



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD WAXHAW, NC 28173

DECEMBER 2022

A note from the pastor...

At Christmas have you considered the Psalms? During these next three Sundays of Advent, as well as on Christmas day, we will consider some of the Psalms and see how they relate to the birth of Christ as well as what Christ accomplishes on our behalf. Psalm 80 is a prayer seeking Israel's restoration, but also points to our own need for 'restoration'. Within this psalm, three times the statement is made: "Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved." We can see the fulfillment of these words in the work of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the passage from Psalm 85 there are some remarkable word pictures that find their meaning in our Lord. He is the God of salvation. He is the God that embodies all the descriptions and actions within these verses: peace, salvation, glory, steadfast love, faithfulness, and righteousness. Of all the images presented, perhaps verse 10 is the most vivid: "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other." As we consider all the descriptions, we should also experience the presence of Christ.

Psalm 89 takes us back to the covenant God made with David in 2 Samuel 7:16, "Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever." The ultimate fulfillment of this covenant is seen in Jesus Christ who sits eternally on the throne of the line of David, reigning "for all generations."

There are many different contexts in which Psalm 96 can be placed. The words of this psalm take on special meaning when we read them with the birth of the Christ child in mind. We are suddenly able to see the majesty and glory of Jesus, whether he is in a manger, on a cross, or risen and living in our hearts. As we read the words of this psalm, this is not simply words on paper, this is exhilarating joy. This is worship in its truest form. And worship is what everyone who came to the manger did. So should we.

Advent is our opportunity to get ourselves ready to approach the manger of our Savior.

Sermon passages for December 2022: Christmas in the Psalms

December 04: (Advent #2) Psalm 80:1-3

December 11: (Advent #3) Psalm 85:8-13

December 18: (Advent #4) Psalm 89:1-4

December 24: (Christmas Eve) A Christmas visitor

December 25: (Christmas Day) Psalm 96

Weekly Reminders:

Prayer Group: Wednesday at 4:00 PM in the Youth Room

Adult Choir Practice: Sunday at 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary

Bible Study with Pastor: Wednesday at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

Walkersville EPC

Session Meeting Review for November 17, 2022

I. Prayer and Devotions (The Essential Bible Guide-#1: Genesis 1:1)

II. Approved: October 20, 2022 minutes (stated meeting)

III. Baptisms and new members: N/A

IV. Committee Reports: "How is each committee fulfilling the Great Commission?"

A. December 2022 Committee of the Month: *Building & Grounds*

B. December Elder of the Month (from the Committee of the Month): *Bob Stirton*

C. Building & Grounds: *Bob Stirton*

-new projector in the Fellowship Hall: researching

-may require reliable Wi-Fi/internet in Fellowship Hall

-Fellowship Hall storage building—Continuing research; hope to be in place by the end of the year.

-Cemetery sub-committee: will present a report at the next session meeting

-Outdoor faucet on Fellowship Hall leak fixed

D. Christian Education: *Larry Schott*

-next meeting: November 20, 2022

-Advent devotional materials have been placed in the Mary Anne Room

-2023 VBS: August 6-9

E. Congregational Care: *Dennis Robinson*

F. Mission & Outreach: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-December 2022 Mission of the Month: Faith Works

-next meeting:

-2023 Chicken & Dumpling tentative dates: March 11, September 16

-Project2Heal yardsale: October 28, 2023

G. Worship: *Clara McGee*

-next meeting: Dec. 3, 2022

-2022 tentative Communion dates:

Dec. 4, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

-2023 tentative Communion dates:

Jan. 1, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, Apr. 6 (Maundy Thursday), May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5,

Dec. 3, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

F. Finance Committee: *Betty Lou Mosley*

-Next Meeting: October 12, 2023

-October Financial Report reviewed and approved: Walkersville EPC

V. Old Business

A. Presbytery Report

1. Next Presbytery meeting: January 27-28, 2023 (Centre Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC)

B. We will be ordering 200 more pens with the church's contact information on them

- C. Jan. 8, 2023 at 11:15: Congregational Meeting (to form Nominating Committee and to present the 2023 Budget)
- D. Jan. 8, 2023 at 3pm: Sub-committee meeting to review membership list

VI. New Business

- A. There will NOT be a December session meeting

VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall:

- November 24, 2022—Debbie Robinson
- January 21, 2023—Debbie Rankin

VIII. Close with prayer

Next stated Session meeting: January 19, 2023, 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bob Stirton will have devotions.

Rev. Paul Rankin
Moderator

Clara McGee
Clerk of Session

The Men's and Ladies Bible Study

They meet on second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM, Men meet in Fellowship Hall and Women in the Bruce Powell Room.

Please help us update our prayer list

It is a blessing to be able to lift our friends and family up in prayer to our Lord as a community of believers. If there is a change or update for a prayer request, please let the church know by filling out a prayer card in the church pew or email (walkersvillepc@gmail.com). Thank you.

The Congregational Care Committee

Have you noticed Walkersville is sending birthday and anniversary cards to members and friends of the church? The Congregational Care Committee would like to extend this ministry by sending cards to your friends and neighbors who need pray encouragement or to be remembered on their special day. Please let Audrey Schott, 704-774-1691, know their name and address and she will make sure a card is sent.

Christian Education Committee needs you:

If you love God's word and want to see others love it too, then consider joining the Christian Education Committee. As we desire to see of the children, youth, and adults of Walkersville and the community grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and the Bible. The committee has bi-monthly meetings to coordinate and plan for up-coming events and to pray for our church. Help us as we pray and plan for Sunday School (Adult, youth & children), Advent, Bible Studies, Lent, Little Angels, CREW Time and special events like the Easter Egg Hunt, and a Children's Christmas.

Food Pantry

The food pantry at Prospect is always in need of donations to meet the growing need. Canned soups and non-perishable items are helpful. Please bring them to the back of the church and let's see how fast we can fill up the barrel.

Needs List

***14.5 oz canned vegetables:**

-green beans	-potatoes	-pinto beans
-sweet peas	-black-eyed peas	-navy beans
-chili beans	-pork and beans	-baked beans
-black beans	-corn	-creamed corn

***14.5 oz of canned fruit:**

-fruit cocktail	-peaches	-pears
-pineapple	-mandarin, oranges	-mixed fruit

***Canned meat (does NOT require refrigeration):**

-Spam or Treet meat	-ham	-tuna	
-salmon	-chicken		-stew beef

***Cereal:**

Instant Grits & Oatmeal

***Miscellaneous Items:**

-Macaroni & Cheese	-1 lb. bag of white or brown rice
-Jiffy corn muffin mix	-Saltine crackers
-Instant potatoes	-Jelly or jams
-Peanut butter	-Spaghetti sauce
-Canned soups	-Juice in 64 oz to 1 gallon size
-Jello gelatin or pudding	-Pasta/spaghetti noodles 1 lb.
-Dried beans 1 lb.	

***Gently used clothing items:**

-shirts	-pants	-blouses	-dresses
-sweatshirts	-sweaters	-coats.	

Christmas Concert

There will be a Christmas Concert by Patty Greene. It will be held in the sanctuary on December 17 at 3:00 PM.

To all the Chicken & Dumpling Family:

A big thank you to all who helped with our Chicken and Dumplings. It was a huge success again.

A Note from the Congregational Care Ministry Group

We have several friends who are suffering from injuries and other health problems who need our help through prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits. Please minister in some way to Robby Griffin, Shelia Medlin, Larry and Audrey Schott, Clyde Norwood, Travis Price, Beth Simpson, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James Gordon, Sandy Brady, Linda and Phil Goodman, Clara McGee, Shirley Starnes, Reece Starnes, Mark and Nanci Beebe, Albert and Bo Starnes, Kaymon Carter, Frankie Norwood, George Huntley, Silas Simpson, Pat Schlappich, Bart Jackson Janet Tyson, Rudy Robinson, Ann and Grady Rose, Barry Joyner, Suzette Barker, Ruby Rushing, Mark Mull, Jerry and Alice Griffin, Remington Hargette, Billy Norwood, Lynn and Layne Dewlen, Bryan Dean, LeeAnn Ventuo, Chris Starnes, Walter Norwood, Phyllis Norwood, Doris and Brooke Rhoden Mary Edwards, Richard and Tyler Lee, Lisa Echols, Fran Griffin, Maggie Thompson Joanne Hale, Richard Wieck, Pete Green, Wyatt Melton, Dawn Culp, Karen Trull, Bob and Brenda O'Kelly, Katya Newsham, Doug Couick and Claude Gamble.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Walt Venuto, Violet McWhorter Starnes and Jim McGee.

Please continue to send cards and remember in prayer our church members who are in assisted living homes:

Robby Griffin, Lee Forest Group Home, 1209 Pelham Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352

Travis Price, Brookdale Monroe Square, Room 44918 Fitzgerald St, Monroe, NC 28112-5679

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

December

Bob McCain-1

Rick Moser-3

Todd & Debra Twitty-12/5

Marsha Stirton-8

Layne & Lynn Dewlen-12/8

Daisy Hardy-9

Allison Batson-10

Tiffany Medlin-14

Mike & Mitzie Broome-12/15/18

Rhonda McManus-19

Ann Rose-20

Jennifer Corley, missionary-22

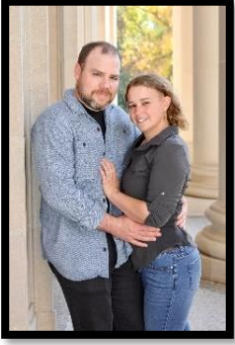
Jean White-25

Jessica Johnston-27

Elleigh Johnston-28

Bob & Fran Griffin-12/29/1967

Congratulations on the engagement of Sarah Rankin and AJ Torgerson. They are planning an April 2023 wedding in North Dakota.



The East Coast Celebration for Sarah & A.J.

You are invited to celebrate the engagement of
Sarah Rankin to A.J. Torgerson

Date: January 21, 2023, Saturday

Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: Walkersville EPC Fellowship Hall
6204 Brady Rd., Waxhaw, NC 28173

Given by: The Rankins

RSVP to Debbie Rankin, 814-279-0612

or Kayleen Rankin, 540-840-0375

ANOTHER POTPOURRI
by Layne Dewlen

The pot is being stirred. The pot being the world. Signs are everywhere when you put what is happening into the context of Scripture. We can see the time known as Jacob's Trouble, and/or the Tribulation coming on fast. A few weeks ago, we could have said, "Goodness, with all the stores gearing up for Christmas, we must be getting close. Wow, Thanksgiving must be just around the corner. What we are seeing take place around the world is signs of the Tribulation, or Christmas. God never gave any signs that would come to pass before the Rapture, or Thanksgiving, but we know it comes first, so take heart dear Christian, our redemption draws near.

These are the last days of the Church age, the days spoken of in 2 Tim. 3:13, "Evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse." From this and Jesus saying these times would be difficult and perilous, we as followers of Christ should expect things never to get back to "Normal." When God has been removed from our schools, society, and our behavior, it is replaced by the hand of Satan in this world, for that is how it works. Satan immediately fills up any vacuum. It's all down-hill from here until Christ calls with that great trumpet blast that will literally raise the righteous dead. Until then we can agree totally with the writer of the old song, "It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus, life's trials will seem so small, when we see Christ. One glimpse of His dear face, all sorrows will erase. So bravely run the race, till we see Christ."

Get ready folks, Jesus is coming very soon. We don't know if it will be morning, night, or noon, today, or tomorrow, which is another way of saying we know not the day or the hour (Matt.24:36), but the signs are all around us that the time is so soon. M-A-R-A-N-A-T-H-A!, Come quickly, Lord Jesus!!



December Roster

Committee of the Month: Building & Grounds

Mission of the Month: Faith Works
Benevolence
Outreach +Toys for Tots

Nursery Workers:

Dec 04 Rhonda McManus

Dec 11 Mark and Nanci Beebe

Dec 18 Jessica Johnston

Dec 25 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request that needs to be communicated through the prayer chain, please contact Clara McGee at 704-709-7125 or Gloria Norwood at 704-843-2352. They will ensure that the word gets out! Also, if you have not been receiving prayer chain calls and would like to be added to the call list, please let Clara or Gloria know this as well.

Newsletter Information

If you have information to include in the newsletter, please send it to Harvey Hess by the 15th of each month. You may email the information to harveyhess@bellsouth.net or by phone or text to 704-516-6503. Thank you!

Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information

2022 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Pastor
Clara McGee Clerk of Session	704-709-7125	Class of 2023
Larry Schott	704-774-1691	Class of 2024
Bob Stirton	704-361-4888	Class of 2024
Dennis Robinson	704-291-0856	Class of 2025
Betty Lou Mosley	704-764-3339	Class of 2023

Prayer Chain – Call to Activate	
Clara McGee	704-709-7125
Gloria Norwood	704-843-2352

2022 Church Committees		
Committee	Chair	Clerk
Building & Grounds	Russell Mosley	Bob Stirton
Christian Education	Debbie Robinson	Gloria Norwood
Congregational Care	Bob McCain	Tammy Mosley
Fellowship		
Missions & Outreach	Clay Murray	Betty Lou Mosley
Stewardship	Fran Griffin	Betty Lou Mosley
Worship	Frances Gamble	Sue Thornton

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2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Holy Communion		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Ladies Bible Study in Bruce Powell Room Canceled 6:00-7:30 PM Christmas Carol Hymn Sing	7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 5:30 PM Little Angel’s Christmas Party-	5:00 PM Session Meeting Canceled		3:00 PM Christmas Concert
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4th Sunday of Advent 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Children’s Christmas Program		7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group			Christmas Eve Services 4 PM & 9 PM <i>Holy Communion</i>

<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Christmas Day 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>11:30 Senior Luncheon 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing Canceled</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>
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