



First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

December 16, 2018

11:00 am Service

Welcome

Congregational Meeting

Election of Elders

Stephen Brown, Ruth Carroll, Carol Nanney, Jody Trout

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolytes

Lighting of Third Advent Candle

Peggy & Matthew Espey

Opening Prayer

Introit *"Let our Gladness Know No End"*

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship (Please read the bold print)

Liturgist

Rejoice, give thanks; call on God's name.
the Holy One is in our midst.

How good it is to come home to God's house!

How good it is to gather in Christ's presence!

Sing aloud! Exult with all your heart.

the Sovereign One has done glorious things.

We offer up our anxieties, seeking God's peace.

We face our plenty, eager to share.

Shout your praise! Express your joy!

The God of our salvation welcomes us.

God's love is renewing us in these moments.

God's strength is becoming our song!

*Hymn *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

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Tme with the Children

Call to Confession

Every tree that fails to bear fruit is cut down and thrown in the fire. We cannot flee from our unfaithfulness. But we can reclaim our baptism and seek once more to bear fruits that befit repentance.

Prayer of Confession (Please read in unison)

What shall we do, O God? We can never do enough to deserve your love. We confess that we are not always truthful. We have defaced the purity of your love for us. We have embraced ugliness and oppression rather than loveliness and grace. We have distorted your cries for justice in order to benefit ourselves. We have given less than our best to others and to you. Forgive us we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God has taken away the judgments against us. God restores us to the family, welcomes us with open arms, and strengthens us for each day's challenges. Praise God, give thanks, and let the world know of God's marvelous deeds.

Worship Music

"The Birthday of a King"

Chancel Choir

Praise, Prayer Concerns, Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Whether we face plenty or hunger, abundance or want, we are in debt to God for all we have all we are. In these moments of thankfulness, we remember how God has blessed us. We give with joy because we trust the God of our salvation.

*Doxology - No. 815 *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

Hymn

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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Scripture

Matthew 2:13-23; Hebrews 2:14-15 NLT

Morning Message

"Deliverance!"

Rev. Kevin Wood

*Closing Hymn

"What Can I Give Him?"

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*Affirmation of Faith (In unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the

dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God

the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ Into the World

*Benediction Response

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Concerns: Ron Frum; Sara Fitzgerald (Stallworth Rehab); Ann Austin; Jamie, Jennifer & Taylor Roney; Pauline Rhodes; Ruth Eason; Deborah Deatharge; Brandy Payne; Liliyana Allen; McKenna Maloney; Kayden Larka

Sympathy to: Bob & Rutledge and family at the death of his brother, Will; the family of Matt English; Ben McClure & family at the death of his brother, Morris
McKenzie Health Care Center: Ben Surber; Marian Smith; Lanier Mabry; Anita Drury; Peggy (Houston) Morris; Martha McCadams; Bobby Elliston; Truman Bateman; Beulah Ognibene

Lakeside Retirement Center: Frank Claytor; Noel Wiggins; Bill Beasley; Linda Crider; Trudy Bateman; Sue Hearn

Christian Care Center: Edward McDearmon; Bill Fuchs

Other retirement centers & home-bound: Gordon Coleman; Mary Margaret Williams; Frances Jensen; Rev. Don Caperton; Christine Argo; Raymond Gray; Dorothy Tegethoff

Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, recovering, therapy:

Demetra Perkins; David Lankford; Byron & Sandra Pate; Alice Barnhart; Walter Waddle; Dave & Martha Sue Peters; Wynemia Mouser; Ann Drewry; Jerry Coates (Sandi Deming's brother); Mike Bateman; Chris & Chris Malone; Tim Stone; Edna Hall; Matt English; Carol Simmons; Wilma Hansen; Harry English;

Anna Rutledge; Leroy Price (JoAnn Ownby's brother); Steven Magnuski (Alice Barnhart's brother); Rev. Wayne Brooks (Kevin Wood's brother-in-law); Billy Ownby (James' brother); Barbara Garner; Kelly Barnhart; Joe & Sara Fitzgerald; Kim Wyatt; Bobby Babb; Rev. Jim Pinnell; Alex Hawks; Kaye Kirk; Diana Cook Bill McCain; Stacie Smothers; Clint Todd; Ray Crocker; Willie Mae Forester; Devin Cox; Carol Perrine; Rev. Tommy Thompson; Rick Legends; Linda Davis; Nancy Daniels; Paul Davis; Sam Tilley; Summer Hollomon; Randy Hatch; Rev. Don Tabor; Robert Hall; David Thompson; Kathryn Powers; Demetri Burnett; Barbara Boyd; Karen Fry; Matthew Bowlin; Paul Lundy; Sue Wright; Bob France; Connie Hubbard; Edwin Hawkins; Rev. Mike Justice; Edward Lankford; Dan Vaughn; Tristan Arnold; Mary Bass; Euda Maynard; Ted & Judy Finley; Bobbie Cooper; Kyle Watkins; Sherry Overman; Jim Verner; Buddy Hutchens; April Knowles; Adriana D'Adamio; Jill Shomaker; Joyce (Hill) Alkishaly; John Arnold; Rev. Aaron Holmes; Tom Keenan's brother, Max; Grace McCain Wonderly; Lucille Russell; Leah Sutton; Josh Fisher; Maddox Hurst; Linda Myatt; Keitha Chism; Charlie Bowman; Nathan Pratt; Warner Wood; Duwayne Keenan; Frank Knopp; Margeax Ridley; Kenneth Rogers; David Ellis; Billy Holmes; Linda Crutcher; Mariann Draper; Elizabeth Fischer; Shane McClelland

MILITARY: Sean Smith; Matt Warren; Justin Townsend; Nathan Smith; Ken Powell; Jon & Lisa Rhodes; Caleb Clay, Peter Allen & C. J. Vogel & all military & veterans
OTHERS: Victims of Natural Disasters; Persecuted Christians; The Drop Box Ministry; Session; Committees; Sunday School Teachers; missionaries; the Congo nation; Care givers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ushers will pass out the Attendance Registers.

(Visitors, please write your address & phone number on the register)

SUNDAY

Congregational Meeting @ 10 am following first worship service & at 11 am before the beginning of the second worship service

2:00 pm - MHS Play - **Usher**

4:00 pm - Children and Youth Christmas dress rehearsal

5:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm - *Lamb of God* - Children's and Youth Christmas Program

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - Prayer Group

5:00 pm - Meet at the church for Christmas Caroling to Retirement Centers and homes of those who are unable to attend church

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship - Gift to the King Offering

10:10 am - Sunday School Classes

11:00 am - Traditional Worship Service - Gift to the King Offering

December 9, 2018	Attendance 145
General Fund Offering -	\$4,987.30
Sanctuary Fund Offering -	4,087.01
WOW -	156.81
Benevolence -	100.00
TOTAL -	\$ 9,331.12
(General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$7,129)	

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
Dec. 25 - 10:00 am - Christmas Morning Worship
Dec. 30 - 9:00 am - Ordination and Installation of New Elders - tentative date
Jan. 4 & 5 - Elders Retreat
Jan. 7 -6:00 pm - Women's Ministry Meeting
Jan. 18-21 - Grace Convocation in Gatlinburg
Jan. 27 - *The God Who Speaks* movie followed by an 8 week Sunday evening Bible study
Jan. 30 - Tentative Date for WOW to begin a new semester



Lamb of God Children's & Youth Christmas Program TONIGHT - 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to **Lamb of God**, children's and youth Christmas program. After the program, we will have finger foods and a visit from Santa. Please bring finger foods for the add-a-dish supper.

Congregational Meeting - TODAY

The session (Board of Elders) will hold a congregational meeting to elect new elders to serve a three year term beginning in January of 2019. Today the Session will place in nomination **Ruth Carroll, Carol Nanney, Jody Trout and Stephen Brown**. Other nominations may be made from the floor provided the candidate meets the qualifications and has agreed to serve if nominated and elected.

Qualifications for Elder

Elders may be young or old, male or female; they should be witnesses to the gospel and be willing to assume additional responsibilities of leadership; should exemplify the gospel by their good character, sound faith, wisdom, maturity of judgment, discretion, conversation, knowledge of the doctrine and government of the church, and competency to perform the duties of the office; they should be willing to continue studying while performing their term of office in order to better perform their duties.

Responsibilities of Elders

Elders are the immediate representatives of the people, elected by them to share with ministers the government and leadership of the church and the pastoral oversight of the congregation.

In caring for and leading the congregation, elders pay particular attention to the following: persons who have not confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, those who are spiritually weak, and those who need instruction in the faith They are to visit and pray with people in their homes, especially the sick, the grieving, and others in need. They should encourage the people by word and example to share in the worship, study, witness and service of the church through a faithful stewardship of their time, talents and money. They should keep the pastor informed of any concerns that need their attention. (from the Confession of Faith. Constitution, pp.30-31)

The New Sanctuary

"So we built the wall for the people worked with all their hearts."

Praise the Lord! The loan has been paid in full for the debt incurred when building the exterior of the sanctuary. The long process of completing the interior of the new sanctuary will begin in the next few months. Your sanctuary gifts are now going into the construction account for completion of the sanctuary. There are

Worship on Wednesday - WOW

WOW will resume (tentatively) on January 30, 2019.

Gift to the King Offering

The Gift to the King Offering for 2018 will go to the Iloilo CP Church in the Philippines. The church has been meeting in rental property for years. Last year the Missions Ministry Team, after raising money for years, was able to purchase land in Iloilo City. It is a great location for a building. MMT is stepping out in faith this year and praying for \$55,000 in donations to the Gift to the King Offering, which would build an adequate structure on the land and meet the needs of the Iloilo CP Church.

We will receive the Gift to the King Offering on Sunday, December 23.

Betty Marshall (August 18, 1923-November 30, 2018)

Mrs. Marshall donated her body to UT Medical School. A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church in Milan at 1 P.M. on Saturday, December 29. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the International Mission Board's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, American Veteran charities, or Multiple Sclerosis research. Mrs. Marshall is the mother of Alan Cross.

Christmas Caroling

Any & everyone in the congregation is invited to go Christmas caroling to the retirement & rehab centers and homes of those who cannot worship with us. Meet at the church at 5 pm to go and sing, give treat bags and hugs.

Bring a snack and everyone will gather in the Worship and Family Life Center after caroling for hot drinks and snacks.

Christmas Card Holders

The Christmas Card trees, bell and ornament will be hung in the hallway with the congregation's names for you to give Christmas cards to those you'd like to remember in your church family.

You are also welcome to give to the Sanctuary Building Fund in lieu of Christmas cards and a list of those donating will be included in the December 23 Sunday bulletin.

A list of addresses for those who live in retirement and rehabilitation centers & our home-bound members can be found there also, so that you can mail those cards.

The Elf in the Red Hat, Mr. Mark Hollomon will be in the Gathering Area between services to collect for Staff Christmas Gifts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:10 am - 10:50 am

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Nursery: Newborns-18 months
Nursery Attendants: Linda Krushe; Amy Scott, Patricia Lee
Beginners: (18 months-3 years)-Toddler Nursery
Toddler Teachers: Donna Ward; Melissa Herris; Johnna Toombs
Pre-K & K - Upstairs above Gathering Area
Pre-K & K Teachers: Roger & Melissa Baker
Terry & Suzanne Howell
1st & 2nd Grades - Upstairs above Gathering Area
1st & 2nd Grade Teachers: Meredith & Tommy Surber; Missy Blount
3rd, 4th & 5th Grades - Upstairs above Gathering Area
3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Teacher - Susan Bouldin
Jennifer & Mike Beasley

YOUTH CLASSES

6th, 7th & 8th Grades - Upstairs above Gathering Area
Teachers: Peggy Espey, Becky Allen; Cathey Stambaugh
9th-12th Grades - Youth Room
Teachers: Jon Davis; Amanda Morris
College Class - Conference Room
Teacher: Jean Hollomon & Garrett Burns

ADULT CLASSES

Fellowship Class - Ground level - 1st room on South End
Rotating Teachers
Faithweavers Adult Class - Upstairs above Gathering Area
Teachers: Lee Lawrence; Dewayne Ervin, David Jarrett; Lauren Fields
Revelation Class - Prayer Room, Teacher Linda Kemp
Fireside Class - Library, Teacher Debby Aljancic

Devotional Booklets

"**These Days**" published for Cumberland Presbyterians, and other churches are available on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway. "**Our Daily Bread**" published by RBC Ministries is also available on the table in the hallway.

Elder of the Week

Adam Cooper

Acolytes

Madelyn Morris Avery Stambaugh

Nursery Helper

Janice Wiggins

Bell Ringer

Carson Hill

Greeters/Safety

Mark Smith Andrew Webb

Ushers - 9 am Service - DECEMBER

Craig Lunn, Jon Davis, Mark Smith, Mike Beasley

Ushers - 11:00 am Service - DECEMBER

Connie Beasley, Linda Meek, Ron Hinton, Matthew Espey

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