

Croatan Presbyterian Church



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Sunday, the Lord's Day
December 4, 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

Church Family:	Helen Boyd	Mary McManus	Jenny Clay	Ruth Andersen	Cherry Harris
Joe/Judith Chance	Jim Daniels	Doris Ambrose	Dorothy Seals	Bonny Cates	Glaysds 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	Chris Vaughn Family	Belen Chenervert	Melinda Bell	Marvin Duke
Alex Santos	Ronnie Connor	Michael Turnage	Robert Watson	Marshall White	Jim Pines
Carol Jarman	Mikey Chaplan	Tony Martin	Sharon Loftin	Marilyn Richards	Wanea White
Louis Wisnowski	Idell Dockins	P.J. Byars	Margaret Harrison	Luke Waddell	Suzanne Gibson
Theresa Goodwin	Jamie Weatherly	John Stevenson	Sophia Nelson	Barbara Mills	Andrew Scholtice
Virginia Chance	Joan Wilkinson	Louise Daniels	Sandra Hoell	Anna Grace Walker	John Mallard
Geoff Collins	Crystal Collins	Bill Brewster	Joann Crook	Alva Herron	Dale Ainsworth Fam.
Matthew Hopkins	Jim Pines				

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					

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: Bob/Ruthie Andersen
Ushers Today – James Chance/Phil Lassiter
Nursery Today – Sandra Chance
Children's Church Today: Cathy Pike
Meal Week: (No Meal; Advent Church Night Pot Luck at 6:00 PM)
Meal Team Next Week: #5(CDaley/MLivingston; B Littlewood; D/P Bennett; G/B Golden; D/K Huckabone)
Worship Leader: Mike Hardison **Children's Sermon Today: Kim Trudo**

December Birthdays: 5th-EMarquez, KRay; KShucher; 7th-SWentz; 9th-BWilliams, RBoyd; 14th-RBoyd; 15th-PKillingsworth; 16th-Evan Morden; 17th-BLittlewood; 23rd-DJEborn, SMartin; 26th-PClark; 30th-CMiller

December Anniversaries: 14th-D/PBennett; 19th-B/RAndersen; 20th-P/RKillingsworth; 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 – Sandra Chance; Youth Class – Josh Ridgway; Adult Class – Rich Boyd.

Announcements

TODAY: 9:30 AM - Sunday School The food emphasis for November is instant potatoes.
11:00 AM – Worship All donated will go to RCS.
6:00 Advent Church Night (pot luck) Website at www.croatanpresbyterian.com

Like us on Facebook (Croatan Presbyterian Church).

A Congregational Meeting is called by the Session for immediately following worship on Dec. 4 and again on Dec. 11. Nominations will be made for Elders for the Class of 2019 and an election held

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

TONIGHT AT SIX: Advent Church Night. Pot luck meal; talent display, stunts and skits. Put Chrismons on the Tree. Child Care Provided.

Coming Up:

Christmas Caroling Hayride – Dec. 11, 3:00 PM. Dress warmly.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Dec. 24, 7:00 PM. Christmas Day Service – 10:30 AM.

.Budgeted (48 weeks) \$67,104

Given (48 weeks) \$61,507

Attendance last week –55

Total Given for Special Assistance to Date -\$1,796

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: *Cod of all peoples, your servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance. Help us to hear his voice of judgment, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, 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: *A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:3)*

People: *In accordance with God's promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth where righteousness is at home. (2 Peter 3:13)*

Leader: *the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)*

Prayer of Invocation: *Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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. 245**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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 wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. Christ's coming helps his people heal their hurts and bring peace to their conflicts

Hymn No. 261 (remain seated)

“Away In A Manger”

The Morning Offering: *The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Corinthians 9:6)*

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): *Though walking with Jesus opens us to the gracious aspects of living, we confess, Lord God, that such a walk is not always easy for us. Our limited vision interferes, our focus on our wants blocks, and sometimes our selfishness produces life out of kilter for us and others. Yet your faithfulness to us continues. So help us to grasp your outstretched hand that our walk might be more holy and our lives more sure, 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

Anthem

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Scripture Lesson:
Sermon:

“The Method Is the Message”

John 1:19-37
Dr. Boyd

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

***Affirmation of Faith** – The Apostles' Creed – inside front cover
***Gloria Patri** – No. 813

WE GO FORTH IN FAITH

***Hymn No. 290**

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

***Charge to the Congregation** (Minister): *Go out into the world in peace. Love the You're your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-40)*

***Benediction**
***Choral Benediction** – No. 576

“Gloria”

**Stand as you are able.*