

Cornelius Presbyterian Church *PC(USA)*

December 20, 2015

10:30 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements (Please turn off cell phones)

***Greeting – Passing the Peace**

Ringling of the Trinity

Prelude “Ding Dong, Merrily on High” Traditional. Arr. David Burndrett
Jonna Eichorn & Gina Jackson, piano & double bass

Opening Prayer

A Child is Born

A Cantata by John Purifoy
Presented by the CPC Adult Choir

Choral Call To Worship “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

***Hymn #133** (vs. 1, 3-4) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Keeley Smith, Billy MacDonald & Samantha Morand

Anthem “They That Wait Upon the Lord” solo: Kitty Kolb

Readings from the Prophets: Micah and Isaiah

Malea Smith, Will Morand & Gina Jackson

Anthem “For to Us a Child Is Born” solo: Carolyn Cook

The Christmas Story According to Luke

Will Morand

Anthem “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”
duet: Carolyn Cook & Kitty Kolb

A Christmas Reading of Peace

(A poem by Edmund H. Sears)

Samantha Morand, Gina Jackson, Malea Smith & Keeley Smith

“Carols of Christmas”

CPC Adult Choir & Congregation

Psalms 100

(responsive reading)

Anthem “Joy to the World” CPC Adult Choir
(The congregation joins the choir on verse 3)

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Billy MacDonald, Keeley Smith, Will Morand

Offering of Time, Talents & Treasure

and the Christmas Joy Offering

Offertory “The Light Has Come into the World”
duet: David Horton & Amy Morand

Prayer

Anthem “For to Us a Child is Born”

CPC Adult Choir

***Charge and Benediction**

***Farewell Blessing** “Holy Savior”

Tom Fettke

***Postlude** “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

arr. Paxton

* Indicates those who are able may stand.



Welcome to our celebration of Christian worship this morning. Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time guest, we are glad you are here. May God make this a special time for you.

We welcome all who have come to worship the Lord at Cornelius Presbyterian Church and invite you to share in all the activities of our church. If you are seeking a Church Family, our hearts and doors are always open to you.

In Our Prayers

Members

**Charlotte Presbytery
Cornelius Presbyterian Church
The Elder Nominating Committee
Maurice Eury
Carol Frank
Joe McGinn
Vernon Robinette**

*Undergoing chemotherapy for Lymphoma
lesions stable – nothing new
having vision issues
at home*

Friends & Relatives

Children who go hungry every day

Betty “Granny” Davis *Friend of Terry Marciniak & Janet Yazarians – undergoing several medical procedures*

Scott Griffin *coworker of Nancy Archer – ALS*
Sherry Jordan *Pam Strickland's sister-in-law – recently diagnosed with breast cancer*

The Kearns Family

Gail Parker *friend Elizabeth Hyland – cancer*
Fay Payne *Bryan Payne's mother – liver cancer*
Nancy Rankin *coworker of Nancy Archer – recovering from breast cancer*
Jack Reid *Lynda Reid's brother – heart issues*
Jack Reid *Lynda Reid's father – at home*

Doug Ruwe *friend of Terry Marciniak & Janet Yazarians – ongoing treatments for melanoma*

Ella Solomon *4-year-old daughter of Brent Kelly's co-worker – Stage 4 neuroblastoma – finally doing very well*

Bob Sparks *Carol Frank's cousin – undergoing radiation for prostate lesion*
Thomas Tuckerman *14 yrs old. Has Biliary Atresia & will need a liver transplant
Grandson of two of Jon & Lewis' friends.*

Colton Underwood *4-year-old boy – breathing problems*
Sandra Goodrum Wallace *Good friend of Jean White*

Hospitals & Health Care Centers

Iverson Bramlett *Jim Bramlett's father*
Irene Guttman *Jon Guttman's mother – at home but with 24-hr care*

Military

Scot Marks *Jon Guttman's cousin – stationed in Colorado*
Trey Massengill *Sharon Sharp's nephew – stationed in Washington, D.C.*
Michael Strickland *Son of Pam Strickland – stationed in the U.S*

Opportunities for the Week

December 20, 2015

The 2016 Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. They are in alphabetical order by family.

T-shirts are still available in the Pastor's Study. They are \$10 each. Please make checks payable to Cornelius Presbyterian Church.

Today – The choir will present the Christmas Cantata “A Child Is Born” by John Purifoy during the Worship Service.

Today – The Christmas Joy Offering will be collected during the Offering.

Today – Please place your 2016 Pledge Cards in the collection plate.

Today – Christmas Celebration covered dish luncheon immediately following the Worship Service.

Wednesday – 7:00 pm – Choir Practice in the sanctuary.

Wednesday-Friday – The Church Office will be closed.

Thursday – 7:30 pm – “Carols, Candlelight & Communion” Christmas Eve Service. An offering will be taken during the service for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Future Opportunities

Sunday, Dec. 27 – The 10-Cents-A-Meal Offering will be collected during the Offering.

Wednesday, Dec. 30-Friday, Jan. 1 – The Church Office will be closed.

Sunday, Jan. 3 – Youth Bible Study immediately following the Worship Service.

Thursday, Jan. 7 – 7:00 pm – Stated Session Meeting in the Pastors' Study.

Save The Date

Tuesday, Jan. 19 – 11:00 am – Women's Bible Study in the Pastor's Study. They will be studying “Come to the Waters”, a Horizons Bible Study book.

Thursday, Jan. 21 – 7:00 p.m. – New Fellowship Group meeting in the Wayland Center. All are invited to attend.

A huge thank you to all the members and friends of CPC! We received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Presbytery of Charlotte stating that CPC donated \$1,136.64 to the 10-Cents-A-Meal program in 2014. Along with donations from other churches in our Presbytery, this fund helps to feed neighbors in need and support programs for at-risk youth.

The Session of CPC

Charlotte Craig
Rich Eichorn
Bill MacDonald
Neal Smith

Charlotte Craig – Interim Treasurer
Rev. Elizabeth Hyland – Pastor

CPC Committees & Contacts

Property

Bill MacDonald & Neal Smith

Worship & Faith Formation

Charlotte Craig & Bill MacDonald

Congregational Care & Hospitality

Rich Eichorn & Bill MacDonald

Administrative, Finance & Personnel

Charlotte Craig, Rich Eichorn, & Neal Smith

If you are interested in serving on one of these committees or continuing your service to a committee, please contact one of the session members listed above. Input and ideas from the congregation are greatly welcomed.

The Elder Nominating Committee

Bill MacDonald
Julia Rozzelle
Kristi Smith

Offering needed each week to make budget: \$1,600.00

Offering (Nov. 22, 2015): \$781.00

Offering (Nov. 29, 2015): \$1,602.00

Offering (Dec. 6, 2015): \$1,797.00

Offering (Dec. 13, 2015): \$610.00

Capital Campaign Goal: \$25,000.00

Current amount raised: \$19,256.00

Attendance (Dec. 13, 2015): 42

Secretary's office hours this week: Mon. – Tues. 9 am – 2 pm

Cornelius Presbyterian Church



Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship & Praise Service: 10:30 AM

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Choir Director – Carolyn Cook
Pianist – Jonna Eichorn
Youth Music Director – Carolyn Cook
Interim Treasurer – Charlotte Craig
Administrative Assistant – Amy Morand