

THE COVENANT OF PRAYER

WFPC FAMILY MEMBERS

Roy Wilson (25)	Emmaline Simpson (35)	Don McCorkle (26)
Melanie Mohlmann (14)	Carol Noble (8)	Sara McCorkle (26)
	Danny Noble (8)	

Note: (#) denotes branch numbers. Prayer concerns for extended family members and friends can be found on the password-protected portion of the church website, which is updated weekly. Be sure to include these names as part of your daily prayer life. If you need assistance with your password, contact Robert Deeprose at 919-801-8914 or itsvc@wakeforestpres.org

NEXT SESSION MEETING: Thursday, December 21 at 7:00
NEXT MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT: Thursday, January 4 at 7:00
NEXT DIACONATE MEETING: Thursday, January 11 at 7:00

*In the PC(USA), officers' meetings are open as "the work of church is strengthened when it is done in a spirit of openness and trust".

CHURCH ELDERS (SESSION)

Stated Clerk: Kathy Dudley (2019)

Class of 2017

Louis Engel (IT)
 Stephanie Gregory (Personnel)
 Wayne Moore (Facilities)
 Kim Newton (Worship)
 Alan Perry (Finance)
 Marty Wakefield (Discipleship)

Class of 2018

Laurie Baker (Worship)
 Sandy Christos (Membership)
 Bernie Hardy (Mission)
 Robin Roper (Cong. Care)
 Marla Seymour (Membership)
 Nicole Slayton (Discipleship)

Class of 2019

Ray Evans (Generosity)
 Jon Gutekunst (Facilities)
 Millie Seiler (Mission)
 Tony Whitley (Personnel)
 Carolyn Joy Wiles (Discipleship)

CHURCH DEACONS (DIACONATE)

Moderator of the Deacons: Robin Roper
 Clerk: Sharon Lineberry

Class of 2017

Lisa Dolfi (Fellowship)
 Armin Harrell (Compassion)
 Leslie Olmo (Branch Ministry)
 Joy Blanton (Compassion)

Class of 2018

Emory Butcher (Compassion)
 Ellen Cutler (Fellowship)
 Loretta Highfield (Fellowship)
 Rick Mayo (Welcome)

Class of 2019

George Dudley (Welcome)
 Liz Herman (Branch Ministry)
 Jane Hydeman (Compassion)
 Dana Wills (Fellowship)

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Rebekah Maul.....Pastor	Mandy Duguid.....Director of Food Ministries
Rev. John Fawcett.....Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Mission	Amy Cebrick...Asst Director of Children's Min.
Katherine Peiper..Director of Children, Family and Youth Ministries	Renee Engel...Pastors' Asst/Admin Secretary
Janet BrileyAsst Director of Youth Min.	Mitchie Griffin.....Preschool Director Asst
Kim Glasscock.....Director of Music Ministries	Cindy Shriver.....Business Office Admin
Dawn Brown.....Preschool Director	Karen Long.....Bookkeeper
	Karen Pettyjohn.....9:00 Accompanist
	Susie Vogt.....11:15 Accompanist

PCUSA MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY WFPC

Janet Guyer (Malawi) Alan & Ellen Smith (Germany, Russia, Belarus)

Worship Leaders Today:

Elder of the Week: Stephanie Gregory
Liturgist: Tim Tharrington
Deacon of the Week: Emory Butcher

ATTENDANCE 12/10/17		TITHES/OFFERINGS 12/10/17	
Discipleship Hour	109	GF Offering	\$17,294.00
9:00 Worship	169	GF MTD Offering	\$38,357.50
11:15 Worship	191	GF Monthly Budget	\$78,351.00
		Designated Gifts	\$750.00
		Debt Elimination	\$1,075.00



**Service of Worship and Praise
(Contemporary)**

December 17, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Joy

WELCOME SPOTLIGHT

Generosity Update

Generosity Team

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: THE CANDLE OF JOY see insert

***SONG OF PRAISE** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

***SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share a greeting of peace with one another.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES SENDING HIS KIDS

Katherine Peiper

SCRIPTURE SERMON

Psalm 130
 "Wait for It"

Rebekah Maul

GIVING THROUGH OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE Music Offering

"Come Darkness, Come Light"

John Fawcett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING SONG** "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

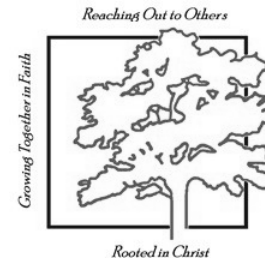
***BENEDICTION POSTLUDE**

* All who are able may stand

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Service of Worship and Praise

December 17, 2017, 11:15 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Joy

WELCOME SPOTLIGHT

Generosity Update

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This Advent, we hope and pray for:

All: Joy, as we journey together, Sight for the blind and healing for the sick, Freedom for the prisoners and good news for the poor, Release for the oppressed with justice for all, Love for each other...

One: And for the coming of God's topsy-turvy, inside-out, upside-down Kingdom. Let us worship God with anticipation.

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: THE CANDLE OF JOY see insert

***OPENING HYMN** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Hymn #88 v 1,6,7

CONFESSING OUR SINS TOGETHER

One: When we allow darkness to overcome the light,

All: Forgive us, Lord.

One: When we reduce Christmas to plastic trees and snowmen,

All: Have mercy on us, Father.

One: When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and believing in Your Song,

All: Let Your grace fill us, O God. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope in Christ alone, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. In His name we ask this.

(time of silent confession)

One: Lord, in Your Mercy...

All: Hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

by Thom Shuman

One: Even now, God approaches us, mercy transcending anger, hope overcoming despair, life triumphing over death. This is good news! This is news of great joy for each of us!

All: Enriched in every grace, blessed with joy and hope, transformed by love, we will live as people of Advent. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***RESPONSE TO GRACE** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" Hymn #132 v. 2
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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SCRIPTURE
SERMON

Psalm 130
“Wait for It”

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Rebekah Maul

***AN ADVENT AFFIRMATION**

edit from Daniel Berrigan, S.J.

One: It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss --

All: This is true: God loves the world so much He gave His only Son, not to point out how bad things have gotten. We already know that. He came to put the world right again.

One: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction --

All: This is true: Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.”

One: It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever --

All: This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders, His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of Peace.

One: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world --

All: This is true: “To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.”

One: It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers --

All: This is true: The hour comes, and it is now. Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers. They shall be called children of God.” We are children of God. We continue to work for peace. We believe this truth: Jesus Christ is the life of the world!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Offertory Anthem *“Behold Our God”*

Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”*

Hymn #146

***BENEDICTION**

***SUNG RESPONSE** *“Prepare the Way, O Zion”*

Hymn #106 v3

*Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.*

POSTLUDE



* - All who are able may stand

Bold Type - congregation responds in unison

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What’s Happening at Wake Forest Presbyterian

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE: This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, so our worship schedule has changed. At 9 AM, we will have our Family Service in the CLC, featuring the children of WFPC. At 11:15 AM, our Traditional Service (featuring our Music Ministry) will take place in the sanctuary. Our Candlelight and Communion Service will be held in the sanctuary at 11 PM.

ON NEW YEAR’S EVE THERE WILL BE ONE SERVICE in the sanctuary at 10 AM. We will not have Sunday School or Children’s Worship, but nursery care will be available.

2018 LITURGIST TEAM: Do you have a gift for public speaking and worship leadership? Please consider joining the team of liturgists who serve during the 11:15 Worship Service. Liturgists prepare the Prayer of Praise and Adoration and the Prayer of Dedication (which follows our offering). They also lead a prepared Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, the Assurance of Pardon, and the Passing of the Peace. Training and guidance are available. Each liturgist typically serves two to three times per year. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Kathy Dudley at kathyrdudley@gmail.com or 919-539-7732.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

AMAZON SMILE: GIVE BACK TO WFPC with your Christmas Gift Shopping! WFPC has partnered with Amazon.com to receive charitable donations for FREE! How is this possible? Like many large companies, Amazon has a philanthropic wing of its business that it uses to give money back to registered non-profits. If you buy ANYTHING through Amazon Smile and designate Wake Forest Presbyterian Church as the nonprofit recipient, Amazon will give a percentage of your purchase (at no extra cost to you) back to the church. Here's the link to the WFPC Smile login: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1747638>

GIVING TREE UPDATE: Ornaments are literally flying off the Giving Trees. The angel ornaments are making Christmas brighter for 48 children in the Wake Forest Boys and Girls Club, 21 foster children, and approximately 100 homeless men, women, and children seeking aid through the Raleigh Rescue Mission. The backpack ornaments promise that elementary school children in need of nutritious meals will not go to bed hungry on week-ends over the coming year. And the Presbyterian Church USA ornaments provide hope for impoverished families and communities throughout the world by giving them tangible means to improve their lives. It is our prayer that by Christmas Eve not a single ornament will be left on the trees. Thank you for your incredible generosity!

ADULT MINISTRIES

CHICK FLICKS WILL NOT BE HELD IN DECEMBER. We would love to have you join us for film, fellowship and food at 6:30 on Friday, January 19, at Diane Terrell’s home.

HIS KIDS MINISTRIES

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: WFPC Children's Ministry invites you and your child to join us in a beautiful new tradition...a Christmas Eve pageant! ALL children have a role in the pageant, no rehearsal required! All families are encouraged to join us in the CLC on Sunday, December 24, at 9:00 AM as the children of the church present the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. Contact Katherine Peiper (katherinepeiper@wakeforestpres.org) for the sign-up link.

PREP FOR WORSHIP BEGINS IN JANUARY! Current 3rd graders (or 4th/5th graders who have not completed the class) are invited to join us! Classes will be held on Sunday mornings, January 14 - March 25, at 11:15 in Room B104 in the CLC. We cover prayer, Scripture, thanksgiving, stewardship, sacraments, the liturgical year, and other elements of worship. Students who complete the participation/attendance requirements will be presented with Bibles on April 15 during the 11:15 worship service. Registration is due January 7. Contact Melodee Fraser at mlkfraser@aol.com.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS: Thank you to everyone who helped with Random Acts of Kindness! We had 90 people come together for this event to make a difference in our community! Thank you for being God’s light in this dark world. If you have a story from your experience with Random Acts of Kindness, whether you were showing or receiving kindness, please email it to Janet at youth@wakeforestpres.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS: Starting on January 17, we will have a guys only group! If you are a boy in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, this group is just for you!! The group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30. More details are coming, but for now, get excited! Be thinking about what you want your group name to be, and what types of things you want to do! Dads, we have a leader that will be there each week, but would love to have you all rotate as assistants to help out. Our hope is that we will only need one dad each week. More details are coming soon! Let Janet know if you have any questions at youth@wakeforestpres.org.

UPCOMING YOUTH DATES:

December 17: Middle School Christmas Party and High School Class Dinners (see the weekly email for details)

December 24: No Youth Group

December 31: No Youth Group

HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve Services: 9 AM, 11:15 AM, 11 PM

New Year’s Eve Service: 10 AM (no Sunday School)

Our church office is closed December 25/26 and January 1.