



**Linden
Associate Reformed Presbyterian
Church**

205 South Myrtle School Road
Gastonia, NC 28052

The Lord's Day

December 9, 2007

11:00 am

Second Sunday in Advent

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined" Isaiah 9:2

The Prelude to Worship *"The First Noel"* Paxton

The Welcome ----- Greeting of People ----- Announcements

The Call to Worship *"There's A Song In the Air"* Harrington

*The Hymn of Praise *"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"* #131

*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-13

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*The Hymn of Praise *"O Come Let Us Adore Him"* #82

The Morning Prayer
Scripture Lesson *Isaiah 7:1-16*

Prayer of Intercession

The Anthem *"Comfort Now My People"* Larsen

The Children's Message *Lighting of Advent Candles*
(While the children come forward the choir will be dismissed to join the congregation)

The Hymn of Advent *"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"* #127

(The order of service continues on the inside of the bulletin)

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings
"You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving" (Amy Carmichael)

The Offertory Hymn *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* Solo-Lauren Myers

*The Doxology #625

*The Prayer of Dedication Tommy Dagenhart

The Scripture Reading *Luke 1:26-38*

The Message **Songs of Christmas: Gabriel**

*The Hymn *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* #141

*The Benediction

*The Postlude *"Angels We Have Heard On High"* French Carol

*(*Indicates congregation standing as you are able)*

Welcome: *"Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God" William Carey.*
What a joy it is to worship the Lord Jesus Christ together! We at Linden A.R.P. Church want you to meet with God in a personal way, knowing that He has offered us eternal life in His Son and that we must lean on that grace filled offer everyday of our lives. We're glad you're here, and like you we are anxious to grow close to Jesus. We ask our members as well as our guest to make yourself known to us as you register your attendance by signing the guest pad located at the center aisle of each pew.

This Week At Linden

Sunday, December 9, 2007	9:50 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Children's Assembly Sunday School Morning Worship Adult Handbell Choir Practice Last Day To Purchase Poinsettias
Monday, December 10, 2007	6:30 pm	Combined Circles Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 11, 2007	7:00 pm	Men's Community Bible Study (SGM) F-Troop at Portofino's
Wednesday, December 12, 2007	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:50 pm 7:15 pm 7:45 pm	Fellowship Supper Children's Music Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Children's Classes Choir Practice
Thursday, December 13, 2007	6:00 pm	Young At Heart Christmas Supper
Friday, December 14, 2007	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Hope Circle at the Crump's Home The Little Rascals at the Crump's Home
Saturday, December 15, 2007	4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling

Come and Enjoy! : To all my friends at Linden, you are invited to a Christmas Drop-In given by Mavis Wooten at her home located at 1436 Union Road – Apt. 319 (Catherine Booth Garden Apartments) on Friday, December 21st from 2:00-4:00pm.

Happy Anniversary: Robby and Shelly Harwell....December 9th

Happy Birthday: Tommy Hudson...December 15th

Announcements – Sunday, December 9, 2007

Wednesday Night Program: This week JoAnn Morrow will prepare our meal. The menu for this Wednesday night is: Fried Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Desserts, and Drinks. The cost of the meal is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

Advent Candle Lighters: Today Lelia Mull, Susan Crump and her family, Matthew, Zachary and Savannah will lead us in the Advent Candle Lighting. We are glad to have this family as members of the Linden Church family and thank them for participating in today's candle lighting. Next week Beth Watts and her family will lead us in the candle lighting.

Young At Heart: The Young At Heart Christmas Supper will be at the home of Geneva Hanna on Thursday, December 13th at 6:00. This is a covered dish supper with meat and drinks being provided.

Christmas Gathering: The Hope Circle and The Little Rascals Small Group will gather at the Crump's Home at 6:30pm on Friday, December 14th for a special Christmas gathering.

Poinsettias: Today will be the last day to get your orders in for poinsettias. The cost will be \$7.50 but if you would like to pay \$10.00, the additional \$2.50 will go toward the capital improvement budget.

Christmas Dinner: The Women's Ministries Combined Circles Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday, December 10th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Christmas Caroling: Christmas Caroling will take place on Saturday, December 15th. We will gather at the church at 4:00pm and go out together to the nursing homes. We thank the Adult Sunday School Class for arranging our outing.

Small Group Meetings: The F-Troop will meet at Portofino's on December 11th. The Little Rascals Gang will meet at Susan's house on December 14th at 6:30pm.

Adult Handbell Choir: The Adult Handbell Choir will practice today, December 9th after the worship service in preparation for a December 16th performance.

Christmas Pageant: The Christmas Pageant is planned for Wednesday, December 19th following our supper. We encourage you to be present for this special time. Bring someone with you!!

Christmas Cantata: Will be on Sunday, December 23rd during our worship hour. Again, this would be a wonderful time to bring someone with you.

Candle Light Communion: Candle Light Communion Service will take place on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 5:00pm. Bring your families for this very special time of worship.

Praise and Petitions – December 9, 2007

Bett Strout	Betty Queen	Rita Bradshaw
Betty McElroy	Debbie McCarter	Linda Stowe
Rev. Harold Mace	Helen Pearson	Carolyn Pearson
Tommy Stowe	Blanche Hudson	

**Hoyt Blackwood-Gaston Manor
John Morrow-Century Care
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard McAbee-Abingdon Place**

Jean Sisk(back surgery)	Steve Webb
Gene Taylor	Brian Lashman(muscular dyst.)
Anita Queen	Garnell Clark
Paul Grigg	Rev. Palmer Clemmer
Francis McDaniels	Jim French(cancer)
Terry Queen	Hailey Cook
Ed Fox	Reece Kelso
Barbara Lane(hip surgery)	Rev. Allen Main
William Pleasant	Carol McElroy Massfeller
Jesse Funderburk	Sheldon Rhyne
Sid Warren	Janette & Chad Austin
Austin Smith	The Small's
Suzanne Hartgrove	Mike Pearson
Sarah Moore	Tavia Pleasant
Kevin and Beth Tucker	Sandra Ward
Frances Emblor	Anna Love
Peggy Abernathy	Kelly Shuford

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