

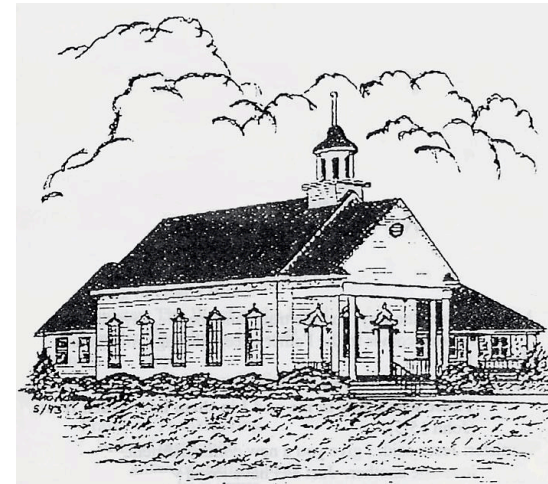
Croatan Presbyterian Church



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Sunday, The Lord's Day December 17, 2017



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

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/Children's Class - Childcare Provider; Youth Class – Josh Ridgway; Adult Class – Rich Boyd.

Announcements

TODAY: 9:30 AM - Sunday School

Website: www.croatanpresbyian.com

11:00 AM – Worship

Like us on Facebook (Croatan Presbyterian Church)

3:00 PM – Christmas Caroling Hayride

Dec. Food Emphasis for RCS – Dried Beans

5:00 PM – Youth Christmas Party

TODAY- 3:00 PM – Christmas Caroling Hayride – come and join the fun.

Please note that the giving for the church budget is \$5,000 behind schedule.

If you are giving poinsettias for Christmas, please bring them and set them in the sanctuary, making sure that Cathy Pike has a text or note as to who they are in memory or honor of.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM (Candles, Carols and Communion).

A warm welcome to Mary Ellen Kirkland as our pianist this morning.

Budgeted (50 Weeks) \$69,250

Given (50 Weeks) \$63,972

Attendance Last Sunday - 45

Total Given for Special Assistance to Date -\$1,878

Food Items given to date for RCS –656

Clothing & Items given to date for RCS – 1,136

Given to for Hurricane Relief - \$1,165

Given for Building Fund - \$2,960

CROP Walk - \$560

✚ PRAYER LIST

Church Family:	Helen Boyd	Mary McManus	Jenny Clay	Joan Weeks	Isabel Mott
Joe/Judith Chance	Chris Harrison	Barb Krcmar	Gladys Lewis	Roy/Kathie Ray	Joanie Williams
Mindy Moore	Henry Gaskins	Tom Hardison	Eddie/Dot Wynn	Wanda Gaskins	Barb Krcmar

Military:	David Shirk	Jose Perez	Shane Brunelle	David Huckabone	Michelle Lynch
	Taylor McDanel	Jacob Harraden	Jordan Harraden		

Friends:					
Olivia Blackburn	Steve Bennett	Leonard Chesnutt	Jessica Esguarra	Paul/Heidi DeBella	Josephine Holbrook
Vern Goodwin	Theresa Goodwin	Jerry Golden	Bruce Rowe	Jeff Collins	Crystal Collins
Jeanne Grushinski	Ed Czernik	Alex Burnett	Wally White	Suzanne Gibson	Renny Andrews
Sam Lewis	Sam Edwards	Cindy Klingel	Camen Parker	Kim Murdoc	JDaniels Family
Shannon Ellis	Floyd Suits Fam.	Christiana Boyd	Adelia Chance Fam.	Avery Family	Beasley Family
Faye Wisely	Alex Burnett	Mindy Koochie	Bill Brewster	Joeann Crook	Joe Chapman
Ely Sepulveda	Suzanne Gibson	Charles Gehrki	Nicole Mott	Catherine Baptist	Sue Bischoff
Anthony Freeze	Betty Wood Fam.				

CHURCH SESSION

CLASS OF 2017

Chris Williams Greg Golden
John Trudo Sylvia Potter

CLASS OF 2018

Nancy Zachewicz Zan Monroe
Brandee Ridgway James Chance

Class of 2019

Barb Krcmar
Joe T. Chance

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Cradle and Preschool Roll: Ella Ridgway Cypress Rose Brunelle Cayman Shane Brunelle Collins Rae Corey
Holden Huckabone Avaleigh Michelle Huckabone

School Students

Cailee Anderson	Anna Chance	Tori Chance	Katie Chance	Adriana Suiter	Samantha Clark
Ryan Connor	D.J. Eborn	Nate Edwards	Samuel Wentz	Bobby Lynch	Brian Gooch
Hunter Hardison	Otter Hardison	Joshua Hardison	Charity Boyd	Lil Krcmar	Trey Martin
Audrey Morden	Clare Morden	Evan Morden	Amber Elliot	Abigail Oliver	Catherine Oliver
Mason Oliver	Breanna Ridgway	Quinnton Huckabone			

College Students: Emily Chance (3244 Welch Hall, Raleigh, NC 28607); Jamie Hardison; Alexis Queen.

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

Youth Leaders: James/Sandra Chance; Alexis Queen; David Huckabone; Mark Krcmar; Rich Boyd

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

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

Greeters Today – Dan/Linda Brinkworth

Next Week – Robby/Joyce Corey

Ushers Today – James Chance/Jerry Hardison

Next Week – Bob/Ruthie Andersen

Nursery Today – Jen Gooch

Nest Week – Sandra Chance

Children's Church Today: Kim Trudo

Next Week – Cathi Miller

Worship Leader for November: Susan Boyd

Children's Sermon: Kim Trudo

Meal This Week: Team #2 (E/S Maquez; CPike; J/KTrudo; SPotter; C/PHarrison; Z/GMonroe)

Meal Next Week: No Meal on Christmas Eve

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

December Anniversaries: 14th-D/PBennett; 19th-B/RAndersen; 20th-P/RKillingsworth; 29th-R/KHardison.

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 G*

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent: *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. Amen..*

Choral Call To Worship

“What Can I Give Him?”

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting – lighting of the third candle of Advent – the candle of Listening

(James and Sandra Chance Family)

Congregational Response - No. 249 (vs. one)

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

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 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. (Isiah 35:1,2)*

Prayer of Invocation: *Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you. Come quickly into our hearts once again so that we shall become agents of peace and love and shall honor one another with justice and truth. Now we pray as our Lord has taught us, 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. Amen.*

***Hymn No. 259**

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed** (inside front cover)

***Gloria Patri** – No. 813

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

***Hymn No. 250**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

A Time for the Children

“O Come Little Children”

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

Silent Prayers

Prayer of Confession (unison) *Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our failures to you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Help us to receive your mercy and to put on the cleansing gift of your Spirit that our lives might be more whole and our faith more sure, through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Pastoral Prayer (Minister)

Congregational Response – No. 641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Special Music

“Sing We Now Of Christmas”

Rich and Susan Boyd

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

Minister: *For the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us, and for the Word of God in Scripture.*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon:

“The Joy Of The Unexpected”

Dr. Boyd

WE GO FORTH IN FAITH”

***Hymn No. 377**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

***Charge to the Congregation** (Minister) *As God’s own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness and patience, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3:12-14)*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

“Gloria”

**Stand as you are able.*