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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

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From Pastor Mike....

For most of society, December marks the beginning of the last month before the new year. However, for the Church and its members, it is actually the first season of the new liturgical year. This season is called "Advent" and follows "Christ the King" Sunday celebrated on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Advent is a time of reflection and inner renewal reminding us of the importance of having our priorities aligned with Christ and His rule as Lord and Master of our lives. The word Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus" which is translated as arrival or coming. This translation reminds us that Christ came into the world for a specific purpose and mission. Jesus Christ, God incarnate, was born in a lowly stable in Bethlehem to provide the gift of Salvation and Relationship with God to all humankind. While we celebrate His life and all the wonderful things he taught us and showed us, we also know that His primary task was to die on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. We should never lose sight of this reality amidst all the noise and celebration of his nativity.

There is a line in "The Great Thanksgiving", the litany we use in Holy Communion, that is a special part of corporate worship for me. It is the affirmation of faith spoken by the whole church, **"Christ has died; Christ has risen; and Christ will come again."** The Season of Advent is a two-fold celebration of this truth. It is a time of reflection on His humble birth but it also a time to anticipate His coming again as the Eternal King and Righteous Judge. Even the symbols used during Advent speak to this promise of hope and fulfillment. The candles on the Advent Wreath that we light every Sunday represent the light of Christ illuminating the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love in the midst of the world's darkness.

The beautiful carols we sing, and the special events of worship draw us nearer to the heart of God and cause us to look inward to explore how these themes are expressed in our lives. Advent is a journey or a process that helps us to better understand the mystery of God's love and the gift of redemption. As we worship during Advent may we always look forward to that time when "every knee will bow to Jesus, and every tongue will speak His praises." (Isaiah 45:23 & Romans 14:11)

My prayer is that in this special season each of us will find anew and afresh the marvelous truth that rings down through the ages. Come and join with us as we celebrate "Emmanuel, God With Us."

DECEMBER CHANGES TO TUESDAY MORNING METHODIST WOMEN

Please note the date and time change for the Tuesday Morning Methodist Women December meeting is **Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 11AM.** The meeting will be in the Community Room followed with lunch.

You are asked to bring a childhood Christmas picture if you have one. In the event one is not available, please bring a more current picture of you or you and your family.

The mission project for 2025 for our ladies has been to bring Backpack items for COAT. Once again you are asked to bring items from the list we have used this year.

A big "Thank you" to the Sunday school classes who participated in the collection of socks and underwear for Archdale Elementary School. The total items donated were: 150 pairs of girl's socks, 169 pairs of boy's socks, 221 girl's underwear, 125 boy's underwear, and 3 boy's under shirts. The school was very appreciative to receive these items.



Stephen Ministry

The holidays can be a lonely time for those who have lost loved ones during the year, or even if it has been several years. The holidays can be hard for others also. There may be grandparents hearing the children singing "Away in a Manger" but they are saddened because their own grandchildren are far away from them or perhaps do not attend church. A single person in the congregation, who hopes one day to be married and have children, may be reminded that dream is not yet fulfilled and they are lonely. Each person seeing the same event may react with different powerful emotions. Stephen Ministry is sensitive to these needs. With the help of our congregation, we all need to be aware of those who are going through lonely or hard feelings during the holidays. Look around you. Try to be aware of others and remember them with a phone call or a card. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, there is a training class beginning in January, 2026. You can contact Peggy Johnson (336-259-9841).



Happy Birthday

12/02 Brad Haynes	12/16 Peter Stevens
12/02 Laynie Jo McCall	12/16 Penny Stewart
12/02 Pete Smith	12/16 Brian Tickle
12/03 Vance Hollifield	12/17 Tim Coggins
12/03 Audy Parrish	12/17 Lora Krpejs
12/04 Virginia Rothermel	12/17 Nelly Smith
12/05 John Hamilton	12/18 Chris Colclough
12/05 Matt Watson	12/19 Debbie Coltrane
12/06 Savannah Kirkman	12/19 Lori Lyons
12/07 Kip Johnson	12/20 Joan Angel
12/07 Libby McGavic	12/20 Michael Felder
12/07 Hoyt Nichols	12/21 Evan Gallimore
12/07 Megan Martin	12/22 Mackenzie Blossom
12/09 Abbey Cates	12/22 Zach Thompson
12/09 Sandra Sanders	12/23 Aaron McKim
12/10 Mike Allred	12/24 Angie Britt
12/10 Jay Aspley	12/24 Keith Gallimore
12/10 Sam Brown	12/24 Barry Smith
12/10 Jack Du	12/24 Robin Sulfridge
12/10 Wayne Huthmaker	12/26 Kirby Mazoo
12/10 John Lynch	12/26 John Todd
12/10 Erin Simpson	12/26 Linda Williams
12/11 Debbie Gaskey	12/28 Matthew Boles
12/11 Luke Johnson	12/28 Tanner Hamilton
12/11 James Stanley	12/28 Emily Romano
12/12 Debbie Dean	12/29 Adonna Paschal
12/13 Lindsay Wilson	12/29 Laurie Smith
12/14 Crew Calloway	12/29 Phyllis Wilson
12/14 Dot Johnson	12/29 Loretta Yates
12/14 Ethan Paschal	12/30 Ashley Boyle
12/15 Dee Hodgkin	12/31 Trip Hale
12/15 Stephen White	12/31 Cathy Hunt



Children's Ministry

Christmas is coming early this year. We have so much to celebrate the birthday of our King. Mark your calendars.

Nov 23rd, 30th, Dec 7th Christmas Pageant rehearsal also on Dec 7th after small rehearsal any cast members that want to participate will be meeting for Archdale Christmas parade. Dec 13th Cookies with Santa from 2 to 4 floating in the fellowship hall. Come meet with Santa, pictures, reindeer food, hear the Christmas story. Enjoy cookies and coloring. Following will be the final dress rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant. Children's Christmas Pageant is Sunday December 14th at 10:45 worship service. Any questions please contact Joanna Hollifield at 336-542-6146 call or text.

OUR SYMPATHY

RODNEY DABBS, AMC MEMBER, LOST HIS STEPFATHER, HURLEY PRESTON WILLIFORD, NOVEMBER 7, 2025 AT HERITAGE GREENS IN GREENSBORO. ALSO SURVIVING ARE HIS WIFE, BILLIE GAULDIN WILLIFORD, DAUGHTERS DEBBIE (DON) WRENN AND ELAINE (JOHN) GREENE. HIS SISTER, ELIZABETH GRIMES, ALSO SURVIVES HIM ALONG WITH STEPCHILDREN BEVERLY STANLEY, RODNEY (AMY) DABBS, RICHIE (AIMEE) DABBS, RANDY (THERESA) DABBS, 7 STEP GRANDCHILDREN AND 4 STEP GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE WAS HELD NOVEMBER 13TH AT 11AM AT GATE CITY BAPTIST CHURCH ON HILLTOP ROAD IN JAMESTOWN. ENTOMBMENT WAS HELD AT GUILFORD MEMORIAL PARK WITH MILITARY HONORS.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THIS FAMILY IN THE LOSS OF THEIR LOVED ONE.



IN THE NEWS

The High Point Enterprise 2025 Reader's Choice Awards published Oct. 11, 2025 contained the following in the Professionals. Ashley Stone Photography was the winner in the photography category. Congratulations Ashley on your award.

The High Point Enterprise of November 7, 2025 had a color picture of the Trinity High Hall of Frame Athletes who were inducted October 25, 2025. Norman Askew - 1976 - was inducted as a coach in the third class of Trinity High School Athletic Hall of Fame recipients'. Congratulations Norman on this well deserved recognition.

A Special Date to Remember

December 7 (the first Sunday in December), the AMC Choir will present *The 4 Glimpses of Christmas*. Join us in the Sanctuary for this different, but very special Worship Experience.

COAT Sunday

Dec. 28

COAT needs big boxes of cereal



Archdale Methodist Church Christmas Card Post Office Mailbox

Again this Christmas, the Christmas card post office will be available for you to give cards to church members on December 7, 14, and 21. The post office box will be on the table outside the Wesley Room and can receive cards through December 21. Each week the cards will be distributed to the Sunday school classrooms. Be sure to put the person's name and their SS class name on each card. Cards will not be mailed to our shut-in members. However, the children will be preparing gift bags for our shut-ins and Christmas cards can be put in those bags.

Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
11/02/2025	\$8,899.00	\$189,014.05	\$231,133.76	44	76	95
11/09/2025	\$3,450.00	\$192,464.05	\$236,386.80	45	78	101
11/16/2025	\$4,168.00	\$196,632.05	\$241,639.84	46	77	97
11/23/2025	\$13,211.00	\$209,843.05	\$246,892.88	47	82	99
11/30/2025	\$3,173.00	\$213,016.05	\$252,145.92	48	72	93

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in Nov: \$300.00
Received to date: \$13,510.00



AMC Schedule of Events

Sun, Dec 7: Choir Christmas Program 10:45am

Wed, Dec 10: Women's Morning Circle 11am (Community Room)

Sat, Dec 13: Cookies with Santa 2pm (FH)
Children's Pageant Rehearsal 4pm (Sanctuary)
Dinner after Rehearsal (FH)

Sun, Dec 14: Children's Pageant 10:45am

Tues, Dec 23: Newsletter Deadline

Wed, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm

Thurs, Dec 25: Christmas Day (Church Office Closed)

Fri, Dec 26: Christmas Holiday (Church Office Closed)

Sun, Dec 28: COAT Sunday
Men's Breakfast 8:30am (Community Room)