

First Presbyterian Church

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Worship Notes

Minister: Rev. Heather McIntyre ~ 859-940-6437 heather.mcintyre@my.lpts.edu

Office Hours ~ Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Music Director: Sonny Richards **Organist:** Cindy Edwards

Secretary, Paula Blake, norwoodfpc28128@gmail.com

J-Walker & Middle School Youth ~ Theresa Russell

Session: Clerk of Session, Vera Kaye Coble

Class of 2025 - Jeff Russell ~ 704-699-5728 Frankie Calder ~ 704-984-0952

Class of 2026 - Cindy Edwards ~ 704-438-0270 Kirk Wallace ~ 704-695-5177

Class of 2027 - Kaye Coble ~ 704-985-6463 Charles David Harris ~ 704-985-6633

Opening/Closing: Charles David Harris & Dale Morton

Opening/Closing for December: Jeff Russell & Kaye Coble

Worship Service Schedule ~ 9:30 am December

Norwood Food Pantry Items: Canned Meats, Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Dried Beans, Noodles, Rice, Small Laundry detergent, etc.

To give online visit our website: www.norwoodfpc.org

Presbyterian Women will meet Friday, December 5 at 10:30 am. Discussion will be Finding Our Joy-Lesson #4, "The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent." Soup lunch will be served. All are welcome!

FPC is responsible for the **Community Table meal** on Saturday, December 6. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Susan Moss if you can help with this ministry.

The **Stanly County Chorale** presents **Vivaldi's Gloria and Holiday Favorites**, Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 pm at Norwood First United Methodist Church or Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 pm at Albemarle First Baptist Church.

Norwood Community Table Volunteers: Wednesdays are Norwood FPC volunteer day at to SCCM. If you can give 4 hours once a month to this ministry, please see Beverly Johnson.

Community Table Volunteers

(Required Volunteer Hours 9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

December 3 Finley Sutton

December 10 Kaye Coble

December 17 Susan Moss

Presbyterian Women's Tip of the Month: Fall...Compost pumpkin scraps, apple cores, and other food scraps instead of sending to landfill where they produce methane.

Happy Birthday

December 1

Emry Lowder

Chloe Santucci

A Service for the Worship of God

November 30, 2025

9:30 am

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together in this place:

All: prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,

One: we who dare to imagine a world renewed;

All: we who dare to dream God's dream.

One: We proclaim expectation with Isaiah!

All: God's redemption is near!

One: Through tears and through trials,

All: we hold fast to our hope

One: Do not fear, for God is faithful

All: Our redemption rises with the dawn.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN No 77

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

SAMANTHRA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope, we confess that we too often seek salvation from that which will not save us. We cling to our own comfort, rather than being generous with our gifts and privilege. We are complicit in systems that benefit us, rather than challenging the exploitation of neighbors and creation. We act from fear rather than faith. Transform our hearts with your mercy. Forgive us and renew us. Make us restless for justice. Teach us again to be people of courage and hope. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen *(moment of silent prayer).*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

.....Therefore, friends, hear and believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Hearing the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 2:1-5

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Vigilant Hope Rev. Heather McIntyre

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responding to the Word

*HYMN, No. 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

THE OFFERING

You are invited to place your offering and prayer requests in the white baskets located at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we bring our gifts and offerings to you because the voices of the prophets remind us of something bigger, something greater than any system this world offers us. We believe when we trust you with our resources, the kingdom of God comes much closer to reality on earth. Help us steward these gifts to create abundant life and love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Taking the Word With Us Into the World

*HYMN No.82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Welcome to Norwood First Presbyterian Church. We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today and trust that you feel the presence of Christ. If you are a visitor, please consider this a warm invitation to join us in the work and worship of this congregation. For your convenience, childcare is provided for children 5 years old or younger. Ushers will be happy to direct you to the nursery.

Children's Worship Bags are located beside the bulletin board in the vestibule. The bags contain items to use during worship service. Bags marked with a blue flower are for children preschool age and younger. Remaining bags are for older children.

Prayer Requests ~ Green Prayer Cards are available in each pew for you to write your prayer request. Prayer requests can be placed in one of the white baskets at the entrances to the Sanctuary.



Next Sunday, the **Ten-Cents-A-Meal** offering for hunger will be received. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM and the Montgomery County Food Bank) throughout the Presbytery.



Prayer Concerns: Elaine Lisk, Laura Britt, Sonny Tyson, Tom Garner, Roy Holt, Dutch Snead, William Hatley, Al Calder

Homebound: Donald Farmer (Universal Healthcare)

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Lloyd Lisk, Debbie Russell, Margrit Hopkins, David Mills, Lorri Britt, Katlyn Burleson, Allen Sinclair, Billy Thompson, Jimmy Lisk, Steve Simpson, Stephanie Reese, Emma Rogers, Kim Holt, Debbie Russell, Sherrill Furr, Renee Bridges, Debbie Boysworth, Sunshine Rhodes, Chris Speights, Chris Randall, Todd Howell, Curt Howell, Peter Johnson, Alan Greene

Our Deepest Condolences to the family of..... Sam Byrd, Teresa Stamper, Jill Turner

Let's Keep in Touch

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