



First Presbyterian Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina

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Dear Ones,

Happy New Year to you and yours! I write this to you with “Joy to the World!” still resounding in my ears and Matilda’s “Away in a Manger” still tugging at my heartstrings. I hope your Advent was as meaning-filled as mine. We celebrated Christmas with our children in shifts, concluding on Christmas Day with a right proper meal of slow roasted pork, sweet potatoes, collard greens, and an apple walnut cake from the kitchen of Joyce Pate. We scored the cake at the Bake Sale. I need not tell you it was good. The collards I cooked myself on a camp stove, outside, right on our front porch. If you’re wondering why, you’ve never cooked collards inside on a stove with an inoperative exhaust fan. It made for some interesting conversation with the mailman and the FedEx driver. It’s a wonder no one in the neighborhood called the Fire Department to report a possible sewer gas leak.

We settled in after the meal to watch Christmas movies. First came “It’s a Wonderful Life,” which my girls had never seen. Next, after a break, was Chevy Chase’s “Christmas Vacation,” which I had never seen. Which of these you might prefer likely depends on your age and your mood. I cried at the end “It’s a Wonderful Life” (again!) and chuckled at “Christmas Vacation,” at least some parts of it. I was conscious throughout of how much has changed since both were screened for the first time. “It’s a Wonderful Life” first aired 72 years ago, “Christmas Vacation” in 1989, 29 years ago. A lot changes, even in that brief a time. Some of the jokes that were funny three decades ago now seem a little lascivious.

I never tire, though, of “It’s a Wonderful Life”. Its life lessons are timeless. When George Bailey gets to see what would have happened, and not happened, in Bedford Falls if he had never been born, I wondered about the impact of my own life. I wondered, too, about the impact of First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro. How would your life have been different if First Pres. had never existed? How about the life of our community and hundreds, thousands, beyond it, touched in some way by our church’s life? What a void there would be in the world!

Though our time with you has been brief, we have been blessed beyond words by First Presbyterian. Such blessing leaves me wanting to do all I can to see that the church prospers and continues to bless, long into the future. How about you? I encourage you to join me in praying for our congregation each day, in supporting First Pres. through your worship, service, and gifts, and inviting others to join with us as we serve Christ together.

Much love,
Bob

Confirmation Retreat



@ Camp Albemarle

156 Albemarle Drive
Newport, NC 28570

January 11 & 12, 2019

Confirmands and chaperones should be at Camp Albemarle on Friday, January 11 between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.
We will spend the night in cabins. Dinner and next day breakfast will be served.

Parents and church members are invited to an all church cook-out at Camp Albemarle on Saturday, January 12 at 12:00 p.m.
We will worship and fellowship together.

Questions and to RSVP call: Mary Taneti @ 919-734-5392.

Installation of Officers

January 13, 2019

Class of 2021

Elders

Ellen Henderson
Sam Hunter
Borden Parker
Barbara Ann Vinson

Deacons

Jason Blackburn
Toby Brown
Katherine Parker
Joyce Wooten



Mark your calendar!

Wednesday Family Night begins January 16!!

Dear FPC family,

The staff would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the cards, gifts and holiday wishes received during the Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness and generosity meant so much to each one of us. It is truly a joy and privilege to minister at FPC.

Bob, Jayson, Mary, Nona, Jean and Ruth

With grateful hearts, we acknowledge the following for the help with
the Children's Musical "Prophets Foretold Him."
(Script by Rosalyn Lomax)

Musical Team

Ann Hunter
Rosalyn Lomax
Kathryn Spicer
Susan Stackhouse
Mary Taneti

Music Team Emeritus:

Madelyn Percise

Accompaniment

Piano, Jayson Keeton
Percussion, Gregory Rice

Sound

Jim Judkins
Jayson Keeton
Malcolm Shearin

Set (Set up and Strike)

Philip Brogden (Moravian Star)
Jayson Keeton
Toby Brown
Mary Taneti

Costumes

Margaret Burgess
Bridget Broohm
Rebekah Royall
Mary Taneti
Vismitha Taneti

The Cast (our youth, our children, our
flying angels, our parents)
Congregation support and prayers
All who sang at the Soup Kitchen.

Communication/Publicity

Ruth Smith
Mary Taneti

Program

Ruth Smith
Mary Taneti

Reception

Katherine Parker (Chair)
Ali Blackburn
Emily Byrd
Mary Ellis
Matilda Faircloth
Caroline Haithcock
Elizabeth Spicer
Jennifer Wilder

Photography

Malcolm Shearin

Parents of Children

Wonderful Staff

Nona Andrews
Bob Bardin
Margaret Burgess
Jayson Keeton
Ruth Smith
Mary Taneti
Jean Whitaker



Thanks be to the glory of God!



2	Beth Stackhouse	6	Dean Gurley	19	Mr. John Wooten
3	Mary Wynne Stackhouse	8	Austin Jeffreys		Mallory Albertson
	Will Stackhouse		Mr. Patrick McArthur	21	Mrs. Toddy Warren
	Mr. Jack Kannan	10	Mr. Warner Underwood	24	Mr. Brian Gibson
4	Mr. Al Grisette	13	Jake Crocker	26	Mr. Sean Huneycutt
	Dr. Jim Stackhouse	15	Mrs. Bessie Beamon	27	Mrs. Gail Shearin
	William Gibson		Mrs. Victoria Royall Barfield	28	Mr. Kent Warren
5	Mr. Ken Taylor	17	Mr. John Henderson		Wagner Wilder
6	Mr. Hugh Tate		Ethan Brogden	31	Mrs. Evelyn Rose



January Events



Jan. 1		Office Closed	13	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
6	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School		10:00	Officer Installation
	10:00	Worship	15	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate
7	6:30 p.m.	Circle 4	16	5:00 p.m.	Wednesday Family Night
8	8:30 a.m.	PWCT	20	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Troubleshooters		10:00	Worship
	10:00	Circles 1 and 2	22	7:00 p.m.	Session
	5:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee	23	5:00 p.m.	Wednesday Family Night
	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings	27	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11		Confirmation Retreat		10:00	Worship
12	12:00 p.m.	All Church Cook-out	29	10:00 a.m.	PWCT
			30	5:00 p.m.	Wednesday Family Night

Deacon-in-Charge: Linda Stevens

Co-Deacon: Michael Ellis

Ushers: John Parker, James Spicer and Curtis Stackhouse

Chancel  Guild



January:

Angie Best and Lynn Branch

