

January 3, 2021 Announcements
Pennies for Hunger: Jan. 3, 2021
January special mission offering:
Jesse & Erin Atkinson,
Wycliffe Bible Translators

WELCOME TO WORSHIP today.
Communion will be served —
worshippers to provide their own
elements, as we are not observing
in-person worship today. Worship
services are live-streamed **each
Sunday**. Instructions to set up and
use a Livestream account are on
(www.alamancechurch.org). Until
warmer weather returns, as it does
each year, we will not meet in
person outside on the lawn for
worship together.

NOTICE: Our **Session continues to
craft policy specifically for APC**,
per state and Salem Presbytery *Safer
at Home* recommendations for
COVID-19 Phase 3, which is now
scheduled to end **Jan. 8**. **All** groups
that meet here **MUST** apply to
Session for permission to meet.

JANUARY MISSIONS OFFERING
is for Jesse & Erin (Padgett)
Atkinson, Wycliffe Bible Translators.
See insert for details.

KIDS R.O.C.K.: **No meeting today.**
Next week, Jan. 10: to be decided.
Might be in the Pavilion, might be
only by Zoom. Might be earlier
than usual ... keep your eyeballs
peeled for updates.

YOUTH GROUPS: **No meeting
today. Next week, Jan. 10:** to be
decided. Might be in the Pavilion,
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DRIVE-THRU MEALS at APC: Take-
out only! Pick up **between 5-7p**
outside Brown Fellowship Hall. **Jan.
23** (Brunswick stew). Profits go to
APC Operating Fund. Order ahead,
pay on-line, to offset food waste.
(www.alamancechurch.org).

WE WELCOME DANA ADAMS to
our church staff, as Finance
Manager. She begins work on **Mon.,
Jan. 4**. Dana will take over the job
so ably performed by Jeanine Rossi,

at Jeanine's retirement on **Feb. 15,
2021**. Until then, both women will
work together as Dana learns from
Jeanine how to keep APC finances in
good order.

FUNERALS DURING PANDEMIC:
Face coverings still required in public
when not possible to maintain social
distancing from non-household
members in **any** public place —
indoor or outdoor. The mass
gathering limit is 10 people inside,
25 people outside.

PRAYER REQUEST PUBLICATION:
"Celebrations and Concerns" are
posted on Home page of the
website. www.alamancechurch.org.

Christian sympathy is expressed
*to Geneva Boswell and family,
at the death of her brother-in-law,
Bill Boswell, on December 22, 2020.*

The staff of Alamance
Presbyterian Church offers its
heartfelt thanks to the
congregation, for the more-
than- generous outpouring of
donations to the Staff Love
Offering. It has been our
pleasure to serve God and
the congregation this year.

Food Pantry

**Special collection for January:
Canned beans**

We can always use clean, dry, plastic
grocery bags — and clean, dry, empty
egg cartons, to re-pack eggs from a
weekly bulk egg donation.

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: Food
Pantry Team **needs** you. Volunteer
your service! **Go here to sign up:**
<http://signup.com/go/h2b6xy>

ONLINE GIVING: See the Bulletins &
Announcement page of website
(www.alamancechurch.org) for details
of how to use.

You will need to sign up with this
service to access online giving.
To give by Text: text the word "give"
to **336-396-6133**. Then follow
the simple prompts to set up your
account and make donations.

CHURCH OFFICE

(336)-697-0488

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**Phase 3 of NC's Safer at Home order is
scheduled to end Jan. 8.**

Church offices are open.
Buildings will remain closed
until Session rules that it is
safe to re-open the church.

NC Safer at Home
pandemic protocols:
Phase 3 are now scheduled to end
Friday, January 8.

Session will decide the safest
course of action for our
congregation, based on trending
data relating to COVID-19 —
particularly hospitalizations and
ICU census numbers.

Data considered will be from
reliable sources such as county
and state departments of health,
the Center for Disease Control,
and the Cone Health System.

After a steady two week's
downward trend in numbers,
Session will **consider** re-opening
buildings for public worship.

**Face masks are required at all
public events.**

APC KNIT, PRAY, LOVE MINISTRY:

Ongoing project to create items for
maternity and newborn depts. of
Women's Hospital at Cone. Project
is NOT limited to KPL. Suggested
patterns are available: check with
Linda Aydelette. Drop off finished
items in labelled box on Yellow
House porch. (Prayer shawls and
chemo caps still needed, too.)

A video posted on the church
Facebook page has more info.
Contact Linda Aydelette
(linda.aydelette@gmail.com).

Church Staff

Dr. Kyle Goodman, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jess Rigel, Discipleship Pastor
Andrew Long, Dir., Youth Ministries
Joy Thomas, Dir., Children's Ministries
Katie Long, Director of Music
Rebecca Oden, Accompanist
Jeanine Rossi, Finance Manager
Lynn Barnes, Administrative Assistant
Mary Ellen Shores Director,
Child Development Center
Jane Preston Asst. Dir., CDC

Alamance
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We welcome all to the community of Jesus:
to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2021 10 a.m.



Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Adoration

- Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

One Voice: For those who seek a Savior, we lead them to the stable:
All Voices: to the One who was born to bring freedom, forgiveness, liberty.
One: For those who seek assurance, we lead them to the light:
All: to the One who opens eyes to understanding God's word and truth.
One: For those who seek forgiveness,
we lead them to a grace beyond comprehension:
All: to wholeness, healing, and peace.
One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!
Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* Song sheet

First Scripture Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of light, you speak to us in many ways: through rushing wind or still, small voice; in Scripture’s Word or through your Grace. And we, in turn, find many ways to hear the world’s insistent voice break through the silence and take your place.
Help us, Lord. We come to you in need of assurance and forgiveness. We come in need of healing and wholeness. We come to you in need of your light and your love. Help us to hear your voice above the clamor of this world; and fill us with your Spirit, so that we might be beacons in the darkness — those who speak your Word with boldness and draw others to your feet. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Song of Praise *The First Nowell* Song sheet

The Word

Second Scripture Reading *Matthew 2:1-12*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message

Thanksgiving & Offering

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed* - Ecumenical version

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation, even — and especially — in these times of anxiety. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *I Saw Three Ships* - arr. Joseph Martin

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the people

Communion Music *See Amid the Winter’s Snow* - arr. Dan Forrest
Katie Long, soprano; Rebecca Oden, pianist

Communion Prayer

Sending Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Song sheet

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* - arr. Lloyd Larson

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship.

Lectionary Year B Scripture for the First Sunday after Christmas, **January 3: *Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:2-40.***

Lectionary Year B Scripture for the Second Sunday after Christmas, **Jan. 10: *Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:(1-9)10-18.***



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