



"God is faithful; by God you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." – I Corinthians 1:9

Service for the Lord's Day
December 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Called by God, We Gather

GATHERING MUSIC, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Arr. Cindy Berry

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE *(adapted from Romans 13:11-12)*

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

In Christ, there is life and light for all people.

Besides this, you know what time it is,

how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

the night is far gone, the day is near.

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

HYMN #85 (11:00) "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" Vs 1 Word
"Light one candle to watch for Messiah: Let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Prayer

HYMN #105 "People Look East" Shaw

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the generations, you have formed us to be your disciples, yet we prove too rigid and set in our ways. We harden our hearts toward others in need. We remain unyielding in the cause of justice and obstinate in the way of peace. Forgive us, O God. Create within us soft and obedient hearts. Mold us to become servants of your kingdom so that we may prepare the way for your reign.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #90 “Wait for the Lord”

To Hear God’s Word of Grace

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 13:24-37

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

MUSIC

“Prepare”

J.M. Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Come on Down” Rev. George W. Chapman III

To Respond in Faith and Gratitude

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

What do we believe?

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Thanksgiving

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING

**Response #95* *"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN 384

"Soon and Very Soon"

Crouch

Then Depart Blessed to Serve

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC



December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

Pastor – Rev. George W. Chapman III

Office hours for the pastor are from 9am-12pm, Mon-Wed. If you need to make an appointment outside of normal hours or to schedule a visit from the pastor, please contact the church office 910-754-6929.

We welcome all visitors today. Please fill out a visitor card found in the pew if you are interested in learning more about Shallotte Presbyterian Church and leave it in the offering plate at the back of the church.

Beautiful Poinsettias will be once again in the Sanctuary to enjoy during the Christmas Season. If you wish to purchase one in honor or memory of a loved one please fill out a form and return by December 3. Poinsettias are \$12.00 each.

Meetings this week-

Monday, December 4- Deacon/Sessions will meet in FH at 5:30pm

Cub Scouts will meet in BSMT at 6:00pm

Boy Scouts will meet in BSMT at 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 5- Quilt Board will meet in Session Room at 9:30am

Wednesday, December 6- PWCT will meet in the Conference Room at 10:00am

Thursday, December 7- Choir Practice

Birthdays this week: John Causey, Joyce Winkler, Mike Black, Bob Fleetwood, Will Milligan



There will be NO Bible study for the month of December

Monday, December 11 - Garden Club will meet in the FH at 9:30am

Group Home Christmas Party will meet in the FH 3:00-9:00pm

Missions & Benevolence will meet in the Sessions Room at 4:30pm

Finance will meet in the Conference Room at 5:45

Tuesday, December 12- Quilters will meet at 9:00am

Wednesday, December 13- Property & Grounds will meet in the Conference Room at 8:30am

PW Celebration Circle Covered Luncheon will meet in the FH at 10:30am

Thursday, December 14- PORCH 12-4 SWBNewcomers will meet in the FH at 10:00am

Friday, December 15- PORCH 12-4

Our beautiful flowers:

To the glory of God & in honor of Advent Season.

Given by: Linda Sing, Sarah & Betsy Braddock



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