

The Worship of God

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we Noel!
Traditional French Carol

Prelude "O Come All Ye Faithful" John F. Wade

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Minister: May our souls magnify the Lord.

People **May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.**

Minister: Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

People: **Let earth receive her King.**

Minister: Let every heart prepare him room,

People: **And heaven and nature sing!**

Hymn No. 146 "Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come" ANTIOCH

Christian Greetings

Lighting the Advent Wreath Doug and Alisa Powers

Hymn No. 149 "Away in a Manger" CRADLE SONG

The Children's Time

Old Testament Lesson Micah 5: 2-5a

Hymn No. 159 "Sing We Now of Christmas" NOEL NOUVELET

Offertory Prayer Tim Michael

The Offertory "I Wonder as I Wander" Gwyneth Walker

The Gloria Patri

Duet for Piano and Tuba "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Gospel Lesson Luke 1: 39-56

Morning Prayer

Solo "Bethlehem Morning" Morris Chapman

Sermon "Sing We Noel" Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 171 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Choral Benediction

Postlude "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly" Dan Coates

Our Lay Reader is Linda Engstrom

Our Soloist is Alisa Powers

Wes Richardson Directs our Sanctuary Choir and plays the Tuba

Our Organist and Pianist is Marty Stanbery

Christmas Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Bob Tate who passed away on Tuesday, December 17 at his home. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. this Friday, December 27, at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Joe Blackwelder, Michael Blackwelder and Grace Cox by David Julie Huneycutt

Ann Bowyer by David & Julie Huneycutt

Janet Conner by Rick and Benjamin Conner and family

Horace and Miriam Conner by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Our parents Dick and Birdie Dunn, Carol Wall Jr., Betsy Wall Medford and Bill Medford by David and Julia Dunn

First Baptist Church

Lexington, NC

The Sixty-Second Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Tuesday
Music begins at 5 p.m.

Join us for this traditional service of Sacred Music, Scripture, Candlelight and Communion

December 29 Agape Love Feast with First and Second UCC
10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

This will be a potluck brunch. Biscuits and fruit will be provided. Please bring a breakfast casserole or other dish of your selection. We will enjoy a delicious meal together followed by singing, Scripture, and selected readings. We will conclude our time together with communion around the tables. We will not have Sunday School or a service in the sanctuary on December 29.

Grace Episcopal Sunday Meals in January

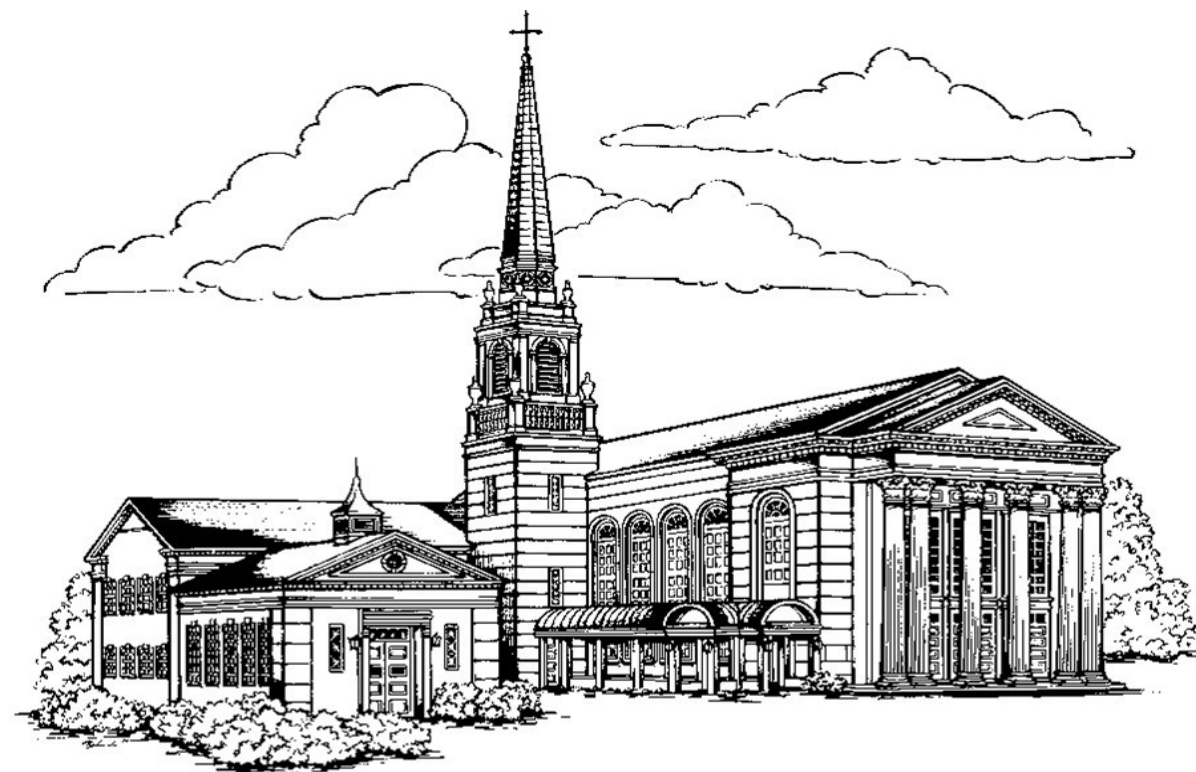
We will be helping serve the Sunday meal with Grace Episcopal in January. Please contact Jen-Fuller Allen if you can help.

Sunday School Attendance

December 15	106
December 8	96

Extended Session

Today	June Honeycutt and Margaret Ann Maddox
December 29	Kriston & Emma Jolly



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