



Second Sunday of
Advent

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Lighting of the Candles

Violet & Amias Hamilton

Prelude and Preparation

IRBY

Once in Royal David's City

*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 Vriesema 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

*Hymn of Praise No. 92

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*Prayer of Adoration

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before
all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one
substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made;

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy
Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate;

He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who
spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for
the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of Advent *Unforgettable, Incredible Not So Silent Night* Clydesdale
PraiseMakers

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

Offering & Special Music *I Saw Three Ships* Leavitt
Men's Ensemble

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

***Scripture Reading** Matthew 1:18-25 Page 955

Sermon Case Study in Hope Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response *Jesus, Name Above All Names* Naida Hearn

“Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word” (Repeat)

*Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

See Amid the Winter's Snow

HUMILITY

*All who are able please stand
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Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the same card.

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.

Children's Church is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children," they will be escorted to their classroom on the choir hallway. Parents should report to the classroom immediately following worship to pick up their children.

A Nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!

A Note of Thanks

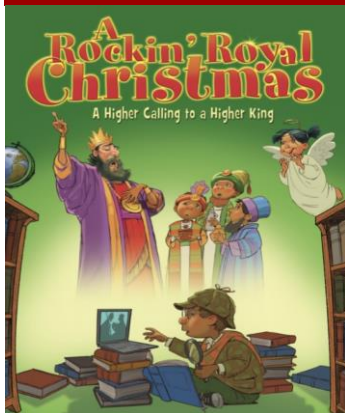
We received a wonderful surprise here at the KCS Administrative Offices yesterday from First Presbyterian. I wanted to thank you and your congregation for the bountiful supply of grocery gift cards you've given us to share with our students and families. Your amazing generosity will allow us to help some of our students most in need of support during this holiday season. Thank you for your thoughtful gift!

Ashley Forrest, Board Specialist | District Communications Coordinator
Kannapolis City Schools

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your wonderful church family for serving once again as one of our 16 Drop Off Locations for Operation Christmas Child. ...Your church helped to make it possible for us to collect ... a total of 27,308 shoeboxes just from our area. ... Statistics have shown that an average shoebox will result in about 8-10 individuals hearing the gospel. This includes many hearing for the first time. ... Once again I would like to thank you for being a ministry partner with Operation Christmas Child.

In His Service,
Paul Hill, Volunteer Logistics Coordinator

UPCOMING



Join us **THIS EVENING** for "A Rockin' Royal Christmas with the King," the PraiseMakers' Christmas Musical! Dinner will be served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall (ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, and drinks). Our children and youth will present their Christmas Musical in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm. Come support our youth as we focus our hearts and minds on the real reason we celebrate Christmas!



Please visit our "Giving Tree" in the Narthex!

This year, the Missions Team has chosen Cabarrus Women's Center as the recipient of our gifts. Please take a tag from the tree and return the item, unwrapped, beneath the tree by Sunday, December 25th.

First Presbyterian Church will sponsor a float in this year's Kannapolis Christmas Parade. The Parade takes place on Saturday, December 10th at 6:00pm. Please let Shannon Sechler know if you are interested in helping assemble the float, assemble treats to hand out, or walk with the float.

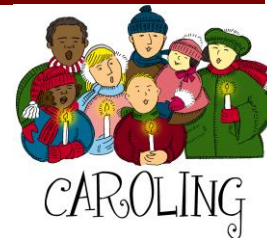


The JOY Group will have a Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 16th at the home of Ron & Alpha Barger (3270 Phaniel Church Road, Rockwell, NC, 28138). The group will meet at 12:00pm. Ham, drinks, and paper products will be provided. Others are asked bring a side or dessert. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Parents' Night Out! Youth of all ages are invited to a "Christmas at the Movies" party on Friday, December 16th from 5:30-8:30pm. Come dressed as your favorite Christmas Movie character, or just wear some warm pjs! We'll enjoy dinner, play games, and Lucinda Stewart will show us how to decorate cookies for our shut-ins. Please sign up in the Narthex if your youth would like to attend!

You are invited to a combined Christmas worship and musical celebration with Kimball Lutheran Church! The service will take place at Kimball on Sunday, December 18th at 6:00pm. There will be a reception immediately following the worship service.

Come caroling with us! Let's spread some Christmas cheer to our shut-ins with the beautiful music of the season, as we hand out cookies made by our youth at their Christmas party. Meet at the church on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:00pm to carpool. We'll enjoy some warm refreshments on our return!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

This year's Candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held on Saturday, December 24 at 6:30pm. Invite friends and family to this special time of reflection and worship!



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Church Family

Judy Goodnight- Myeloma has returned
Sandy Bessent- daughter, McKenzie Hampton is on a ventilator
Amy Hurst- surgery on Monday
Ronald Barger- moved to Rehab
Danny Bost- Liver issues
Randy Childers- severe back pain and upcoming surgery
Frank Gibson- recovering at Home
Donna Mauldin- at Tucker Hospice House
Sam McAllister- recovery from detached retina surgery
Jessica Bell- loss of father

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Church Family

Kristen Morris (Betty Sechler's daughter)- recovery from a broken ankle
Lacy Williams- recovery from surgery on back
Mike Allen (Bargers' family)- being treated for Cancer
Lisa Threatt (Chariti's mom) -waiting for a report from a biopsy

HOMEBOUND

Cindy Fisher- Transitional
Donna Mauldin- Landings of Cabarrus
Peggy Barnhardt – Morningside
Barbara Hancock- home
Iris Efird- home
Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia
Loretta Young - Five Oaks

Thank You

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for your prayers, interest, kindness, calls and cards during my time of incapacitation.
Looking forward to getting back to worship as soon as possible.

Yours in Christ, Hank Cranford

We would like to thank the congregation for the kind expressions of encouragement through phone calls, cards, visits, texts, and letters. The love of our church family is such a blessing.

Frank & Peggy

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, December 4 *Second Sunday of Advent*

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

9:45am - GraceFull Movements

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion

5:30pm - Fellowship Meal

6:30pm - "A Rockin' Royal Christmas with the King" musical

Monday, December 5

12:00pm - Women's Council@ Cranford Home

Tuesday, December 6

12:00pm - NA

6:30pm - Session

Wednesday, December 7

6:00pm - PraiseMakers' Outing

7:30pm - Alleluia Ringers

Thursday, December 8

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

Saturday, December 10

6:00pm - Kannapolis Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 11 *Third Sunday of Advent*

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast

9:45am - GraceFull Movements

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

