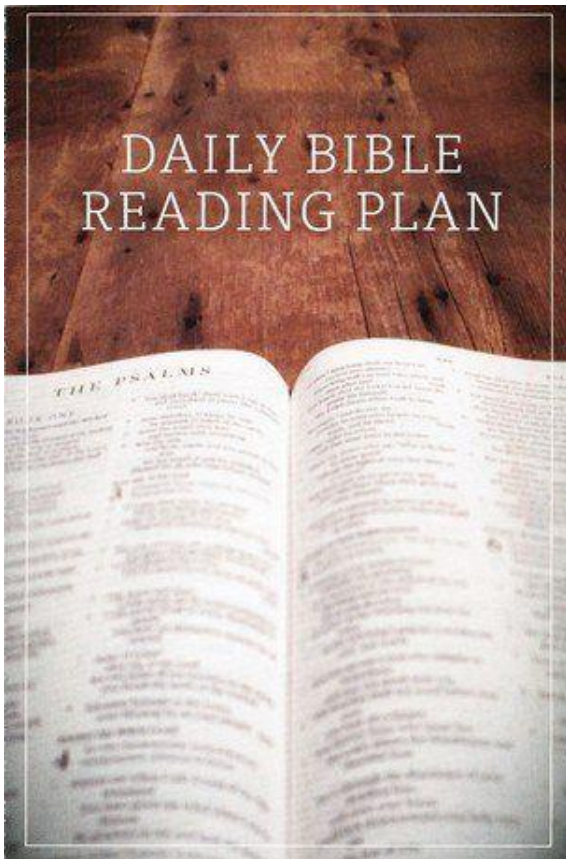
SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER!

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. We will enjoy some warm refreshments upon our return!

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 and return it with your unwrapped gift under the tree by Sunday, December 26th. Donations to the Wehmeyer Mission may be placed in the offering plate with your tag.



A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be held on Friday, December 24th at 5pm. This year's love offering will be collected to benefit the Hamilton Family's fundraising efforts for Greater Europe Mission.



SIGN-UP FOR THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 2022 BIBLE READING PLAN in the Narthex!

Please list your name and your email address. Pastor Eddie will send you an introduction to each book we will be reading. We will read a chapter a day throughout the year. The principle is to read less and meditate more on our daily reading. In addition to the introductions, Eddie will send regular Bible reading and study helps.

The 2022 plan will take us through the historical narrative of the Old Testament beginning with Joseph (Genesis 37) and through the division between the northern tribes and the southern tribes of Israel (I Kings 14). It's a captivating history of how God interacted with His people. All four gospels, the book of Acts, three minor prophets, four New Testament letters, several of the Psalms, the Song of Songs and a few other timely chapters of the Bible are a part of the plan.

November 2021 Financial Update:

Year to Date Budget - \$224,525

Year to Date Income - \$226,553

Year to Date Expenses - \$199,693

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**- recovery from knee surgery
- **Melba Funderburk**- Recovery from an infection

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

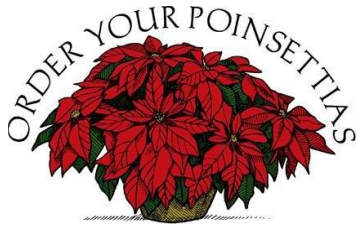
- **Diane Futrell**- (Vicki Ellington's friend) Kidney illness
- **William Dalrymple**- (Betty Sechler's cousin) - dealing with debilitating post-covid symptoms
- **Mandy Graham**-(Raegan Swaringen's Medical Assistant) diagnosed with cancer
- **Tom Cavin's father, Eugene**- About the same
- **Ken Boucher** – 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

*The family of **Tony & Judy Hunter** would like to offer a warm thanks
for all the prayers and cards during the passing of
Tony's brother and nephew.*

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**6 ½ Pots with Bows
@ \$12.00 each
DEADLINE: TODAY**

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

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Christmas Play

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. Women's Council in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Missions Team in Session Room
7:00 p.m. Saltshakers Women's Bible Study via Zoom

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
2:00 p.m. Saltshakers Fellowship Time

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY

6:00 p.m. Kannapolis Christmas Parade

NEXT SUNDAY

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