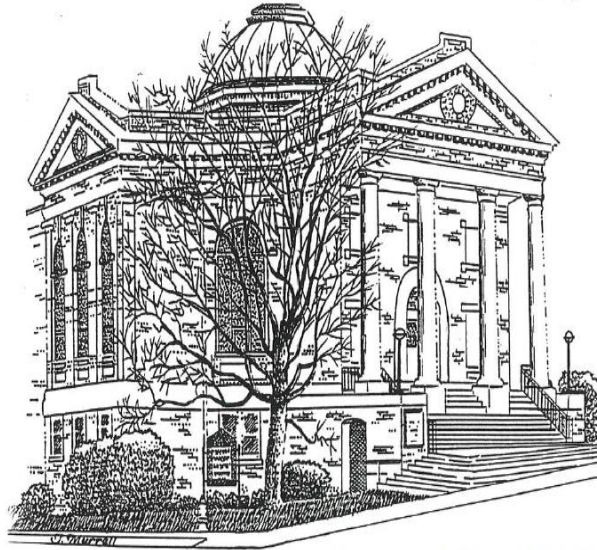


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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 8, 2023  
*Baptism of the Lord*

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Cidney Eudy, acolyte

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings; ascribe to the lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless the people with peace.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong. Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us your beloved, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our brother. Amen.**

\*HYMN 482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We're quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent with it's time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; though Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*Response 119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (stanza 3)  
*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”*

MENDELSSOHN

## THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Wes Eudy

ANTHEM

“No Hands But Yours”  
*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

J. Jerome Williams

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, that these words might speak to us as your word, and our lives bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Isaiah 42:1-8](#); [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

SERMON

“Claimed”

Rev. George

\*HYMN 488

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

WATERLIFE

*“I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”*

*“When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.”*

*“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”*

*“I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.”*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Sentences of Scripture

1 Corinthians 12

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them. **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.** God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished. **To each is give a gift of the spirit to be used for the common good.** Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Profession 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.**

## EUCCHARIST

### RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

\*Response 145

"What Child Is This" (stanza 3)

GREENSLEEVES

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.*

*The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.*

*Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby,*

*Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary!*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Great and saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore, we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to the world. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** You are holy...dedicated and fit for your service. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.** Gracious God...as we pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord, saying, **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.**

## SENDING

\*HYMN 297

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

ST. DENIO

*In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.*

*In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care.  
Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.*

*In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.  
By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.*

*Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above.  
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Sevenfold Amen”

John Stainer

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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**Thank you** to Wes Eudy, Frank Poolos and the Chancel Choir for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** **Cidney Eudy.**

**Ushers for January:** Jim Hesley (captain), Liz Bryson, Steve Cumming, Ella Cumming, Lee McLaurin, Laura McLeod, Leo McLeod, Jackson Palmer, John Palmer.

**Outside Ushers for January 8:** Tom Norwood, Chris Whitley.

**Elder Greeters:** **John Earnhardt, Sandy Rogers.**

**Streaming Coordinator:** Evan Sanges      **Film:** James Cotton      **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell  
**Kids Crew:** Elizabeth Bryson

**There is no Children's Church today.** Children are encouraged to remain in worship.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Claude Harwood, Wayne Palmer, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Trinity Place), Ann Byrd (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook); (Home), Carole Yost (Home), Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Elizabeth Wilson, Ann Snuggs, Susan Pandich-breast cancer, Jason Miller (friend of the congregation), Laura Frazier, Debbie Hinson, Rita Morgan, Emma Gibson, Harriet Watkins (friend of the congregation), Mike Jewell (brother-in-law of Linda Anderson). The family of Craig Morgan (brother of Terry Morgan & David Morgan) See newsletter for complete list.

**Deacon being ordained and installed is:**

Billie Jean Snuggs

**Deacons being installed today are:**

Brett Richards

Carol Sasser

Frank Poolos

**Elders being ordained and installed are:**

Ann Crutchfield

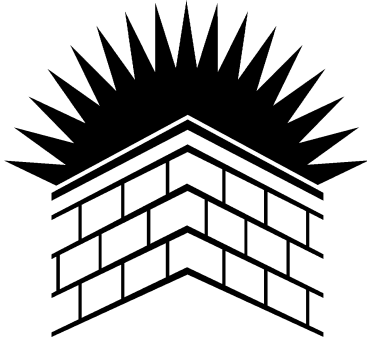
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**Elders being installed today are:**

Heather Kilde

Lee McLaurin

Ronnie Michael



*The Christian Education Corner*

We encourage children to remain in worship!  
There are worship bags available for them in both lobbies of the church.  
Feel free to pick these up anytime before, during or after worship.

If you are not on the SPOND app please download it. That is the easiest way for all of us to keep in touch. Here is the link to join <https://group.spond.com/LTOXZ>

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**Monday Night Bible Study** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr.) Mondays at 8:30 pm.



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**Show your FPC spirit**  
Order an "At Home Under the Dome" t-shirt. Youth will be in the Pit Stop for the next few Sundays taking orders. All proceeds go to youth summer Montreat



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**YOUTH CLUB RETURNS!**

**When: January 18**

**Times: 3:30-5:30**

Join us for time of Bible study, arts, recreation, snack, music, and more. Most importantly, we will have lots of fun with our friends!

**Please let Melissa know if your child can attend!!**

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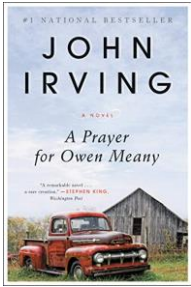
**NEW BEGINNINGS – What is it that God is calling you to change? Are there things that you cannot change that need a change in attitude or perspective? How do I gain wisdom from God to help guide me in what I can and can't change? Please join Gayle Russell and Jane Snyder on**

**Mondays at NOON in the Parlor during the month of January. Our meeting days will be January 9, 16, 23 and 30<sup>th</sup> at NOON. Lunch will be served. Please let Jane Snyder know you are coming! 704-438-3358 [jsnyder@fpcalbemarlel.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarlel.org) If you would like to Zoom with us, please let Jane know ASAP so she can get the link to you.**

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you have not picked up your offering envelopes for 2023 they are in a box on the counter outside of the church office.

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Sunday School Sharing Knowledge Through Stories class just started *A Prayer for Owen Meany*. By John Irving. If you have questions, please contact Courtney Niederer (980-622-7435 or [ccniederer@yahoo.com](mailto:ccniederer@yahoo.com)) or Kim Marshall (980-621-6577 or [bookworm284@live.com](mailto:bookworm284@live.com)).

***A Prayer for Owen Meany* Reading Schedule:**

- January 8- pg 1-109
- January 15- pg 109-210
- January 22- pg 211-311
- January 29- pg 312-422
- February 5- pg 423-518
- February 12- pg 519-627

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**Circle members will meet in the Pit Stop on January 11 at 1:00 pm. We will study Lessons 3 and 4 of "Celebrating Sabbath".**

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**First Presbyterian Church**

**Lunch Outing to THE LANTERN**  
**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am**

Let's get together for lunch – Dutch Treat! We will meet at The Lantern in Norwood at 11:30 am. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 11:00. Let us know if you can join us! Jane Snyder 704-438-3358

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**Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:**

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Cans of Tuna, Chicken Helper, Cans of Chicken, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups



A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Next Packing Date: Wednesday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m.**

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**DRIVE-THRU MEAL**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18- FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.**

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

**PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

**Menu: Brunswick Stew, Cornbread and Texas sheet cake**  
**call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at**

**[johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)**



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, January 8**

*Baptism of the Lord/Ordination & Installation of Officers*

8:30 am Session

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

6:00 pm SNL

**Monday, January 9**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12:00 pm New Beginnings

8:30 pm High School Bible Study-home of Debby Johnson

**Tuesday, January 10**

7:00 pm-8:30 pm PNC

**Wednesday, January 11**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:00 pm Circle Meeting in Pit Stop

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 12**

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Lunch Outing at The Lantern

4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

**Sunday, January 15**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

8:45 am Diaconate

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

No SNL

**\*childcare provided**

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Jane Snyder

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Organist, Interim

Facilities Manager, Shawn Graeff

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**January**

09- Isabel McIntyre

10- Rita Morgan

Jacob Palmer

12- Ruth Ann Rogers

**Elders**

Al Andrew, John Earnhardt, Bill Jolly,

Mary Kesselman,

Mike King, Ken Knight, Kim Marshall, Andy

McLeod,

Catherine Moeller, Sandy Rogers, Ellen Snyder,

Chris Whitley, Ellen Whitley

**Deacons**

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Laura McLeod, Lee Snuggs

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