



First Presbyterian Church

UPDATE/11.23.22

MOUNT HOLLY NC

Hello!

In the midst of a busy, beautiful and sometimes troubled world, I am grateful for the sustaining love and ever-present hope of Emmanuel, "God with us!" May we all experience quiet moments of joy, lively times of celebration, and most of all the known presence of God in all things as we celebrate the birth of this child and the life sustaining gift of our Savior.

Our church staff joins me in wishing you a beautiful and meaningful celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Christmas blessings and joy,

Janet



Hanging of the Greens Sunday, Nov. 27, 3:00

Join us for some fresh air and festivity as we hang wreaths on the outside doors of the church and put the garland on the fence. We will decorate our indoor sanctuary Christmas tree and add decorations to the Fellowship Hall as well! Your help is appreciated, and there are jobs for all ages so bring the kids!

Angel Tree Gifts

Thank you to all who are providing a gift for a child in need through the CRO. A reminder that gifts should be wrapped and tagged with your angel. Please return gifts by Sunday, December 4. Thank you!

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held to elect church leaders on Sunday, Dec. 4, immediately following the worship service.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be mostly closed between Christmas and New Year's. In the event of a pastoral care need, please contact Janet on her cell phone.



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.

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 our usual worship time of 11:00. Our lantern kings will be present! (Note: there will be no children or youth Sunday School this day.)



December Birthdays

Bruce Sudderth	2
Ralph Faust	12
Joshua Kalinowski	16
Frances Wingate	18
Ellie Williams	20
Chloe Kaylor	22
Joyce Lindsey	24
Henry Pigg	29

Welcome Confirmation Class!

*William Arnold
Gaige Williamson
Jayse Williamson*

You are a wonderful part of this congregation!

Seeking a Comfy Sofa or Two!

If you have a sofa, in fairly good condition, that you would like to donate to our church Activity Room, our young people would appreciate it. Please let Janet know. Thank you!

Budget Update as of 11/13

Total budget 2022	\$189,601.00
YTD receipts	\$132,047.00
YTD CRO	\$774.00
YTD Daily Change (5 Cents)	\$647.87
Peace/Global Witness	\$35.00

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



Thank you for your faithful giving!

Prayer Concerns

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

- John Bean, hospitalized and very ill
- Those who mourn
- All who are struggling with health
- Those for whom the holidays are a difficult time

Session Update

The Session met on November 13 and took the following actions:

Approved calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, Dec. 4, after worship, to elect congregational leaders.

Approved calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, after worship, to hold the Annual Meeting of the congregation.

Approved a request from the Archives Committee to work with the NC Digital Heritage Center to scan our historical documents for our own digitized information and records.

Approved hanging a large picture of Rev. Wilson Rhoton, Pastor Emeritus, in the hallway of the Educational Building. Pictures of previous pastors of our church will be moved to the Historical Room.

Received the Jan. – Oct. Profit and Loss report.

Approved the proposed church budget for 2023.

Approved re-instating the passing of the offering plates to receive offerings during our worship service.

Received information that our church insurance has been reviewed by Elder Aaron Lockridge, our Buildings and Grounds chairperson.

