



*Merry Christmas*



# FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *On Sundays*

Sunday School, 9-10 am

Adult Sunday School Classes:

McClanahan & Good News Class: Room 207

Koinonia & Cornerstone Class: Room 202

The Agape Class: Parlor

*It is never too late to join our Sunday School Classes*

Church Worship 10:30 am, Sanctuary

## *Sunday Children*

Infants & Toddlers: Room 115

PreK-K: Room 114

Grades 1-5: Room 203

Grades 6-12: Youth Room, downstairs

## *Weekdays*

### **Mondays:**

Church Office Closed

Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6 pm

Sermon Apps, 7 pm

### **Tuesdays:**

Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 9:30 am  
(except 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Women in Ministry, 11 am (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm

Choir, 6:30 pm

### **Wednesdays:**

FirstKids, Youth Group, 6 pm

### **Thursdays:**

Men's Breakfast, 7 am (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
5:30 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

### **Fridays:**

Prayers for the church, 9:30 am

## *Upcoming Events*

Dec. 1 - Communion

Dec. 2 - RVCS Concert

Dec. 4 - Church Christmas Dinner

Dec. 18 - Children's Program

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

## *Youth Activities*

Sunday School, 9 am located downstairs in Youth Room

Bojangles Bible Study 7 am every Tuesday

Youth Group 6 pm, Wednesdays downstairs in the Youth Room

## *Lectionary Readings:*

Dec. 1 - Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14,  
Matthew 24:36-44

Dec. 8 - Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans  
15:4-13, Matthew 11:2-11

Dec. 15 - Isaiah 35:10-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-  
10, Matthew 11:2-11

Dec. 22 - Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Ro-  
mans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 29 - Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 2:10-18, Hebrews 2:10-  
18, Matthew 2:13-23

## Reminders

**Elders:** Mike Stoots, Scott Rice

### Sound System

Kaye Wilkerson, Rea Brown,  
Scott Rice, Mike Stoots

### Greeters

**Ramp Room** (8:50 - 9; 10 -10:30)

Dec. 1 - Lew Richardson

Dec. 8 - Nancy Poore

Dec. 15 - Bobby & Susan Dobyns

Dec. 22 - Ed & Debbie Bennett

Dec. 29 - Ed Kappus

**Greeters Narthex** (10:00-10:30):

Dec. 1 - Greg Richardson

Dec. 8 - Andrea Guillard

Dec. 15 - Jim Gibson

Dec. 22 - Tom & Helen Thompson

Dec. 29 - Tanya Villiani

### Deacons on Duty:

Dec. 1 - Susan Guelich, Carolyn Keyes

Dec. 8 - Pat Povtak, Patty Hunt

Dec. 15 - Brenda White-Edwards,  
Susan Blanding

Dec. 22 - Carol Danielsen, Amanda Bean

Dec. 29 - Helen Thompson, Chris Ayers

## Birthdays

2 Steve Reppert

4 Aiden McLaughlin

10 Jane Preston

14 Crenshaw Reed

16 Brenda White-Edwards

16 Dennis Harris

19 Evan Rice

20 Emery St Cyr

24 David Bean

25 Patti Trail

28 Randy Roberts

29 Bobby Dobyns

30 Tom Blanding

30 Lew Richardson

30 Bob Smith

## Operation Santa Claus Gift Suggestions:

- ◆ Sweat Suits (s-3x)
- ◆ Track Suits (s-3x)
- ◆ Underwear / wireless Bras (all sizes)
- ◆ T-Shirts (all sizes)
- ◆ Tennis Shoes/Socks (all sizes)
- ◆ Cardigans / oversized Sweaters
- ◆ Coats
- ◆ Gowns/Pajamas
- ◆ Radios with Batteries
- ◆ Wristwatches / watch batteries
- ◆ Body Lotion / Shower Gel
- ◆ Large-print Bibles
- ◆ Playing Cards/Uno Cards
- ◆ Board Games
- ◆ Coloring / Word-search Books
- ◆ Non-toxic Crayons and Markers
- ◆ Writing Paper /Postage Stamps
- ◆ Elastic waist-band pants (all sizes)

This month's **Women in Ministry** outreach is "Operation Santa Claus 2019" for Catawba Hospital. Plan to attend the meeting Tues., Dec. 10, 2019. The meeting is from 11 am to noon with lunch immediately following our Bible Study in Matthew. Baskets will be available in the church labeled "Operation Santa Claus" for the items. This is an opportunity for all the women to be a part of reaching out to our community here at FEPC. The last day to bring items will be Sun., Dec. 15th.

“Christmas means not just hope for the world, despite all its unending problems, but hope for you and me, despite all our unending failings.”

Tim Keller,

“Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ”

## ***Elders***

### Class of 2019

Ed Bennett  
Phil Brown  
Artie Bush  
Scott Rice  
Mike Stoots

### Class of 2020

Andrew Fuller  
Ed Kappus  
Tom Turner

### Class of 2021

Rea Brown  
Mike Bumpass  
Bob Collis  
Bill Gearhart  
Al Soltis

## ***Deacons***

### Class of 2019

Joyce Barker  
Mary Ann Bennett  
Dennis Harris  
Carolyn Keyes  
Sandra McCullar  
Melanie Rice  
Marcia Ridenhour  
Jan Tyree

### Class of 2020

Amanda Bean  
Linda Brown  
Carol Danielsen  
Susan Guelich  
Patty Hunt  
Brenda White-Edwards

### Class of 2021

Chris Ayers  
Susan Blanding  
Pat Povtak  
Michael Ridenhour  
Helen Thompson

The Rev. Robert D. Smith, Pastor, [bsmith@fpc.roacoxmail.com](mailto:bsmith@fpc.roacoxmail.com)

Mrs. Patricia Trail, Director of Music & Children's Ministries,  
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Mr. William Turner, Organist

Dr. Erma Rose, Handbell Director

Mrs. Lorri Wright, Administrative Assistant, [lwright@fpc.roacoxmail.com](mailto:lwright@fpc.roacoxmail.com)

Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday, 8:00 am—4:30 pm

Sunday School begins at 9 am. Sunday worship service begins at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Nursery provided for infants and toddlers from 9 am to 12 pm.

Guests always welcome

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