

*Thank you to everyone that made our Christmas Breakfast a success this morning. It was a lot of fun!

*Let's Go Caroling THIS Wednesday, December 10 6:00pm meet in church parking lot. (drop off Christmas goodie at manse before) After caroling we will celebrate with a gathering at the manse.

*Bible Study next Sunday at 9:45am with an adult study led by Jane Blackman. At the same time the children will continue an Advent lesson(Journey to Bethlehem).

*Come Have Lunch will be a Christmas Feast on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 11:30am. Save the date and bring a friend.

*Session meeting with dinner is December 18th at 6:30pm. Thank you to our Session team for their dedication.

*Longest Night Service on Sunday, December 21 at 6:00pm

*Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6:00pm.

*In December West Stanly Christian Ministry, is seeking donations of peanut butter, jelly or any canned vegetables. You may place in basket, and we will take each week to the pantry.

Prayer Concerns

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Glenda Love, Bill Freeman, Gay Troutman, Janice Hils, Helen Farrell Baucom, Joe Tate-Father of Jodi Geshickter's is having health issues, Pam Hyatt-new cancer treatments, Craig Blackman's parents, Lamar Smith-hospital, Micheal Longhurst-hospital, Families of Mary Morrison and Joyce Beatty.

Session & Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

Administration & Finance: Trevor Bates

Congregational Life & Mission: Melissa Peck

Building & Grounds: Matt Salyer

December 7 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent



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Musical Prelude

Drucie Eudy

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Skidmore

Call to Worship:

Rev. Skidmore

ONE: May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

ALL: So that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ONE: Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Advent Prayer

Advent Song #2090 vs 1 and 2

Advent Candle Lighting

Gina Hall Votik & Family

ALL RESPOND: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

***Hymn #13 "Prepare the Way"**

Call to Confession

Rev. Skidmore

Prayer of Confession: O Lord, we are thirsty for Your grace, we yearn for Your peace. Our spirits are down, our world is a mess, we need You. Come Lord Jesus, speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our spirits, bring calm to our lives. You made a way for us in the wilderness, but too often we choose our own way. Forgive us gracious God. Come Lord Jesus, bring Your peace into our hearts and homes. Let the candle of peace burn brightly in our hearts. Hear the cries of our heart.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Skidmore

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Skidmore

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew.3:1-12

Sermon: "The voice of one"

Rev. Skidmore

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving:

ONE: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Communion

***Hymn: #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

Offering Collection

Prayers of the People and offering *including the Lord's Prayer*

*** 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**

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Skidmore

***Hymn: #31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

SERMON NOTES

***Affirmation of Faith:**

Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

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