

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



ADVENT

Faith Presbyterian Church

December 15, 2013
11:00 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Advent

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A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal and most holy God, we praise and honor you as we gather in the name of your dear Son, Jesus. During this Advent season we sense your nearness in the songs we sing and in the words we hear from holy Scripture. May your light and peace radiate about us and within us as we worship you today. We praise and thank you for this house of worship and this body of your church. In expectation and joy, we worship you now and each day until Jesus returns to claim his own. Amen.

PRELUDE *Choral Song*

EDWARD BROUGHTON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Fellowship Registers located on each pew.
Please introduce yourself to your neighbor.*

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please turn to your neighbor and exchange the greeting of peace.

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

CHRIS AND SABRINA GLADSTONE

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

Week by week, the light grows stronger and brighter, as we anticipate the coming Christ.

We relight the candles of Hope and Peace.

Today we light the candle of Joy. We excitedly anticipate the coming of the Mighty One. The promise of healing, comfort, liberty, and freedom is good news that is meant to be shared!

Rejoicing in the mercy and justice of our Lord, we kindle this flame. Together, we lift our hearts and voices in songs of joy.

All Earth Is Waiting

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,

And open furrows await the seed of God.

All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;

It cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel:

“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,”

one whose name is “God-with-us” our Savior shall be;

with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;

Open new highways, new highways for the Lord.

He is now coming closer, so come all and see,

And open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

Be patient! God is coming to us!

The One who teaches joyous songs to all of creation, comes to open our ears to life.

Be strong! God is coming to be with us!

The One who paves a path to Bethlehem will walk with us every step of the way.

Do not fear! Here is your God!

We worship the One who comes to save us.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 3:1-15

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

TALLIS CANNON
ARR. SIMON ANDREW

SECOND LESSON:

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

ANTHEM

Can You Count the Stars

ROBERT J. POWELL

THIRD LESSON:

BARUCH 4:36-5:9

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL – HYMNAL #12

People Look East (v. 1-2)

BESANCON

FOURTH LESSON:

ISAIAH 40:1-11

ANTHEM

Hark a Herald Voice

RICHARD SHEPART

FIFTH LESSON:

ISAIAH 64:1-9A

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL – HYMNAL #9

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

SIXTH LESSON:

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

ANTHEM

The Linden Tree

14TH C. GERMON MELODY
ARR. CRAWFORD R. THOBURN

SEVENTH LESSON:

ISAIAH 7:10-15

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL – HYMNAL #53

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

EIGHTH LESSON:

MICAH 5:2-4

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL - #HYMNAL 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

NINTH LESSON:

LUKE 1:26-38

ANTHEM

Behold a Sower

LEANDER
ARR. CRAWFORD R. TROBURN

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*** DOXOLOGY (WITH ALLELUIAS)**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** CLOSING HYMN #49**

Once In Royal David's City

IRBY

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Be Watchful, Stand Firm in Your Faith

HAL H. HOPSON

*** POSTLUDE**

** You are invited to stand if you are able.*

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have an interest in joining Faith Presbyterian, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.292.5704. Please visit our website at www.faithpresqso.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/faithpresqso.

On the calendar for this week:

- **Theology on Tap** meets every other Monday and will meet on **December 16th** at 7:30 pm at **Elizabeth's Pizza**, Guilford College Shopping Center. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres.
- Adult Sunday School. Join us each Sunday morning at one of our two adult classes. The Discussion Class meets at 9:30 in the parlor for engaging conversation and discussion as we continue our Advent Study "**Held in God's Grace**". Sunday we begin Session 3. Also, you may want to attend our other adult class, **The Present Word**, which meets in the library. Using our denomination's curriculum, this class considers scripture and its interpretation for today.
- There are Sign-Up Sheets in the Narthex for Ushers, Flowers and Snacks for each Sunday. Please take a turn and sign up.
- Today is our Fellowship Brunch provided by the Presbyterian Women honoring the Choir.
- Please turn in your IN MEMORIAL and IN HONOR of cards and checks by the 22nd.

Mark your calendars! Please note the following events that are coming up:

- Sunday, December 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday, December 24th, 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service
- Wednesday, December 25th – Day of our Lord's Birth
- Sunday, December 29th – Regular Sunday Schedule

Information and Prayer List
(Please Sign the Friendship Register)
Attendance: 34; Offering: \$1905.00

December 15-22, 2013

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee And Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Brunch
Monday:	7:30 P.M.	Theology on Tap
Tuesday:	9:30 A.M.	Parish Nurse
Wednesday:	7:00 P.M.	Choir
Sunday:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee And Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship

Prayer Lists

First Presbyterian Church, Eden
Parkway Church, Winston-Salem
Fifth Creek Church, Statesville

Faith Presbyterian Church Prayer List:

Peggy Pope	Cile Gorman
Dot Patat's Family	Maxine Heath
Fran Cuthbertson	Larry Murren
Pat Magnuson	Virginia Cornet
Erich Bordne	PNC
Bonnie Evans	Ann Huffine
Melissa Burris' Father	Priscilla Christiansen
Dellaine Risley	Georgia Renfrow
Bob Phillips	Kelly Bottoms (Friend/Lindsey Brown)
Ed Price	Bill Shannon
Doris Claybrook (Betsy Rule's Mother)	Andy Moye
Dee McGhee	Jane Hogan
Bob Huffine's Family	

Pastoral Team

Bill Hamilton, Interim Pastor
Jim Rissmiller, Pastoral Visitor
Libby Inman, Young Adult Ministries
Jeremy Corn, Music Director
Lois Bazhaw, RN, Congregational Nurse
Lynn Wright, Office Administrator