

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 2

9:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth – Practice for Christmas Program
Adults –Romans with Jerry Lovell {Parlor}

11:00AM – WORSHIP: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALM & BRIGHT: 200 YEARS OF SILENT NIGHT

WORSHIP SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION
IN THE SANCTUARY

12:00PM CHILI COOK-OFF

FOLLOWING LUNCH...CONSISTORY

Monday, December 3

11:00AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, December 4

6:30PM Open Hands Meal {FH}

Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor}

Wednesday, December 5

DEADLINE to sign up for Christmas Luncheon

11:00AM Morning Glory Circle
{Yarborough's}

6:30PM Bell Choir {Bell Room}

7:15PM Adult Choir {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, December 6

5:30PM

Yoga {Parlor}

Sunday, December 9

DEADLINE for cards for members at home

9:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth – Practice for Christmas Program
Adults –Romans with Doug Sink {Parlor}

11:00AM – WORSHIP: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALM & BRIGHT: 200 YEARS OF SILENT NIGHT

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:
"CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN"

12:00PM Congregational Meal {FH}

Special Presentation & Special Visitor

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5

DEADLINE to sign-up for December 9th
Congregational Meal

Food will be pre-ordered to accommodate
those who sign up. Please contact the
office or sign up using one of the forms if
you plan to attend!

December 9

**DEADLINE FOR Christmas Cards for
members at home**

"Christ the Savior Is Born"

Children's Christmas Program at 11:00AM

Catered Luncheon after worship

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

December 12

DEADLINE for Pork Loin Tickets

December 14

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Lanier's

December 15

Adult Choir Cantata Practice

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Lanier's

December 16

Choir Cantata: **"Rhapsody in Bluegrass"**

December 18

DEADLINE to sign up for Caroling & Pizza

December 21

Church-wide Caroling, Pizza & Hot Chocolate

December 22

Pick up Pork Loins (11 OR 4:00)

December 24

HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Candlelight Service and Holy Communion

December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

December 30

No Sunday School

11:00 Worship and Infant Baptism

December 31

DEADLINE for scholarship applications



Calm and Bright :
200 Years of Silent Night

*First Reformed
United Church of Christ*

*Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

**December 2, 2018
11:00AM**

*We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. If you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else, Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews, as well. Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

The Worship of God Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship

"Calm and Bright"

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Lisa Nelson

People: Fill us with your peace and light.

Make the world so calm and bright.

Presenting "The Branch of Jesse"

Isaiah 11: 1-2

Lisa Nelson

People: Let us prepare ourselves to receive Christ anew.

*Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Insert

Opening Prayer

Lisa Nelson

Proclaim

Young Disciples

{All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.}

Congregation Response

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

***O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.***

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Horton

Leader: We wait for you, God in your mercy.

People: Wrap them in your love so tight and guide them with your Holy Light.

Scriptures

Isaiah 2: 1-4

Lisa Nelson

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Elizabeth Horton

Anthem

“A Carol of Hope”

Lantz, Harlan

*Born in a manger, infant most lowly, child of holy birth;
Angels protect You, wise men adore You, Savior of all the earth.*

*All hope and joy in an infant boy were born on a starry night.
Love and peace shall never cease if we follow His blessed light.*

*Star in the heavens leads the way brightly to the infant boy.
Shepherds and wise men fall to their knees with hearts that are filled with joy.*

*All hope and joy in an infant boy were born on a starry night.
Love and peace shall never cease if we follow His blessed light.*

*There in a cradle, a simple stable, lies a tiny, tiny King.
All hope and love from our God above is the message that He would bring.*

*All hope and joy in an infant boy were born on a starry night.
Love and peace shall never cease if we follow His blessed light,
If we follow His blessed light.*

Sermon

“Heavenly Peace”

Elizabeth Horton

Respond

*Hymn

“Christ Be Our Light”

Insert

Confession... Silence... Assurance

Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to the Table

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.

...And so we offer ourselves proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Song

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.**

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Prayer of Dedication

Lisa Nelson

Go

*Call to Discipleship

Lisa Nelson

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Who will go for us and bring peace into the world?”

People: Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

*Benediction and Blessing

Elizabeth Horton

*Taking the Light into the World

*Choir Response

"We Need a Silent Night in Here"

*Passing the Peace

{Please greet those around you with a sign of God's Peace}

*Postlude

You are invited to join the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary after worship.

Join us for the Chili Cook-off in the Fellowship Hall.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Is. 7:14

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 3. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 4. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our
 5. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un -
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save and
 ad - vent here; and drive a - way the shades of night, and
 heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

Refrain

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 pierce the clouds and bring us light! Re - joice! re - joice! Em -
 close the path to mis - er - y.
 all the world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

WORDS: Latin hymn, 12th C.; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; st. 5, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916
MUSIC: Thomas Helmore, 1854; based on plainsong phrases

VENI EMMANUEL
8.8.8.8.8.8.

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone
 wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
 hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
 bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
 shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
 to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath-ered to-day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
 Music: Bernadette Farrell
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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
 98 96 and refrain

THE WHITE POINSETTIA ON THE ALTAR THIS MONTH is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lori Lopp Floyd; given by the Cliff Lopp Family.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

LITURGIST: Lisa Nelson

PLATE ATTENDANT: John Potts

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Jeremy Peterson

USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens

USHER CAPTAIN: Rich Johnson

USHERS:

Frank Callicutt, Ron Hutcheson,

John McCarn, Doris Sink

YOUTH USHER: Mary Lloyd Callicutt

ACOLYTE: Abbie Callicutt

BIBLE STEWARD: Annabelle Callicutt

GREETERS: Mike & Lynn Brown

BIBLE STEWARD: Emory Smith

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:

Keri Hartle & Ashlee Snider

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at the chancel.}
- ❖ A comfort area with rocking chair, monitor and speaker is available if you need to leave the sanctuary to calm or soothe a baby or young child {through left or right door at chancel.}

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES {DECEMBER 2-8}

BIRTHDAYS

December 2 Beverly Sandifer
 December 3 Brandi Gerew
 Keri Lovell
 December 7 Ruth Essick

Our Church at Prayer

PRAYER CONCERNS: Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Ben Hale (benjaminhale08@comcast.net or 704-772-6908) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

CHURCH MEMBERS: Bill Walser, Janelle Bunn, Kelly Greathouse, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Adena Wall, Marzell Crotts, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Ruth Fritts, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Charm Ketner, Harold Holste (Alane Holste's father), Boyd & Bonnie Perry (Friends of Frankie Hedrick), Kathe Everhart (Frankie Hedrick's sister-in-law), Jeanette Ingle (Friend of Bill & Cheryl Walser), Chris Greene (Michell Winter's step-brother), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Laura Williams (Carolyn Robbins' mother), David Combs (Friend of Open Hands), Noriko Shaw and the Family of Heather & Joe Surret (Friends of Mike & Lynn Brown), Clifford Beane (Neighbor of Lee & Ellen Bouchard), Brian Arensman (Keith Johnson's friend and co-worker), John Hayden (Friend of Kivi Miller), Ed Leonard (Brother of Sylvia Walser), Dan Smith (Brother of Steve and Jerry Smith), Jonelle Parker (Friend of Frank Leonard), Eddie Wray (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith), Eliza Paris (Friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Harold Peoples (Friend of Cheryl Walser), Ashley Hutcheson (Daughter-in-law of Heidi & Ron Hutcheson)

ANNIVERSARIES

(None this week)

Chrismons (continued)

In Memory of...

Ralph Bailey.....	Jerry & Aurelia Smith
Ralph Bailey & Edgar "Ed" Bates.....	Peggy B. Bates
Betty Bates.....	J. W. Bates
Betty Bates.....	Calvin & Susan Odom
Donald Beck.....	Anne Bevan & Elisabeth Strillasci
Mildred Beck.....	Anne Bevan & Elisabeth Strillasci
Roy Bevan.....	Anne Bevan & Elisabeth Strillasci
Doris Biesecker.....	Lisa Nelson
Butch & Ruby Bouchard.....	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Jake & Corky Briggs.....	Ellen Briggs & Betty Briggs Burns
Rev. Chet Byerly.....	Gennie Lou Byerly, Frank, Tracy & Ashley Byerly
Dedra Jo Clark.....	Eddie & Belinda Yates
Ronnie Durham.....	Denise Durham
Homer & Voncile Evans and Charles & Doris McCarn.....	John & Lynn McCarn
Lori Lopp Floyd.....	Cliff & Paula Lopp
Everette Fritts.....	Walter & Ann Hoffman
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Green, Sr.....	Robert & Martha Adams
Fannie S. Green.....	Beverly Sandifer
Fred S. Green.....	Beverly Sandifer
Dwight Hinkle.....	Davis, Kathy & Matthew Hinkle
Kim Isenhour.....	Heidi Hutcheson
Our Grandson, Jared Perrell.....	Clifton & Harriette Murphy
Patricia Frye Potts.....	John Potts & Janette Neal
Calvin & Sue Robbins.....	Bill & Carolyn Robbins
Dr. & Mrs. Edward B. Robertson.....	Jerry & Aurelia Smith
Jeffrey Saunders.....	Robert & Martha Adams
Jeffrey Saunders.....	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Jeffrey Saunders.....	Amy Bouchard Hedrick
Rev. Banks D. Shepherd.....	Eulene Shepherd
Bruce & Eleanor Smith.....	Jerry & Aurelia Smith
Arlene Swing.....	Denise Durham
Jim Swing.....	Denise Durham
John Walser.....	Sylvia Walser
Carlton K. "Tommy" Williams.....	Bill & Carolyn Robbins

Given by...

2018 Poinsettias

In Honor of...

Chris, Tammy, Morgan & Grayson Beck.....	Clifton & Harriette Murphy
Margot Everhart.....	Ron & Heidi Hutcheson
Ruth Fritts.....	Walter & Ann Hoffman
Beatrice Hedrick.....	Ruth Essick
Elizabeth Horton & Family.....	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Buddy & Rita Lohr.....	Robert & Beverly Sandifer
Adam & Becca McKerlie.....	Brian McKerlie
Our Sweet Children, Elliott & Emory.....	Nicole Smith
Lee Ann Peele.....	The Adult Choir
Jeff, Christie & Jackson Perrell.....	Clifton & Harriette Murphy
Ellen Peterson.....	The Adult Choir
In Honor of Hoyle Potts and In Memory of Betty Potts.....	Mike & Lynn Brown
Bill & Carolyn Robbins.....	Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson
Carolyn Robbins.....	Bill Robbins
Adam Saunders & Jamie Ennis.....	Amy Bouchard Hedrick
Carolyn Spivey.....	Women's Life Fellowship
Laura K. Williams.....	Bill & Carolyn Robbins

Given by...

Poinsettias (continued)

In Memory of...

Betty Bates.....	Calvin & Susan Odom
Junior & Juanita Beck.....	Calvin & Susan Odom
Butch & Ruby Bouchard.....	Philip & Alma Bouchard, Tony & Amy Hedrick and Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Dedra Jo Clark.....	Eddie & Belinda Yates
Our Clodfelter Family and Our Sink Family.....	Doug & Barbara Sink
Cloys Crotts.....	Calvin & Susan Odom
Norman Essick.....	Ruth Essick
Banks & Evelyn Evan, Clifton & Cathern Murphy & Jared Perrell.....	Clifton & Harriette Murphy
Bill Everhart.....	Ron & Heidi Hutcheson
Hoy Lee & Ethel Hedrick Fisher.....	Eulene Shepherd & Family
Everette "Bud" Fritts.....	Walter & Ann Hoffman
Dorothy Gray & John Gray.....	John & Vicky Gray
Fannie Green.....	Robert & Beverly Sandifer
Fred Green.....	Robert & Beverly Sandifer
W. James & Arline Grubb.....	June Grubb
Lonnie F. Grubb.....	June Grubb
John, Mabel & Jack Hancock.....	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Dr. George E. Horner.....	John & Vicky Gray
Lee & Sue Jessup.....	Lee & Mary Jo Jessup
H.C. & Rachael Koonts.....	Bob Shaak & Family
Gordon & Lossie Knowles.....	Tony & Lee Ann Peele
Paul & Edna Odom.....	Calvin & Susan Odom
Our Fallen Soldiers.....	Nicole Smith
Jeffrey Saunders.....	Amy Bouchard Hedrick
Jeffrey Saunders.....	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Dawn Shaak.....	Bob Shaak & Family
Ray & Dorothy Shaak.....	Bob Shaak & Family
Howard D. & Pearl Sharp Shepherd.....	Eulene Shepherd & Family
Brad Smith.....	John & Susie Smith
Joe & Dot Walters.....	Lee & Mary Jo Jessup
H. W. "Butch" Zimmerman.....	Bob Shaak

2018 Chrismons

In Honor of...

Given by...

Adult Choir.....	Tony & Lee Ann Peele
Adult Choir & Bell Choir.....	Ellen Peterson
Raeann Allred.....	Stacy Sosebee-West
Church Staff.....	June Grubb
Our Daughters-Tammy Beck & Christie Perrell.....	Clifton & Harriette Murphy
Pattie B. Everhart.....	Sylvia Walser
Ruth Fritts.....	Walter & Ann Hoffman
To the Glory of God.....	Jerry & Patti Lovell
Our Grandchildren.....	Lee & Mary Jo Jessup
John Elliott Gray.....	John and Vicky Gray
Sam, Kasey, Sage & Sloan Gray.....	John & Vicky Gray
Keri Lopp Hartle.....	Cliff & Paula Lopp
Geraldine Hill.....	Eddie & Belinda Yates
Virginia Hill.....	Steve & Cathy Waitman
Lib Hinkle.....	David, Kathy & Matthew Hinkle
Megan Horton.....	Sylvia Walser
Jonathan Kepley.....	John & Susie Smith
Adam McKerlie.....	Mike Price
Becca McKerlie.....	Mike Price
Brian McKerlie.....	Mike Price
Harriette Murphy.....	Clifton Murphy
Sidney, Seth, Frances & Sarah Perkinson.....	Jerry & Aurelia Smith
Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson.....	Bill & Carolyn Robbins
John Potts & Janette Neal.....	Mike & Lynn Brown
Brad, Molly & Lily Robertson.....	Bill & Carolyn Robbins
Linda Sink.....	Lindsay Sink
My Sisters-Clara & Mary and My Brother-Bob.....	Barbara Sink
Claire I. Smith.....	Ted & Nina Smith
Griff Z. Smith.....	Ted & Nina Smith
Jerry & Aurelia Smith.....	Ted & Nina Smith
Ted, Nina, Griff & Claire Smith.....	Jerry & Aurelia Smith
Ashlee Lopp Snider.....	Cliff & Paula Lopp
Kaylee Waitman.....	Steve & Cathy Waitman
Laura K. Williams.....	Bill & Carolyn Robbins
In Honor of and In Memory of Willing Workers Sunday School Class.....	Carolyn Spivey
Eddie & Belinda Yates.....	G. B. Hill

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come join us for a catered luncheon following worship next Sunday. There will be baked ham, mac & cheese, green beans, buttered corn, baked apples, dessert and drink. The cost of the meal is Adults: \$8.50 and Children (11 and under): \$4.25. Please sign up using the form below or contacting the church office (336-248-2716) **BY DECEMBER 5TH!**

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MORNING GLORY CIRCLE

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PORK LOIN FUNDRAISER!

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In Memory of: _____ By: _____

In Honor of: _____ By: _____

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