

# The Pew'sletter

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First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton, NC

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## Greetings Church Friends,

As Advent is upon us, and the year comes to an end, we reflect on the good works and deeds of everyone at First Presbyterian Church:

We have continued our support to Christian Ministries with the Soup Kitchen, packing boxes, Linc Meals, and filling the pantry with food.

Our support also continues with The Good Neighbor Shop. We recently sent a monetary gift to them and several of you continue to work in the shop.

We had a wonderful 200th celebration - celebrating the good works that God has done in our history.

As the year ends, we are still working. We expect to hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 20th to elect a new elder. Your Session is working with Presbytery of Western NC on training to start a Pastor Nominating Committee. We have also interviewed several Interim Pastor candidates and expect to make an announcement prior to year's end.

We ask that you continue to pray for our church and yourself as we will soon embark on the pastor nominating committee process. Spend time with God to see if you are feeling called to be on this important committee.

As we head into 2016, may we all continue to pray for one another, love one another and REACH, TEACH, FEED, and LOVE our Lincolnton community.

With blessings - your Session,

Jan Durr  
Christine B. Thomas  
Greg Wray  
John L...



*You are invited to a very special celebration of the  
Christmas Season  
Presented by the children of  
First Presbyterian Church Preschool*

*Thursday, December 14  
6:30pm*

*First Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall*

*(Please have children in their classrooms by 6:00)*

## FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Our love and prayers go out to one of our Pre-school families. The Futrell Family is mourning the loss of Susie Futrell, mother of Matt Futrell one of our student's fathers. We have had 3 of her sweet grand babies and pray for comfort and understanding during this difficult time.

**Matthew 5:4**

**"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."**



# Ministry for the Church

## DECEMBER 2015

Wed., December 2nd	7:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Sun., December 6th	9:30 am	<b>Sunday School</b>	
	10:30 am	<b>Worship—2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	Sanctuary
		<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	
	7:30 pm	<b>Christmas Vespers at Davidson College PC</b>	
Wed., December 9th	11:30 am	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	Sue Bowen's home
	7:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Sun., December 13th	9:30 am	<b>Sunday School</b>	
	10:30 am	<b>Worship—3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	Sanctuary
		<b>Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	
Tues., December 15th	6:00 pm	<b>Session Meeting</b>	Kitchen
Wed., December 16th	7:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Sun., December 20th	9:30 am	<b>Sunday School</b>	
	10:30 am	<b>Worship—4th Sunday of Advent</b>	Sanctuary
Wed., December 23rd	7:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Thurs., December 24th	7:00 pm	<b>Christmas Candlelight Service</b>	Sanctuary
Fri., December 25th	10:00 am	<b>Ramseur Christmas Program</b>	Sanctuary
Sun., December 27th	9:30 am	<b>Sunday School</b>	
	10:30 am	<b>Worship</b>	Sanctuary
		<b>5 cents-a-meal</b>	
Wed., December 30th	7:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	

### DECEMBER WORSHIP TEAMS

Team Leaders—Pam Sipe & Mary Smith  
 Soup Kitchen—Rick & Myra Ramseur

#### December 6th

**Greeters & Offering**.....Dennis & Paula McCorkle  
**Worship Leader**.....Jamie Hodges  
**Nursery**.....The Hodges  
**Children's Time**.....Thad Cloer  
**Lock-up**.....Adrienne Hodges

#### December 13th

**Greeters & Offering**...John & Pat Carpenter  
**Worship Leader**.....Jan Duncan  
**Nursery**.....Myra Ramseur  
**Children's Time**.....Barbara Crumley  
**Lock-up**.....Chip Crumley  
**COMMUNION:**

**Preparers**—Ann & Randy Hallman  
**Servers**—Davis & Judy Roberts, Jimmie Bowers—nursery

#### December 20th

**Greeters & Offering**.....The Cloers  
**Worship Leader**.....Zoe Cloer  
**Nursery**.....Ann Hallman  
**Children's Time**.....Jan Duncan  
**Lock-up**.....Thad Cloer

#### December 27th

**Greeters & Offering**.....John & Peggy Lafferty  
**Worship Leader**.....Jan Duncan  
**Nursery**.....Leah Limone  
**Children's Time**.....Rick Ramseur  
**Lock-up**.....John Lafferty  
**5 cents-a-meal**.....Zoe Cloer

*If you cannot serve, please find your own replacement and notify the office of the change.*



### Elder on call for emergencies:

**December 4th**—Mort Wadsworth  
**December 11th**—John Lafferty  
**December 18th**—Greg McBryde  
**December 25th**—Jan Duncan  
**January 1st**—Christine Thomas  
**January 8th**—Mort Wadsworth



### FEED THE HUNGRY

Betty Beaver and Judy Roberts took 365 boxes of macaroni and cheese to Christian Ministries on Monday, November 23rd! We will still be collecting macaroni and cheese through mid December. You can continue to put it in the box in the Government St. vestibule. Thank you for your support to this important ministry.



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**SCHEDULE**  
**Church School: 9:30am**  
**Worship: 10:30 am**  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
 Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

### MISSION:

**REACH.**  
**TEACH. FEED.**  
**LOVE.**

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**Girl Scouts** meet at FPC.  
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**FPC's Calendar** is updated on Google Calendar and the church website.