Today's Word

Romans 5: 1-11 New International Version

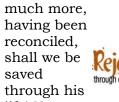
Peace and Hope

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his

Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved



life! Not on-

ly is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Church Happenings

Sunday, January 6

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

Monday, January 7

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

Tuesday, January 8

6:30am - Men's Bible Study 6:30 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - First Flame

Wednesday, January 9

9:00 - Pickleball @ Mulberry 3:00 - CAST

5:00 - Faith Lift 6:00 - Chancel Bells 7:00 - Chancel Choir

Friday, January 11

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

Save the Date

March 6 - Ash Wednesday April 21 - Easter Sunday

Church Information

January 6 Information

Nursery: Melanie Anderson Acolyte: Donny Alm Sound: Stephen Rauchfuss Greeters: Barbara Love and Patti Brandenburg

December 30 Information

Worship Attendance: 218 Offering: \$19,376 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: "What a Friend" First Flame

"Walk by Faith"

"Come to the Table"

Romans 5: 1-11 Scripture:

"God's Lasting Peace" Sermon:

The Reverend Dr. David Melton

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Presentation of Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory: "A Baby Changes Everything" First Flame

Benediction

*Closing Music

*Please stand, as you are able.

Assisting With Worship Today Worship Leaders: Dave Melton, Aaron Horn, and Lynne Carter First Flame Praise Team Sound: Shannon Bumgarner Greeter: Patti Carpenter

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 6, 2019 Sunday of the Epiphany

9:00 a.m. - Christian Life Center 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary



"God's Lasting Peace"

Romans 5: 1-11

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: "Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella" Hartsell

The Light Enters

Gathering and Greeting

*Opening Hymn: We Three Kings UMH 254

Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Choral Anthem: "Mary, Did You Know?" Jack Schrader

Men's Quartet

Scripture: Romans 5: 1-11

Sermon: "God's Lasting Peace"

The Reverend Dr. David Melton

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Presentation of Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory: "We Three Kings" Albin Whitworth

*Doxology UMH 95

*Closing Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind UMH 358

Stanzas 1-4

*Benediction

The Light Departs

*Response: Shalom to You UMH 666

The Postlude: "Postlude on *Puerto Rican Carol*" Traditional

*Please stand, as you are able.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal OT: Old Testament
TFWS: The Faith We Sing NT: New Testament

Remember in Prayer

Guy Walters
Gwen Teague
Debbie Mason
Ken Moss
Kathy Harmon
Jamie Armstrong
Marizell Thompson
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*

Edwin Ford: Building
Ron Sime: General
George and Helen Crowell, Jr.
R. L. Bush and Greg R. Barrett: Building
Jeanne Bush
Jim Davis: General
Linda Davis

Linda Davis
Lloyd B. Smith, Jr.: General
Frances Huntley, Jan Anderson, Larry
Lanier, Mary Cole, Ruth Howard, Ben

Hood, Bob and Rose Ann Smith, Mary Lib and Floyd Blackwell: Building Ann Smith

*Allene Stevens: Music
Broyhill Family Foundation, Inc.
*David and Becky Crawford: Backpack

Richard Marlowe
*Bobby Fulmer: Building

Phyllis Munday
*Dave Melton: Building
Rob and Debbie Eller

*Jamie, Zach, and Patsy: Music Chancel Choir

*Mr. and Mrs. David Beard:

David and Dianne Dill Christian Service *Wesley Friendship Class Teachers and

Officers: General Bobby Fulmer

*June Greene Class and Helpers: General Bobby Fulmer

*Amanda McCall, Jeff Keller, and Linda Cannon: Music

Anonymous

*June Greene Class: Backpack
Tony and Laura Lingle

*Rick, Betsy, Perry, and Nicole Pierce:
Laura Peace General

Music Notes

CAST (Creating and Singing Together) for K-5th graders starts again on Wed., Jan 9th and goes from 3:00-5:00. This season we will be doing fun craft projects, singing and moving, learning to drum and play handchimes, and the 3rd-5th graders will be learning to play ukuleles. (Adult church members, if would like to help us out, we are needing a few ukuleles donated to our group and would Worship Through appreciate your assistance.)



Chancel Choir – Yes! We're starting again on Wed., Jan 9th at 7:00. We'll be singing easy anthems through the month of January and would love to welcome new members into our choir. Please come and sing praises to God!

Chancel Handbells – We're starting again on Wed., Jan 9th at 6:00. We have wonderful players and two new ringers: Emily Watkins and Judi Sale. However....we STILL need more ringers! Want to have fun, be a part of a music team, and learn new things? Join us!

Adult Handchimes – We're starting again on Mon., Jan. 7th at 1:15 pm in the Children's Music Room. This is an intermediate ringing group, and we still welcome beginners and intermediates! Join us!

Church Fellowship

Faith Lift starts again this coming Wednesday, January 10! 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** will begin on January
22! 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.

Christmas is not really about the gifts; we all know that. Yet, with your generous donations to the Angel Tree, FUMC was able to share Christmas blessings with about 60 children this season. We gave warm coats, new shoes, clothes, books, candy and toys, toys, toys! It felt like much more than just presents. Thanks to all of you who made it possible with your donations. Extra special thanks go to Santa's helpers who shopped, wrapped and delivered; Brenda Beall, Jennifer Ellis, Sharon Everhardt, Robin Germond, Hannah Romero, Judi Sale, and Donna Staples! Way to go, -Laura Ball everyone!

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.

How did you hear about us?	Age(s):	Phone:	City: State: _	Address:	Name:	Date: Dr.

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Connections

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	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)								
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