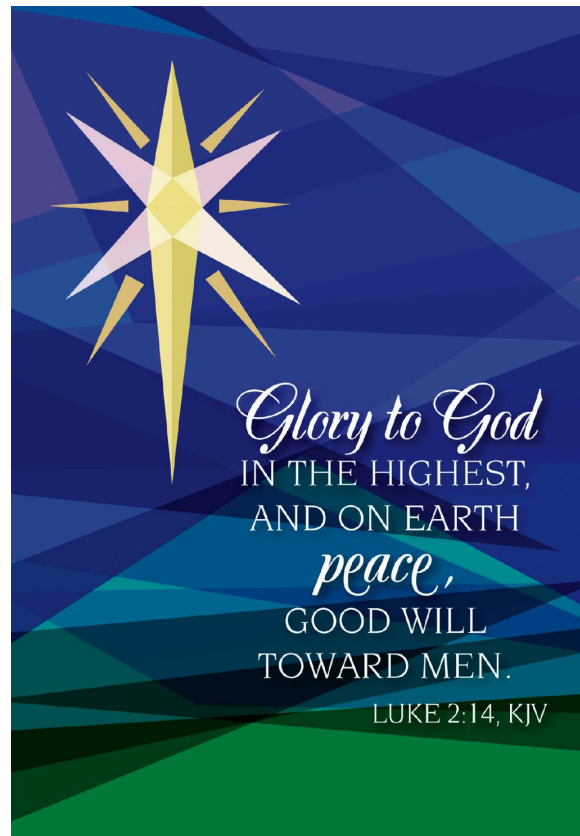




THE WEEKLY FIRST



For the last several weeks, Michelle and I have been writing and editing devotions for our annual Advent and Christmas devotional. The devotionals will be available in the narthex on Sunday with a digital copy available after Sunday. These devotions are written by us for our church family. I hope they will be a meaningful contribution to your celebration of Christmas. Also, I hope you will share the devotions with others. One of our members shared some of our Lenten devotions with their work and God used insights from His Word to spiritually encourage them.

This Sunday, the second Sunday of Advent, we are celebrating peace of God. During the Sunday school hour, the adults will have a combined Sunday school class. I will be leading a discussion on the God of peace and the peace of God. During our worship we will celebrate God's peace and my message will focus on Isaiah 40:5, "And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." The language of Advent is "hope" "glory" and "peace". This time of the year is a good time to invite people to our church to celebrate the hope, peace and glory of God in Jesus Christ.

[Sunday Bulletin is Online!](#)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



All Adult Sunday School classes will meet together in the Fellowship Hall from December 8-22. We will begin with a fellowship breakfast at 9:30am, followed by class at 10am. There will be no Sunday School on December 29.



Continue to uphold all the victims, first responders, and relief workers in your prayers.



Our Giving Tree is in the Narthex!

This year, the Missions Team has decided to adopt three families, with 6 children total, referred to us by Cooperative Christian Ministry.

Tags on the tree list items for both the children and the families. If the item is for a child, information about the child is on the reverse side of the tag. Simply take a tag from the tree, and return the item **-unwrapped, with the tag attached -** to the base of the tree.

All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 15.
Thank you for your support of this ministry!



The 65 voice Piedmont Choral Society will present its annual Christmas concerts, with orchestra, this Friday, December 6 at 7 pm and Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 pm - Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley St NE, Concord. Concerts are free and no ticket is needed. Info: Kay Yates 704.699.6053.



First Presbyterian's Journey Youth will present "Let It Be Christmas" on Sunday, December 15th!

All are invited to a "Christmas dinner" of ham, mashed potatoes, and green beans, beginning at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation is asked to provide desserts.

Our musical program will begin at 6:15pm. Please sign up for the meal in the Narthex. If you need a ride, let Eddie or Michelle know. Let's joy in remembering the real reason we celebrate this special season!!



Middle/Senior High Youth are invited to a Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 11th from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall! The Caskeys will host dinner, dessert, and a hot chocolate bar, but bring a treat or snack if you'd like to share! Wear your best ugly

sweater for a contest, and bring a wrapped \$10 gift to exchange. There will also be games and prizes and fun galore! Friends are welcome, but please RSVP to Tracy Caskey by Sunday, December 8.



First Pres will again partner with Kimball Lutheran for Samaritan's Table on Thursday, December 12 at 5pm. Volunteers prep to-go-meals at First Pres, then help hand them out in a drive-thru at Kimball. See Phil McLain if you can help.



First Presbyterian will have a float in this year's Kannapolis Christmas Parade! The parade happens downtown on Saturday, December 14 at 6pm.

Our theme is "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

If you can help decorate the float at First Pres the evening of Friday, December 13 at 6:00pm or on the morning of Saturday, December 14, 10:00am, please see Andrew Townsend or Megan Quigg.



The Joy Group will meet for a Christmas Lunch at the home of



Ron & Alpha Barger on **Wednesday, December 18 at noon.**

We will also have a "White Elephant" exchange. Each person should bring a wrapped gift costing less than \$10 to play in the exchange.

Ham, rolls and drinks will be provided. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, December 15th to bring 1-2 side dishes and/or dessert. If you would like to carpool, meet at the Church at 11:15am. Dave & Jane Argabrite have room for 6 people. Driving directions will be available soon.



Join us for Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 18!

We will leave the church at 6pm, and visit several homebound members before returning for warm refreshments. We will carpool to our locations.



Invite friends and family to our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24!

This year, we will gather at 5:30pm for a time of worship and reflection.



Thank you to all who have donated to the First Pres Blessing Fence!

So many items have been gifted to our community through this ministry.

Current needs:

- Feminine Products
- Men's & Women's toboggans and gloves

Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



Linda's Closet is open on Tuesdays from 11am-2pm.

As of right now, only fall, winter, and baby clothes donations are being accepted.

The closet is all set with hangers, so no more needed at this time. We do not have room to store spring and summer items.

Please see Trish Nixon for information and to volunteer.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked so diligently!

Prayer Concerns

Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.
Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

CHURCH FAMILY

- Tony Rary and family - loss of son-in-law
- Fred Caskey - beginning physical therapy
- Alexis Howell - surgery December 13
- Junior Harward - health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Rachel Spencer (Eddie's mom) - recovery from pneumonia
- Catherine Cox (Alice Jeanes' sister) - cancer
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - Spina Bifida - two more surgeries needed
- Anna Hinson (Becky Seaford's daughter-in-laws' mother) - in cardiac rehab
- Robert Little (Richard's brother) - new treatment for cancer
- Justin Wallace (Melba's grandson) - waiting for heart & kidney transplant
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - on dialysis and waiting for a kidney
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - 2nd round of chemo treatment
- Buddy Troutman (friend of Hammonds) - under hospice care

HOMEBOUND

- Linda Bost - Best of Care
 - Barbara Hancock - Home
 - Loretta Young - Five Oaks
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This Week@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, December 8

- 9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
(Guardians Class)
- GraceFull Movements
- 10:00am - Combined Adult Sunday
School in Fellowship Hall
- Youth Sunday School 3rd floor
- 11:00am - Worship Service

Tuesday, December 10

- 11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda's Closet
- 12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, December 11

- 5:00pm - PraiseMakers/Play Practice
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Middle/High
Christmas Party in F. Hall
- 6:00 - 8:00pm - Elementary Pizza and
Bowling Outing
- 6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

- 10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
- 5:00pm - Samaritan's Table at Kimball
Lutheran

Friday, December 13

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship
6:00pm - Christmas Play Dress
Rehearsal
6:00pm - Christmas Parade Float Prep

Saturday, December 14

10:00am - Christmas Parade Float prep
3:00pm - Christmas Parade Staging
Begins
6:00pm - Kannapolis Christmas Parade

Next Sunday, December 15

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast
(Friendship Class)
10:00am - Combined Adult Sunday
School in Fellowship Hall
- PraiseMakers/Play Practice in
Choir Room
11:00am - Worship Service
5:30pm - Fellowship Christmas Dinner
6:15pm - Let it Be Christmas! Youth
Production

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Raegan Swaringen
Children's Message Today: Chrismons
Children's Message Next Week: Chrismons
Children's Church: Sue Maiocchi
Children's Church Next Week: Lynn Efird & Amelia Caskey
Acolytes: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend
Acolytes next week: Michael Herbst & Noah Walker
Nursery: Debbie McDaniel
Nursery next week: Lynn Efird & Amelia Caskey
Ushers: Tony Rary, Lynn Sechler, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks
Ushers next week: Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt, Eric Cowan,
Mark Goodnight
Greeters: Cookie Hamilton & Dave Argabrite

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen Dave Ellington Lynn Sechler
Cookie Hamilton Chris Lowder Ken Sparks
Sue Maiocchi Phil McLain

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator
Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk



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