

December 11, 2024

Calendar of Services—Services available In Person* and via Facebook Live Streaming link sent out with each week's bulletin.

*1st and 3rd Sunday is scheduled for inside the church. 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday is scheduled at the outdoor stage, weather permitting.

December 15 - Dr. Keith Ray, Christmas Pageant, 3rd Sunday in Advent (Joy)

December 22 - Dr. Keith Ray, 4th Sunday in Advent (Love)

December 24 - Dr. Keith Ray, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm

December 29 - Lessons and Carols

Current News and Announcements

Did you miss mentioning an announcement during the Sunday service? Use this Google form to submit <u>announcement requests</u> for the newsletter.

Don't forget our Christmas pageant will be on December 15th. Invite your friends!

We will also continue our special offering for the New Foundations Home for Children. The offering will be used by the staff to purchase Christmas gifts for the children.

NACCP on YouTube. Since the beginning of this year, a small group of NACCPers have worked to make our gatherings available on YouTube. As of November 2024, you can find us at NorthAndersonCCP on YouTube.

You can live stream us, or see recordings.

Now we are recruiting others to be part of our NACCP AV Team. We would like to share recording/streaming among several people. We will offer training to anyone willing to help. Please let Cynthia (cynthiakwarner@mac.com) or Joanne (843.607.3862) know if you are interested.

The Potluck Hymns on December 1 will be Advent hymns since this is the first Sunday of Advent. Look through pages 82 - 107 in the hymnal to choose an Advent hymn. Write the name and number of the hymn you'd like on a piece of paper and put it in the potluck basket on the Communion table.

The GAMAC Chorale, Anderson Symphony Orchestra, & The Electric City Big Band will be performing a Christmas concert on Thursday, December 12 at 7 pm. Visit <u>https://www.gamac.org/masterworks</u> for tickets

The Keenagers Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 14 at 11:30 am. The church will provide

the meat and ask that participants bring a side to dish to share as well as a small gift (under \$10 or a regift) for a fun gift exchange.

The Winter Solstice Labyrinth Walk will be on December 21 at 4 pm.

There will be a brief congregational meeting to review the 2025 budget on January 12.

Reminder that PFLAG meets the second Thursday of the month at NACCP at 7 pm.

Church Clean-up days are the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30 am and usually take no more than 90 minutes. The sign-up sheet is in the church.

The Bible Study Group (BSG) meets Mondays at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Dave Johnson is guiding us through the book of Deuteronomy (*editor's note: it's far more interesting than it sounds!*). If you'd like to be added to the Zoom invite list then contact Cynthia at cynthiakwarner@mac.com.

Tithe Collection — The online giving was \$1,346.09. Session is always grateful for your generosity!

Contributions may be mailed to:

North Anderson Community Church, Presbyterian, 4200 Liberty Highway 29621.

Online giving for regular contributions:

Go to NACCP's website, <u>naccpchurch.org</u>, and click on Missions and Giving. Scroll to "Donate Now" to create a profile and make a donation. If you need help, call Tom at 585-775-5863.

For News from Foothills Presbytery, click on the link here.

Prayers of the People

For this and all our blessings, God, we praise you!.

Tom is grateful for all the travel mercies as he and Vicki had a slow and rough trip through snow and heavy traffic from NY, but they're glad to be back in SC. He asks for prayers for their priest, Father Jim, in NY who is now in Hospice.

Bonnie asks for prayers for Shea who has an important doctor's appointment this week and hoping for favorable reports. She also has a joy for her son Michael who lost his wife tragically over a year ago and was in deep grief and depression. Since then, he has connected with a woman friend from the Navy. They are now a couple and very happy!

Polly is grateful for the choir AND for her whole family who gifted her a trip to see a New York Yankees game in person next summer!

Keith had a wonderful Thanksgiving with his daughter Rebecca who is making good progress in her treatment facility.

God, in our mercy, hear our prayer.

Andi asks for prayers for her step brother-in-law who is very near his death, and this will most likely

occur before Christmas.

Ann asks for prayers for Etta and Matt Wolf.

Joanne is concerned for everyone who is hungry as well as all the church members. She asks us to please remember to share our "plenty" with those who don't have as much and contribute to AIM every week.

Happy December Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 2 – Linda Cameron and Erica Norgren's anniversary

- December 7 Polly Dunford
- December 10 Mary Lewis
- December 13 Erica Norgren
- December 19 Linda McFall
- December 21 Meredith Lee
- December 22 Botany and Bridget Berry
- December 27 Kristin Cascio
- December 31 Lin Hagen

Elders

Joanne Batten, Class of 2026 battenjoanne@gmail.com; Building and Grounds

Ann Blackwood, Class of 2026 blackwood, Class of 2026 blackwood, Class of 2026 blackw00d@charter.net; Outreach and Missions

Andi Nelson, Class of 2026 rabbithill@bellshouth.net; Congregational Care and Nurture

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Sarah Shumpert, Class of 2025 sarah.shumpert@gmail.com; Communications

Rosie Thompson, Class of 2025 rosethompson917@gmail.com; Congregational Care and Nurture

Clerk of Session - Karen Manley, Class of 2021 mountainmama@bellsouth.net

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NACCP is an inclusive Faith Community that values questions

and the journey to the answers.

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