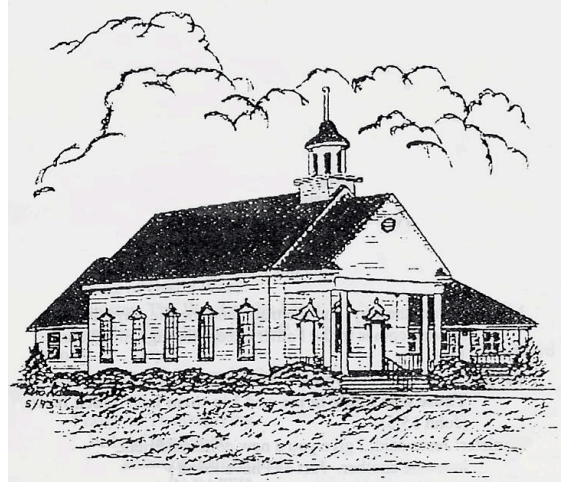


# Croatan Presbyterian Church



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## Sunday, the Lord's Day December 11, 2016

*The mission of Croatan Presbyterian Church is to be a witness to Christ in its life, its outreach, its service, Friendship Pad in your pew. A nursery is provided during the worship service*

### Prayer List

<b>Church Family:</b> Helen Boyd	Mary McManus	Jenny Clay	Ruth Andersen	Cherry Harris
Joe/Judith Chance	Doris Ambrose	Dorothy Seals	Bonny Cates	Gladys Lewis

### Military:

David Shirk	Christian Smith	Brian Gooch	Jose Perez	Shane Brunelle
Andrew Grumbein	Joe Mitchell	David Huckabone		

### Friends:

Olivia Blackburn	Steve Bennett	Pat Macumber	Robert Robinson	Leonard Chesnutt	Ainsworth Fam.
James Chesnutt	Jenna Capell	Lisa Edwards	Pat Paluci	Hattie Belle Goodwin	Tripp Family
Catherine Baptist	Joe Goodwin	Adrienne Scintello	Belen Chenervert	Melinda Bell	Marvin Duke
Alex Santos	Ronnie Connor	Michael Turnage	Robert Watson	Marshall White	Jim Pines
Carol Jarman	Natsuko Morrow	Tony Martin	Sharon Loftin	Marilyn Richards	Wanea White
Louis Wisnowski	Idell Dockins	Amelia McAllister	Margaret Harrison	Luke Waddell	Suzanne Gibson
Theresa Goodwin	Jamie Weatherly	John Stevenson	Sophia Nelson	Barbara Mills	Andrew Scholtice
Virginia Chance	Joan Wilkinson	Beth Galloway	Sandra Hoell	Anna Grace Walker	John Mallard
Geoff Collins	Crystal Collins	Bill Brewster	Joann Crook	Alva Herron	Dale Ainsworth Fam.
Matthew Hopkins	Jim Pines	Allen Monroe	Martha Jordan	Eddie Rowe Fam.	Nellie Holcomb

### CHURCH SESSION

#### CLASS OF 2016

Margaret Chance  
 Cathy Pike

#### CLASS OF 2017

Chris Williams Greg Golden  
 John Trudo Sylvia Potter

#### CLASS OF 2018

Nancy Zachewicz Zan Monroe  
 Brandee Ridgway James Chance

**Cradle and Preschool Roll:** Ella Ridgway Chapin Smith Brantley Smith Cypress Rose Brunelle  
 Collins Rae Corey Quenton Huckabone Holden Huckabone Cayman Shane Brunelle

#### School Students

Josh Anderson	Cailee Anderson	Anna Chance	Tori Chance	Emily Chance	Katie Chance
Samantha Clark	Ryan Connor	D.J. Eborn	Nate Edwards	Emma Forte	Chris Gehrki
Brian Gooch	Brittany Hall	Jamie Hardison	Lana Hardison	Hunter Hardison	Otter Hardison
Joshua Hardison	Jordan Harraden	Lil Krcmar	Trey Martin	Audrey Morden	Clare Morden
Evan Morden	Abigail Oliver	Catherine Oliver	Mason Oliver	Alexis Queen	Breanna Ridgway
Samuel Wentz	Charity Boyd	Amber Elliott			

**Child Care Providers:** Jennifer Gooch, Sandra Chance (Sundays, 9:15 am – 12:15 pm)

**Youth Leaders:** James/Sandra Chance; Brandi Smith; David Huckabone; Rich Boyd

**Children's Coordinator:** Kim Trudo **Church Cleaner:** Sylvia Williams

**Administrative Assistant:** Cathy Pike **Music Director/Pianist:** Bonny Morden **Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Boyd

### On Duty

**Greeters Today:** Robby/Joyce Corey  
**Ushers Today** – John/Kim Trudo  
**Nursery Today** – Jen Gooch  
**Children's Church Today:** Joyce Corey  
**Meal Team This Week:** #5(CDaley/MLivingston; B Littlewood; D/P Bennett; G/B Golden; D/K Huckabone)  
**Meal Team Next Week:** #6(R/S Boyd, J/B Ridgway, D/L Brinkworth, S Johnson, G/D Oliver, G/E Henson)  
**Worship Leader:** Mike Hardison  
**Children's Sermon Today:** Kim Trudo

**December Birthdays:** 5<sup>th</sup>-EMarquez, KRay; KShucher; 7<sup>th</sup>-SWentz; 9<sup>th</sup>-BWilliams, RBoyd; 14<sup>th</sup>-RBoyd; 15<sup>th</sup>-PKillingsworth; 16<sup>th</sup>-Evan Morden; 17<sup>th</sup>-BLittlewood; 19<sup>th</sup>-Nate Edwards; 23<sup>rd</sup>-DJEborn, SMartin; 26<sup>th</sup>-PClark; 30<sup>th</sup>-CMiller  
**December Anniversaries:** 14th-D/PBennett; 19<sup>th</sup>-B/RAndersen; 20<sup>th</sup>-P/RKkillingsworth; 29th-J/R/K Hardison

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Come and be a part of our **Sunday School**. Our goal is biblical literacy. Coffee at 9:15, Class 9:30, Assembly 10:30. Nursery/Preschool - Childcare Provider; Children's Class – Ruthie Andersen; Youth Class – Brandee Ridgway; Adult Class – Rich Boyd.

### Announcements

**TODAY:** 9:30 AM - Sunday School The food emphasis for December is dried beans.  
 11:00 AM – Worship All donated will go to RCS.  
 3:00 PM – Christmas Caroling Hayride Website at [www.croatanpresbyterian.com](http://www.croatanpresbyterian.com)  
*Like us on Facebook (Croatan Presbyterian Church).*

**A Congregational Meeting will be held today immediately following the worship service to elect new Elders. Joe T. Chance and Barb Krcmar have been nominated for the Class of 2019.**

*Please take note of the Budget deficit. A modest increase in giving will set things right.*

**TODAY AT 3:00 PM: Christmas Caroling Hayride. Dress warmly.**  
 Many thanks to all who worked to make Advent Church Night such a success!

**Coming Up:**  
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Dec. 24, 7:00 PM. Christmas Day Service – 10:30 AM.  
*Worshippers are asked to bring food wrapped in white paper ("White Gifts") as an offering at this service as well as our taking the Joy Gift Offering of our denomination.*

<b>Budgeted (49 weeks) \$68,502</b>	<b>Given (49 weeks) \$63,026</b>
Attendance last week –72	Total Given for Special Assistance to Date -\$1,861
Food Items given to date for RCS – 596	Clothing & Items given to date for RCS – 1,003

# The Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

As we gather for worship, each one is invited to greet those who worship with them  
and to pray in silence in preparation for the worship of God.

**Collect for Second Sunday in Advent:** *Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you, now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Prelude

Choral Call To Worship

“What Can I Give Him?”

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### Candle Lighting

Congregational Response – No. 249

“O Come All Ye Faithful” (vss.1,3)

### Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

**Leader:** *Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.* (Philippians 4:4)

**People:** *The Prophet has said: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the oppressed.* (Isaiah 61:1)

**Leader:** *The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.* (Isaiah 35:1,2).

**Prayer of Invocation:** *Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son. Grant us the wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and justice. Now we ask you to come among us as we worship you and offer our prayers in Jesus' name, he who taught us to pray saying . . . 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.*

\*Hymn No. 281

“What Child Is This?”

### The Lighting of the Candles of Advent

We light these candles as signs of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the coming once again of Jesus into our lives as we celebrate his birth. We read that the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. (Isaiah 35:1)

Hymn No. 262 (seated)

“Away In A Manger”

**The Morning Offering:** *Give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Offertory

\*Doxology - No. 815

\*Prayer of Dedication

**A Time for the Children:** As they enter and leave, please join in singing: *O come, little children, o come, one and all. To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small. Then come little children, and join in the day that gladdened the world on that first Christmas Day.*

## WE PLACE OUR LIVES INTO GOD'S HANDS

### Prayers of the People

Sharing Our Prayer Concerns

**Prayer of Confession** (unison): *Our pathways are seldom straight, Father, and our direction is sometimes unclear. As we journey, we find that we can stray off the way that you have shown us with both our words and our deeds. Our biggest mistake is in believing that we can live without you or your guidance. We pray that you will save us from making our life with you and afterthought. Challenge us once again to vigorous faith and righteous living, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.*

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer (Minister)

Congregational Response – No. 641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Special Music

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 2:8-20

Sermon:

“On Shepherds and Sheep”

Dr. Boyd

\*Affirmation of Faith- the Apostles' Creed (inside front cover)

\*Gloria Patri – No. 813

## WE GO FORTH IN FAITH

\*Hymn No. 278

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

\*Charge to the Congregation (Minister): *Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.* (Colossians 3:17)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction – No. 576

“Gloria”

\*Stand as you are able.