

## Gather in God's Name

*Please silence cell phones and quiet your voices, giving our attention to the presence of God in our midst*

**Childcare is available in the nursery**  
**Large print hymnals available—see usher**  
**\*Indicates that those who are able may stand**

### Ringing of the Church Bell

**Prelude** "Elevation" from *Opus 39, No. 1* Alexandre Guilmant

**Welcome** Curtis Fussell

### \*Opening Litany

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.  
**People: God has come to us in Jesus Christ,**  
Leader: to bind up the broken hearted,  
**People: to heal all our infirmities,**  
Leader: and relieve our burden of sin.  
**People: So arise, shine; for your light has come,**  
Leader: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
**People: Let us worship God, Emmanuel!**

**\*Hymn #152** "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

*Merciful God, in the darkness of this world you have brought light to us in Jesus Christ. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We are troubled by the poor; we don't understand the cries for justice; we feebly seek peace. In your mercy, Lord, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. (Moment of silent individual confession) Amen.*

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  
**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

## Proclaim God's Word

**Children's Moment** Emily Wilmarth

**\*Hymn #150** "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon** "Journey to See Jesus" Curtis Fussell

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

*from A Brief Statement of Faith 1983*

**\*Gloria Patri** GREATOR EX

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

*Hymn 581*

## Give Thanks To God

### Celebration of Ministry and Membership

(Please sign and pass the friendship registry pad  
and then return it so you can know your neighbors in God's household today.)

### Prayers of God's People

### Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

**Offertory** John Henry Hopkins

"Where Is He That Is Born the King of the Jews"  
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"  
Jay Bowman, Tenor; Stell Huie, *Baritone*; Rick Trevathan, *Baritone*

Where is He that is born the King of the Jews?  
Where is He that is born the King of the Jews?  
For we have seen his star in the east,  
And have come to worship Him. *Repeat*

We three kings of orient are, bearing gifts, we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*Refrain*  
O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising we are raising, worshipping God Most High.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume; breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.  
*Refrain*

## SUNDAY CELEBRATION

JANUARY 6, 2019

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

11:00 A.M.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST'S CHURCH WITH ITS DOORS OPEN WIDE

### Weekly

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship  
Communion  
first Sunday  
of each month

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

*Dedicated to the Glory of God on September 13, 1885  
Highlands, North Carolina*

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*  
*Hymn 606*

OLD HUNDREDETH

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Litany**

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People:** *And also with you.*  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** *It is right to give thanks and praise.*

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (insert)**

David Haas

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

(We serve gluten free bread & grape juice)

**Ministry of the Farthest Pew**

**Go In God's Name To Serve**

**\*Hymn #136**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

"Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts"

Camille Saint-Saens

**Participating in Today's Service:**

Angie Jenkins, Organist/Music Coordinator

**Our Greeters today are:**

Andrea & Carlton Cole, and Judy & Tom Joyner

**WE WELCOME GUESTS** who are worshipping with us today.

If you are seeking a church home and would like to follow Jesus Christ through the fellowship of this congregation, we invite you to full or affiliate membership. For more information, please speak with one of the ministers after worship, or call the church office.



**Please keep in your prayers these members and friends of the congregation:**

Clayton Anderson (Gail Carpenter's brother),  
Frances Boggess (Sally Copeland's niece), Steve Castellaw, Wayne Coleman,  
Blanche Fenner (Karen Sullivan's mother), Marc Good (Frances Hicks' brother),  
Cecil Hines (Sally Copeland's sister),  
Makenzie Howard (Pam & Bill Peacock's granddaughter),  
Linda Lancaster, Mary & Jimmy Langham,  
Ethan Lassiter (grandson of Marianne & E.G. Lassiter),  
Elizabeth Mauldin (Bill Mauldin's daughter), Celia McCullough,  
Terry McMahon, Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page),  
Beth Sellers (Anne Sellers' daughter-in-law),  
Veda & Jimmy Sherard, and Kay Smith.

**Please keep in your prayers these members in the community and beyond:**

Harriet Bauknight, Mike Bobo, Caroline Cook, Jodie Cook, Lyle Cox,  
Agnes Crowe, Wendy Davis, Steve Foster, Jackson Hall,  
K.C. Hembree, Jeff James, Donna Kneeland, Cherry Martin,  
Beth Moore (Wally Patzke's wife), Lil Murphy, Melanie Nix,  
Eliza Parish, Seth Satterwhite, Jim Shearon,  
Gene Talley, Lil Waller, and Woodrow Wilson.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday, Jan. 6 11:00 Morning Worship Service  
Monday, Jan. 7 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast  
—Highlander Room  
—See announcement  
Tuesday, Jan. 8 4:00 Book Club—*The Tomb Of Wrestling*  
by Jo Ann Beard  
—The Ugly Dog Public House  
—See announcement  
Wednesday, Jan. 9 10:30 **Women's Bible Study**  
—Church Library  
—See announcement  
3:00 Staff Meeting  
Thursday, Jan. 10 7:00 **Women's Horizon Bible Study**  
—Fisher Home  
—See announcement

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:30 Adult Education Class —Library  
11:00 Morning Worship Service —Coleman Hall  
Christine Reeder, *Soprano*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder for the month of January is Gerri Tulley.

**Men's Prayer Group**—The Men's Prayer Group meets every Monday at 8:00 a.m. in the Highlander Room. Meetings begin with devotion and prayer, and are followed by breakfast at a local restaurant. All men of the church are invited to join.

**The Beyond the Walls Book Club** meets every Tuesday, at 4 pm, at The Ugly Dog Public House. On January 8, we will begin a new book, *The O. Henry Prize Stories 2018*, edited by Laura Furman. Books are available at Amazon.com or in the church office for \$12.00. You are invited to join this energetic group as we move our Christian faith Beyond the Walls!

**Women's Bible Study** - On Wednesday, January 9 we will meet at 10:30 a.m. to discuss Lesson 7: "Joy in Singing" from our book *Jesus Always, a Joy-filled Life*. No previous study is necessary and books are available at the study. Please bring a sandwich and something to share for lunch. All ladies of the Church and friends are invited to join us.

**Women's Horizon Bible Study** - Lesson Four of the Horizon Bible study, *God With Us When We Seek God*, will be the topic of discussion for our group on Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fisher home at 351 Cheney Lane. All ladies of the church and friends are cordially invited to participate.

**The Food Pantry** is collecting egg cartons. Please recycle your egg cartons by bringing them to the church and placing them in the labeled box located in the Ravenel Room.

**The 2019 Flower Calendar** is now available. To provide flowers in honor of a loved one, please fill out a flower leaflet and the flower calendar located upstairs in the main hallway. Contributions to the flower fund are always appreciated.

**The Sunday Morning Worship Service** will be meeting in Coleman Hall next Sunday, January 13th and again on Sunday, January 20th due to the installation of new carpet in the sanctuary.

**SESSION**

**Class of 2019**

Membership, Keith Crawford  
Children's Ministry, Kay Holland McKey  
Congregational Care, Carol Hughes  
Clerk of Session, Delaine Nelson

**Class of 2020**

Adult Education, Marc Hehn  
Vision 2020, Tom Joyner  
Property, Scott McDuff  
Congregational Care, Gena Smith

**Class of 2021**

Personnel, David Hodgson  
Finance, Bill Peacock  
Worship, Suzy Tamplin  
Mission, Gerri Tulley

**Moderators**

Curtis Fussell  
Emily Wilmarth

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