

January 10, 2021 Announcements
Pennies for Hunger: Feb. 7, 2021
January special mission offering:
Jesse & Erin Atkinson,
Wycliffe Bible Translators

WELCOME TO 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. 29**. **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.: **Zoom meeting today: One Thing (Luke 18:18-27).** **Next week, Jan. 17: Who Am I? (John 3:1).** ** Zoom meetings at **5p each Sun.**; links sent each week.

YOUTH GROUPS: **Today, Jan. 10, 6p:** High schoolers meet by Zoom.

DRIVE-THRU MEALS at APC: Take-out only! Pick up **between 5-7p** outside Brown Fellowship Hall. **Jan. 23** (Brunswick stew) \$8 per quart. 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. 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.

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. 29.

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 29.**

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

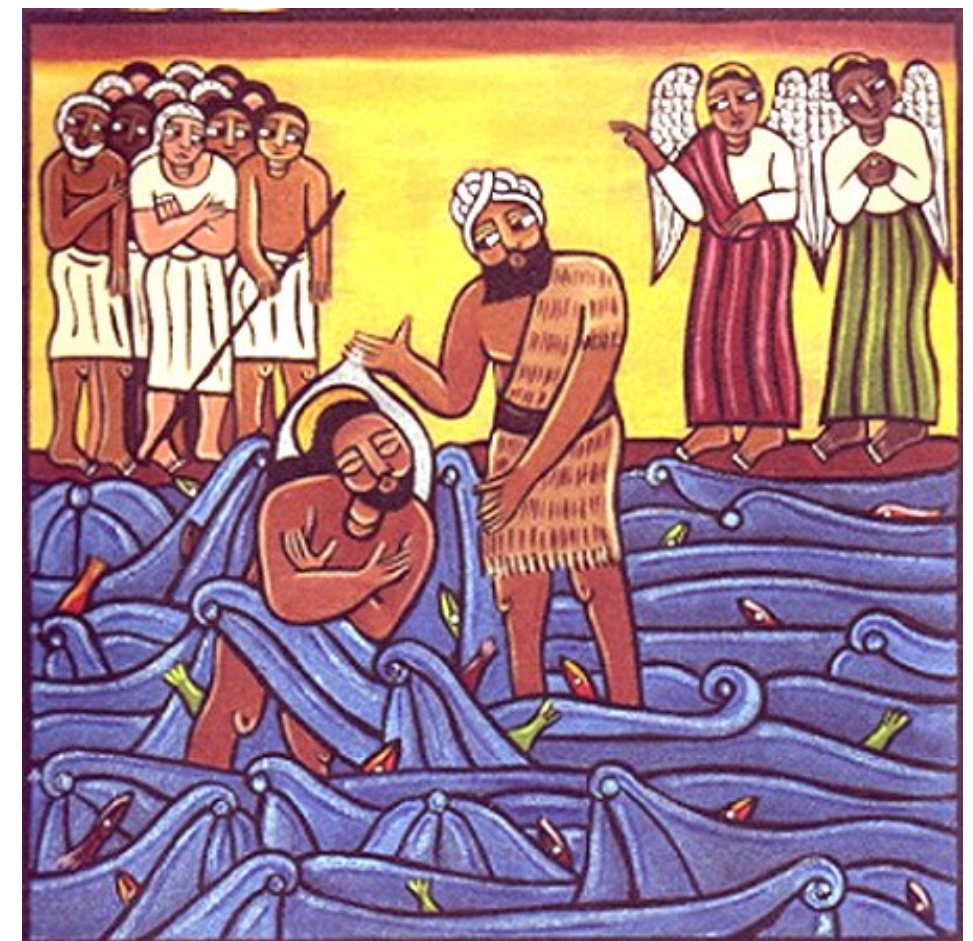
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Iane Preston Asst. Dir.. CDC



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

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 10, 2021 10 a.m.



Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

In Reverence

- Philip Wesley

Call to Worship

One Voice: Prepare the way of the Lord!
All Voices: Make way for the coming of God.
One: Repent and be restored. Change your lives, and begin anew.
All: Prepare the way of the Lord!
One: Awash in the Spirit, follow in the footsteps of Christ.
All: Prepare the way of the Lord!
One: Beloved Children of God, marked and sealed forever,
live a life worthy of your calling, speak for truth and justice,
and open heaven for all to hear and see.

Opening Hymn *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Song sheet

Psalm Reading *Psalm 29*

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

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, where do we even begin? Our words have failed us, for we, too, have sown hostility and hatred. Worse, we have been silent in its wake. Our actions have failed you; they are mostly inaction. Our courage has failed us, and our impatience has failed our neighbors. We are content — even happy — with our hardened hearts and vile bitterness in our mouths. This is not who you have called us to be. Forgive us, change us, and embolden us. Baptize us with the Spirit and with fire. Unmake us and remake us. In the name of your beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Song of Praise *Glory to God, Whose Spirit Shines on Me* Video

The Word

Scripture Reading *Mark 1:1-11*

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

Message

Thanksgiving & Offering

Affirmation of Faith *Reaffirmation of Baptism*
- from the *Book of Common Worship*

In Baptism you were joined to Christ and made members of his body. In the community of the people of God you have learned of God’s purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nurtured at the table of our Lord and called to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

You are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I renounce them.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God’s help.

Will you devote yourself to the church’s teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

I will, with God’s help.

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* - arr. Jennifer Haines

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

Sending

Sending Hymn *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Song sheet

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King*
- arr. Ken Medema

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

Lectionary Year B Scripture for the Baptism of the Lord Sunday, **Jan. 10:**
Genesis 1:1-5, Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 29, Psalm 147:12-20, Acts 19:1-7, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 1:4-11, John 1:(1-9)10-18.

Lectionary Year B Scripture for the Second Sunday after Epiphany, **January 17:**
1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.



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