

## Today's Word

1 John 4: 7-12, 16-21

*New International Version*

### God's Love and Ours

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through

him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for

our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.



## Church Happenings

### Sunday, January 27

9:00 - First Light Worship  
10:00 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Traditional Worship  
6:00 - Youth

### Monday, January 28

9:00 - Pickleball @ Mulberry  
1:15 - Chancel Chimes  
6:00 - Cub Scouts

### Tuesday, January 29

6:30am - Men's Bible Study  
6:30 - Boy Scouts  
6:30 - The Way of Prayer Study  
7:30 - First Flame

### Wednesday, January 30

9:00 - Pickleball @ Mulberry  
3:00 - CAST  
5:00 - Faith Lift  
6:00 - Chancel Bells  
7:00 - Chancel Choir

### Friday, February 1

9:00 - Pickleball @ Mulberry  
11:00 - Rotary

### Save the Date

April 21 - Easter Sunday

## Church Information

### January 27 Information

Nursery: Melanie Anderson  
Acolyte: Brayden Biddix  
Sound: Chuck Cummings  
Greeters: Amanda McCall,  
Jeff Keller, and  
Linda Cannon

### January 20 Information

Worship Attendance: 210  
SS Attendance: 68  
Offering: \$4,975  
Weekly Budget Needs: \$10,904

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## First Light 9:00 a.m.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

\*Praise & Worship: "Our Love is Loud" First Flame

"Hold Us Together"

"No Matter What"

### Children's Time

### Morning Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-12, 16-21

Sermon: "Where Is The Love?"

The Reverend Dr. David Melton

### The Presentation of Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory: "How He Loves Us" First Flame

### Benediction

### \*Closing Music

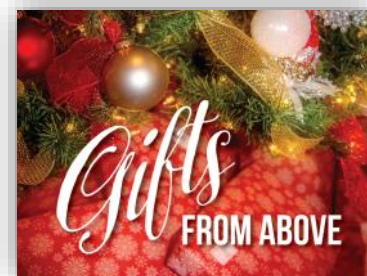
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### Assisting With Worship Today

Worship Leaders: Dave Melton, Aaron Horn, and Lynne Carter  
First Flame Praise Team Sound: Shannon Bumgarner  
Greeter: Jackie Heim

### Our Current Sermon Series

"What Did You Get for Christmas?"



Join us as we learn about the gifts that we should have received in the Christmas and Advent season. Did you receive the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love from the birth of Christ, our Lord and Savior?

*Come join us for worship!*



# First United Methodist Church

Lenoir, NC

January 27, 2019

Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. - Christian Life Center

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary



## "Where Is The Love?"

1 John 4: 7-12, 16-21

**Senior Pastor:** The Reverend Dr. David Melton

**Director of Family and Adult Ministries:** Aaron Horn

**Director of Children's Ministries:** Melanie Anderson

**Director of Music Ministries:** Jamie Jones

**Organist and Office Manager:** Zach Bowyer

**Praise and Worship Leader:** Lynne Carter

**Church Hostess:** Kay Lanier

**Facilities Manager:** Russell Beaver

**Financial Secretary:** Lisa Bennick

# A Service of Our Worship of God

## 11:00 a.m.

**The Prelude:** "March on *Down Ampney*" Jon Spong

**The Light Enters**

**Gathering and Greeting**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *Come Down, O Love Divine* UMH 475

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ**  
Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

**Children's Time**

**Call to Prayer:** *Spirit of the Living God* UMH 393

**Morning Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** UMH 895

**Choral Anthem:** "Jesus Loves Me" Joel Raney  
CAST and Chancel Choir

**Scripture:** 1 John 4: 7-12, 16-21

**Sermon:** "Where Is The Love?"  
The Reverend Dr. David Melton

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostle's Creed UMH 881

**The Presentation of Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory:** "Love Came Down at Christmas" D. Evans

**\*Doxology** UMH 95

**\*Closing Hymn:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

**\*Benediction**

**The Light Departs**

**\*Response:** *Shalom to You* UMH 666

**The Postlude:** "Festive Trumpet Tune" David German

*\*Please stand, as you are able.*

## Remember in Prayer

Debbie Wessinger  
Bill Heim  
Guy Walters  
Debbie Mason  
Ken Moss  
Kathy Harmon  
Jamie Armstrong  
Jake Watson  
Keith Watson  
George Maust  
Herb Crowell  
Vivian Laws  
*Renee Ingram's mother*  
Roger and Jane Wilson  
Tony and Laura Lingle  
James and Betty Jo Winkler  
Sue Atkins  
*Courtney Swanson's mother*  
Herman Anderson  
Teet Culbreth  
*Lenoir Healthcare*  
Lillie Osborne



## Memorials and Honorariums\*

**Gwen Teague**  
Bobby Fulmer  
*Building Fund*  
Kent and Patsy Riddle  
*General Fund*

**Miriam Lewis**  
Kent and Patsy Riddle  
*General Fund*  
Larry and Donna Staples  
*Music Ministry*  
Bobby Fulmer  
*Building Fund*

**Caroline Armstrong**  
Bobby Fulmer  
*Building Fund*

**Gary and Laura Ball\***  
David and Courtney Swanson  
*Backpack Ministry*

**Jamie Jones\***  
Chancel Handchimes  
*Music Ministry*

**This month's shoebox items:**  
Children's soft toothbrushes  
Assorted sizes of combs

## Announcements

**Lenten Devotionals** This year the Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Please prayerfully consider writing a one-page devotional to be included in this year's **Lenten daily devotional booklet**. Send to stbrady1966@gmail.com. You may peruse the previous edition in the church office. It's a blessing!

**CAST Crafts** is in need of small children's shoeboxes! Please drop them by the church by February 1.

**West Caldwell High School Band** will be presenting their 2nd Annual Benefit Concert on February 8th at First United Methodist Church Lenoir at 6:00 p.m. There is no entry fee for this event, but it is donation based to raise funds for WCHS instrument repair and purchase, student audition fees, and uniform cleaning/repair, music, and a multitude of other student needs. We would love to see you at this event! However, if you are unable to attend and want to make a donation, of any amount, checks can be made to WCHS Band Boosters and given to Zach in the office.



## Church Fellowship

**Faith Lift** has started up again! Make sure to contact Zach if you need to update your reservations or if you'd like to sign up for a meal. The cost is \$5 per person with a \$15 maximum per family. Come enjoy food and fellowship!

**The Tuesday Night Bible Study** has started back! Their study for this term will focus on prayer and will use Jane Vennard's book, *The Way of Prayer*. Topics that will be covered include how to pray, praying by heart, praying by music, images of God, praying with others, and prayer and social transformation. The cost for a book will be \$10. Please let Zach or Rebecca Pipkins know if you would like to participate in this amazing and thought-provoking study.

The **Youth Group Ski Trip** will be happening again this year from Feb. 21-24! See Aaron for more information on cost and materials to bring.

Volunteers (men and women, alike!) are needed to serve in the local **Prison Ministry** with Bill Ellis and Buddy Anderson. This is the most rewarding experience that meets one night per week for two hours. You will be blessed as you bless others by serving in this capacity. We have a Bible Study on Monday and Tuesday evenings and you can volunteer for either of those. Please contact Rob Gardiner or Zach for more information.

**Save the Date:**  
**PANCAKE DAY!**  
Tuesday, March 5  
10:30 a.m. — 7 p.m.  
Invite your friends and family!

## Church Connections

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. / Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Cell (please circle one)

Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Tear and place in offering plate

Send Me Information About:

- Small Groups
- Becoming a member
- Music Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Young at Heart
- Youth Ministry

Sign Me Up:

- For Faith Lift this week
- To receive Wednesday FaithLink (information about church events)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_