



# First Presbyterian Church

UPDATE/12.15.22

MOUNT HOLLY NC

*And she gave birth to her  
firstborn son and wrapped  
him in bands of cloth, and laid  
him in a manger...*

Blessings and peace  
to you and to the world  
as we celebrate  
the light and hope of the world!

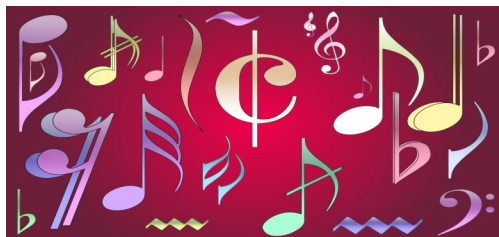


## Christmas Eve Service - 5:00

We look forward to our 58th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve.

As is our tradition, the offering received on that night is given to Church World Service to provide warmth for those in need.

The service will conclude with "Silent Night" and the lighting of candles as always.



## Christmas Carols on the Lawn!

The Stuart Cramer Band returns on Tuesday, December 20 at 5:00 to present songs of the season from our front steps. Bring your lawn chair, wrap up in a blanket, bring a friend and enjoy!

## Worship on Sunday, Dec. 25

### **10:00** in the Fellowship Hall

Every so often Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and this is one of those years! The Worship Committee and Session voted to gather in a "cozy" and informal way to share a time of scripture, prayer and the singing of more Christmas carols.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00—10:30. Coffee and treats will be provided and you are invited to come dressed as comfy and cozy as you wish! If kids want to come in their pajamas that is fine too! (No Sunday School this day.)

## Worship on Jan. 1

We will celebrate Epiphany on this New Year's Day at the usual worship time of 11:00. Our lantern kings will be present! (Note: there will be no children or youth Sunday School this day.)



A festive sight in front of our church! Horse and Carriage rides offered by the City of Mount Holly!

## Welcome Baby!



Sara Lee Lucas was born December 5!  
Congratulations to Hanna, James and big sister Nora!

## January Birthdays

Frances Springs	1
Sue Grabau	3
Rosanna Swindler	6
James Lucas	10
Lisa Kalinowski	15
Sheila Pierce	15
Eli Foster	23
Missy Francis	23
Jonathan Brackett	31
Mimi Guin	31

## Prayer Concerns

We continue our prayers for the world, and for those among us in need:

- John Bean, still hospitalized
- Those with ongoing health concerns
- All who travel during the holiday season
- Individuals and the world in need of peace

## “Un-Greening” of the Church

On Sunday, January 8, right after worship we will take down our Christmas decorations. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

## CRO Thank You

We have received a thank you note from the Community Relief Organization for the proceeds of our Pumpkin Patch. We donated \$2181 this year!

## Session Update

The Session met on Sunday, December 11, and took the following actions:

Received Raquel Benedict into the membership of our church. **Welcome, Raquel!**

Examined and voted to accept Paul Bumgarner, Jeff Kaylor, and Brenda McKinney as elders for the Class of 2025.

Ratified a previous email vote to allow the City of Mt. Holly to use our property for parking and line up area for Horse and Carriage Rides on December 12-14.

Approved installation of new countertops in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. This project is being funded by a donation from a church member.

Approved the housing allowance for Rev. DeWater for 2023.

Received the January – November Profit and Loss report.

Approved a kitchen use policy. This policy outlines guidelines that need to be followed by anyone asking to use the Fellowship Hall/kitchen for a non-church program event.

## Budget Update

Total budget 2022	\$189,601.00
YTD receipts	\$144,640.00
YTD CRO	\$951.94
YTD Daily Change (5 Cents)	\$716.87

If you need an update on your giving for 2022, our treasurer, Stefanie Faith, is happy to provide that for you. Email her at [sfaith@fpcmountholly.com](mailto:sfaith@fpcmountholly.com)

If you wish to contribute to our ministry and mission online, you can do so using the provided QR code or by visiting our website: [fpcmountholly.com](http://fpcmountholly.com)

Thank you for your faithful giving!



## Save the Date — Jan. 29

Donut Sunday and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.