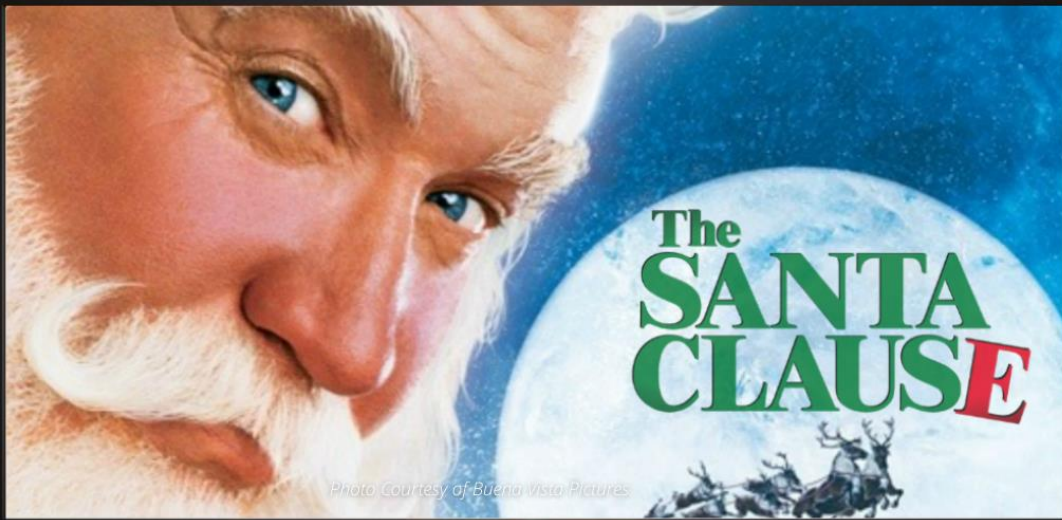


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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Cinematic Christmas

Sunday Morning Worship

December 12, 2021

9:30 am



**Service for the Lord's Day: 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021 9:30 am**

*indicates congregation is invited to stand in body and/or in spirit;
bolded words indicate congregational participation

Gathering Song # 103

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

O-So-So

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

Please sign the online friendship pad making use of your smartphone camera to do so. This allows us to know you are worshipping with us this morning. You may also include any prayer requests or concerns you may have with Pastor Kathryn.



Moment for Mission – Christmas Joy Offering

Mission Committee

Prelude

"Jesus Christ, Be Present Here"

Pachelbel

Jeannine Bailer, organ

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jim, Betsy, and Thomas Craver

*** Opening Hymn # 363**

“Rejoice the Lord is King!”

Darwall’s 148th

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he has purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints
to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*** Prayer of Confession**

Kandee Spain

Gracious God, it was with joy that you brought us into being. You created the world and called it good. And yet we have done so much to quell that goodness:

**we have fought with one another and failed to live in peace;
we have shut out the stranger and disparaged the immigrant;
we have ignored the needy and judged the poor;
we have fallen short of your command to be the Beloved Community.**

Forgive us, Merciful God, and bring us back to the joy we find in you. This we pray in your holy name. *(Time for silent, personal confession)* Amen.

*** Assurance of Pardon**

*** Hymn Response # 71**

“Surely It is God Who Saves Me”

First Song

[Refrain]
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and
not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure
defense, and God will be my Savior.

Make God’s deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that the Lord is
exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for God
has done great things and this is known in all
the world. *[Refrain]*

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation and on that day
you shall say, “Give thanks to the Lord and call
upon God’s name.” *[Refrain]*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your
joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the
Holy One of Israel. *[Refrain]*

Time for (All of God's) Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 12:2-6

New Testament Reading – Philippians 4:4-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Cinematic Christmas: The Santa Clause

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

* Song

“How Great is Our God”

Tomlin

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Sharing Our Fellowship Family's Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of Our Gifts and Offerings

(Tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, through bank draft, or made through online donation – information on how to do that is in the announcements below. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Fellowship Presbyterian Church.)

Prayer of Dedication

- * Closing Song # 102 “Savior of the Nations Come” Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland**
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| Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth. | Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new. |
| From God’s heart the Savior speeds;
back to God his pathway leads;
out to vanquish death’s command,
back to reign at God’s right hand. | Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin’s son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally. |

*** Charge and Benediction**

- * Passing of the Peace *The Peace of Christ Be with You!***

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell	<i>Pastor</i>
Rev. Blake Tickle	<i>Music Director</i>
Jeannine Bailer	<i>Accompanist</i>
Patrick Harman	<i>Guitar</i>
Kandee Spain	<i>Liturgist</i>
Jim, Betsy, and Thomas Craver	<i>Liturgists</i>
Charles Layno	<i>Technical Support</i>
Steve Brandt	<i>Technical Support</i>
Susie Knorr	<i>Technical Support</i>
Mary Howe	<i>Technical Support</i>

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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

- The monthly collection last week for **Greensboro Urban Ministries Food Drive** was **1,095 pounds!** The year's collections totaled 11,080 pounds, or over 5 tons of food, donated. Thanks to Fellowship Family, Friends, and GOD who made it possible to serve hungry families in Greensboro.
- **Mary Turner** underwent successful cataract surgery on December 9 and requests prayers for speedy healing.
- Gail French seeks prayers for her mother, **Evelyn York**, who has requested hospice care at home.
- **Kurt**, friend of Fred Campbell, has been hospitalized for over a week with COVID. Fred is grateful for prayers for his friend's recovery.
- Traci Rankins seeks prayers for **Richard Turner**, her husband's stepfather, who has entered hospice care.
- **Jennifer Raines** (Susan Harman's niece) passed away 11/29 in Charlotte following a lengthy illness. Susan requests prayers for her family.
- Continued prayers for our church members: **Melissa Johnson, Lea Groves, Donna, Katie & the Steele family, Nancy Baughman, and Bruce Weaver, and Marjorie Van Horn.**
- Continued prayers for the family and friends of our congregation: **the Votaw Family (Erin, Trent, Lucas, and Ben)** needs prayers after their house burned down on November 27. **Erin** was a teacher at Fellowship Day School, **Felicia Schaps** (Lindahl's daughter-in-law's mother), **Teresa** (Terry Anderson's coworker), **Ashley Long** (Joel and Ann Long's daughter-in-law), **Libby Ansel** (Lesa Layno's sister), **Gail Keefe** (John Archambault's colleague), **John Fair** (FPC's former organist), **Joyce Berger** (Kandee's mother), **Gwen Flowers & her family** (Linda Ueland's sister), **Dorothy & Edward Archambault** (John Archambault's parents), **Roe Roe Tucker** (friend of Lesa & Charles Layno), **Arch Gravely** (Peggy Koppel's cousin), **Tim King family** (Phyllis King's son), **Roger Eliason** (Tye Wittmann's coworker).

If you have any additional prayer concerns, please contact Linda Ueland (336-314-5481) or call Martha at the church (336-288-5177).

Announcements

- **Pennies for Hunger Collection** will continue to take place during worship on the second Sunday of the month. Next collection: **TODAY**, December 12.
- The Missions Committee will be once again participating in the **PCUSA Christmas Joy Offering** on Sunday, December 19. The Committee hopes all will consider giving to this special offering of the PC(USA) which helps many, including contributing to the Retired Clergy Pension Fund. Please make a notation on your check indicating that it is for the PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering.
- **Honor Cards:** The Mission Committee is selling Honor Cards in support of its partner ministries of Greensboro Urban Ministries, Backpack Beginnings, and UKirk Greensboro starting next Sunday, November 28. If you're interested in purchasing cards or would like more information, please contact Judy Meyler.

- **Beer and Hymns** is back as **Carol and Ales!** If you like to sing (or just listen to good music) and enjoy some time and fellowship singing Christmas music, you are invited to Oden Brewing Company this afternoon from 3-5 pm.
- **Service of Wholeness and Healing Worship:** While there are many things to celebrate during this Advent season, there are some for whom this season can be difficult. Recognizing the long nights that accompany this time of year, Fellowship will mark the longest night (a few days early) with a service of a **Service of Wholeness and Healing** on **Sunday, December 19 at 4:30pm**. All are welcome; professional childcare will be provided.
- The **Mission Committee** is preparing Amish Friendship Bread (**Fellowship Bread**) to be given to all 50 housing units at Applewood as a sign of our ongoing partnership and fellowship. The Committee need volunteers to help with these Christmas presents on December 18 and 19:
 - **December 18 – Bakers Needed!** The Committee is looking for people willing to mix and bake loaves of bread at their homes on Saturday, December 18. Participants will be provided with the starter, the recipe, bread pans, and plastic bread bags needed to finish the bread. Participants will need to pick up in the **Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 18 at 10:00**; participants will need to provide some ingredients to finish the mixing process. The baked loaves must be brought to church Sunday morning, December 19, before church. If you are willing to help bake, please contact Judy Meyler at 336-402-4173 or Mimi Carter at 336-880-8589 for more information.
 - **December 19 – Drivers and Deliverers:** On Sunday, December 19, after church, the loaves of bread will be delivered to the Applewood Community. A specific time has not yet been established. Since there are 50 apartment units, several people will be needed to deliver *Season's Greetings* and a freshly baked loaf of **Fellowship Bread** to the residents. Please contact Judy or Mimi if you are available.
- **Realm is Coming!** As efforts are made behind-the-scenes to start 2022 on a new-and-fresh note, one of the ways the Outreach Committee is asking for the Fellowship Family to participate is by joining *Realm*. *Realm* is an online platform of the church's database that provides for better communication within and through the Fellowship Family, including an online directory, church calendar, and an ability to both RSVP for upcoming events and give online. While the Outreach Committee is going to be hard at work in helping get everyone on board, you can opt-in and complete your online profile now! Please visit <https://onrealm.org/fellowshippresbyterian> to complete your profile. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Kathryn.
- **Volunteering with Applewood, Backpack Beginnings, and Greensboro Housing Authority:** Fellowship has started an ongoing partnership between Backpack Beginnings, GHA, and The Applewood Community. Please contact Mary Howe to sign up for one of the Wednesday opportunities (maryhowe0712@gmail.com or call/text 336-698-6541). A signup is also available online and in the Dogwood Lobby.

- **Additional Way to Support Backpack Beginnings!** The Mission Committee is collecting “gently used” plastic grocery bags for *Backpack Beginnings*. Please bring your bags to church with you, leaving them on the Mission table in the Dogwood Lobby closest to the double doors leading towards the classrooms.
- **Guidelines for Safe Return to Worship** are posted at the Office and Dogwood Lobby doors for your review. ***Despite the lifting of the Guilford County mask mandate, the mask rule is still in effect in the building as per the December 7 Session meeting.*** If you have questions, please contact Pastor Kathryn or Julie Davis, Clerk of Session.
- **Online giving is available:** Fellowship Presbyterian has online giving available through the Presbyterian Foundation. <http://fpcgso.com/donations>

This Week's Events

- **December 12: Third Sunday of Advent**
 - **9:15-11:15am:** Professional Childcare available in the “Preschool” Classroom
 - **9:30am:** Worship with *Pennies for Hunger* collection – in-person (with masks), on Facebook Live, Zoom, and YouTube
 - **10:30am:** Fellowship Time – in Dogwood Lobby
 - **10:45am:** Education Hour in the Library
 - **3-5pm:** Beer and Hymns at Oden Brewing Company
- **December 14:**
 - **10am:** Greensboro Newcomers Board Meeting in the Library
- **December 15:**
 - **7am:** Men's Coffee Klatch @ Panera Bread (Lawndale)
 - **12 noon:** Bulletin and Blast Deadline
- **December 16:**
 - **1pm:** Bridge in the Parlor
 - **6pm:** Building & Grounds Committee
- **December 18:**
 - **10am:** Mission Committee distributing bread baking materials in Fellowship Hall
 - **5pm:** Fellowship Hall rented for a private event
- **December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 - **9:15-11:15am:** Professional Childcare available in the “Preschool” Classroom
 - **9:30am:** *A Service of Lessons and Carols* – in-person (with masks), on Facebook Live, Zoom, and YouTube
 - **10:30am:** Fellowship Time – in Dogwood Lobby
 - **10:45am:** Education Hour in the Library
 - **Afternoon:** Mission Committee delivering Friendship Bread to the Applewood Community
 - **12:30 – 5pm:** Girl Scouts in the Fellowship Hall
 - **4:30pm:** *Service of Wholeness and Healing* – in-person (with masks), on Facebook Live, Zoom and YouTube