

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

1st Day of Christmas

January 1st

Today: No Sunday school
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Beth Eden)
 Carry out only

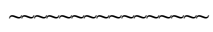
Monday: Church Office Closed - Happy New Year!

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - Circle 2, conference room

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group
 9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Choir

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible study w/David, Library
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Refresh & Renew Shower
 Ministry, lower level
 5:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Adult Fellowship Dinner,
 fellowship hall

Next Sunday: Baptism of the Lord
 8:45 a.m. - Discipleship & Fellowship Sunday school
 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service with Sacrament of Holy
 Communion, sanctuary
 Daily Change Offering received
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Trinity
 Baptist) Carry-out only



Personal hearing devices are available. Please see an usher. **Persons interested in joining the church** should speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, or contact the church office.

Ushers: *Bonnie Pritchard, John Pritchard, Scott Cranford, Deward Clark

Week of January 1st

Elder on Call: Charles Davis
 Greeters: 10:00 Suzanne Rhinehart & Lily Sparks
 Lay Leader: Scott Cranford
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

Week of January 8th

Elder on Call: Amy Owensby
 Greeters: 10:00 Lynette Inscoe & RaeAnn Hennes
 Lay Leader: 10:00 Tracey Paul
 Flowers: Bill & Kay Long
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

Attendance - December 24th

7:00 p.m. - 112

Attendance - December 25th

10:00 a.m. - 40

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS: Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Wanda Hicks, Ron Valentini, Ann White, Jim Teubner, the Foley family, the Inscoe family, Tom & Linda Witherspoon, Courtney Roquemore, Beverly McAlister, Bud Beers, Kay Long, Richard Hedrick, Jeannie Clark, Jim & Peggy Templeton, Gary McDougal, Elise Yaussy (Cards may be mailed to Elise at 1336 Chadsford Place, Charlotte, NC 28211; and her blog at www.heartfunctionltd.com), Bill Long, Jo Todd, Michael & Becky McRee, Judy Fulton, Terryl Anderson and family, Frances, Ennis, Frances Ervin, David Roquemore, Dale Whitaker, Joe Jones

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Zachary Ausel, Lisa Eaton, Maryia Johnson & family, Mary Lib Williams, Margaret Hale, Caitlan Reese, Keith & Shelley Moretz, Bobby Brown, Zak Kuhn, Cora Compton, Ken McColley, Luke Ohman, Melanie Cranford, Alex Terry, family of David Crockett Long, Shirley Harwell, family of Richard Odum, Michelle Nelson-Beers, Heather Forshey, Larry O'Dell, the family of Linda Mundy, Ellen Jones, Leenie Vallandingham, Fred Thompson, Anne Walker

Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Janet Drum, Richard Foley, Pete Keel, Becky McRee, Robin Miller, Frankie Sigmon

Prayers for those in Assisted Living/Homebound:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Johnsie Abernethy, Dennis DeBalso, Betty Epps, Betty Fieselman, Frances Inscoe

Prayers for those in the Military:

John Hardin, U.S. Army, Fort Sill, OK
 (Cindy Baldwin's nephew)

Captain Joshua Smith, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
 (Brenda Smith's son)

Captain Christopher Walker, U.S. Army, Fort Knox, KY
 (Tammy Walker's son)

LTJG Max Morrill, U.S. Navy, Virginia Beach, VA
 (Joan Inscoe's grandson)

Prayers for El Redentor, our Sister Church in Guatemala:

- For the well being of all members of our sister church
- For all 20 scholarship students as they begin a new school year
- For Humberto Robles, elder, who is fulfilling requirements in secular education in order to continue his studies at the seminary
- For Dayana Rojas, who is receiving a university scholarship to study nursing
- For Yesmi Monterroso, who will receive a university scholarship in 2024 to study business

STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of November, 2022

2022 Pledge Budget	470,000.00
Pledge Budget through November 30, 2022	430,833.26
Pledge Receipts through November 30, 2022	419,829.42

Announcements – Week of January 1st

Church Office Hours

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 2nd. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

2023 Flower Calendar

The 2023 Flower Calendar is available in the narthex or you may call the church office to sign up for a date. There are several ways to provide flowers for our Sunday morning worship services. You can use flowers from your own home, bring flowers from your favorite florist, or make a donation to the Flower Fund and use the permanent arrangements located at the church. *Half of the donations to the Flower Fund are sent from Presbyterian Women to The Corner Table and ECCCM; the other half is kept for maintaining the permanent flowers.*

January Circle Meetings

- Circle #2 Circle 2 will meet Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.
- Circle #4 Circle 4 will meet Tuesday, January 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor, with Johnnie Leagon hostess.
- Circle #5 Circle 5 will meet Wednesday, January 11th at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Adult Fellowship Dinner

The next Adult Fellowship Dinner will take place Thursday, January 5th from 5:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The evening's program will feature Richard "Rick" Ramseur of Lincoln County, NC. Mr. Ramseur has become famous in his hometown as a magician and musician, garnering the title, "Man of the Year" from the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce in 2014. His instrument of choice is the musical handsaw, a skill passed down to him by his father. His wife, Myra, accompanies him on piano. Sign up using the form in December's newsletter or contact the church office. Please contact Barb Forshey at 256-7135 and sign up to bring either an appetizer, main course or dessert. By letting her know, she can balance the evening's menu better.

2023 Offering Envelopes

2023 Offering Envelopes are available for your use, please pick them up in the narthex. If you do not see your name and would like a box, please contact the church office.

The Three Kings

This is the 54th year for the kings, which have been used continuously since 1968. These kings were made for the church by former member and elder Dorcas Wooten. Their robes are stained with colors from the windows in our chapel. They are 12 and 14 inches tall. Their names are: Balthazar, Melchior, and Casper. We invite you to enjoy them again this holiday season.

Elder Nominations

The Nominating Committee has begun its work on meeting, praying, and discerning whom God is calling to be active Elders on our Session for the next three years! Your help is needed. You are invited to submit names of church members for the office of Elder. Please make sure that you have verified with the person you are commending that they are able, willing, and interested in serving as an active Elder. This is a three year commitment to serve on the Session and be an integral and active part of one of our church committee ministries. Your help is much appreciated!

Adult Fellowship Dinner
Thursday, January 5, 2022
5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Return to the church office by Monday, Jan. 2nd

Elder Recommendation Form

Person recommended for Elder:

The Presbyterian Book of Order states that "Elders should be persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit... They are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling Elders, together with teaching Elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline..."

Please return to the church office or place in the offering plate.