

PRAYER LIST:

Max & Vickie Dry	Our nation’s heart
Gale & Barry Spry	Randal Bragg
War in Israel	Billy & Jenny Ryburn
Pastor Randy and Cathy	Molly Conner
Bob Crawford	Fred Aggers - cancer diagnosis

EXTRA NOTES

Thank you to all who took part in the planning and execution of the Fulton Heights Tour of Homes event here at the church on Saturday. From food to greeters, decorations, to the nativity set and those in the scene.... you guys are AWESOME!!!

Rowan Helping Ministries/God’s Table dates for 2024:
Feb. 18, May 19, Aug. 18, and Oct.20, 2024

Pastor Randy Foster.....704-798-7098
Cathy Foster..... ..704-773-0350
Send bulletin info to r-b13@msn.com, or text to 704-213-1161

News / Events / Announcements

December
17 - Our choir will present their Christmas Cantata at the 11am worship service. Come enjoy the results of their hard work!
23 - Christmas pork loin cook. Pick up 11:30am till1:00pm The Fulton Heights Caroling on the Trolly beginning at 6pm, please arrive 10 min. early to board the Trolly. Refreshments and hot beverages will be served afterward.
24 - Morning worship @ **10am** and our Christmas Eve Candle-light Communion Service of Carols and Lessons at **6pm**.
25 - Merry Christmas!

RHM - Please remember to help as you are able with donations to Rowan Helping Ministries. Non-perishable donations should be in cans, boxes or plastic containers...no glass please.
One Church One Child’s list of needs is on the bulletin board downstairs. Winter coats are needed. Please help as you can.

2023 Annual Budget	\$146,599.00
General Tithes/Offerings Last week	\$3,618.75 YTD 194,094.46

Welcome to Maupin Avenue Presbyterian Church

We are delighted you came to join us in worship this morning. We are happy to have you as our guest and hope you experience God’s love and joy in a meaningful way as we worship together. Please accept our sincere invitation to return. Sunday School @ 9:45am, Worship @ 11am.
You May Reach Us At our website - maupin.church or
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Maupin Avenue Presbyterian Church

ASSOCIATE REFORMED
100 Maupin Avenue
Salisbury, North Carolina



Sunday Schedule
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 11:00

ENTER TO WORSHIP SENT FORTH TO SERVE

Our Lord’s Day
Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

Welcome/Announcements/Prayer Requests Pastor Randy Foster
Responsive Advent Call To Worship John 1:1-14, 8:12
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him, and without him was not an-
ything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was
the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not
overcome it.
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He
came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all
might believe through him. He was not the light but came to
bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into
the world.
He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet
the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own
people did not receive him.

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God, who were
born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will
of man, but of God.
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have
seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of
grace and truth.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the
world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but
will have the light of life.”

+Opening Hymn “Angels From the Realms of Glory” No.218
+Prayer of Confession
Almighty God who inhabits eternity but dwells with those who
are of a humble and contrite spirit, before you and our Lord
Jesus Christ we confess our sins. We have ignored the
presence of your Spirit. We have failed to look for the return
of our Savior and Judge. We have been blind to your coming
in the suffering of the hungry, the exiled, the destitute, the
sick, and the imprisoned. In your great goodness put away
our offenses and cleanse us from our sin, for Jesus’ sake.
Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness Matthew 1:21
She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name
Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.
Thanks Be To God.

+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
sits 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

+Carol “Away In A Manger” No. 204

+Passing of the Peace

Advent Wreath Presentation, *Candle of Peace* Jill Peterson

The Word of the Lord Romans 5:1-5; 1Cor. 13:7

Morning Prayer/Lords Prayer

WORSHIPPING THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
Offertory Gale Spry
+Doxology “Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him
all Creatures here below. Praise Him above all heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”
+Prayer of Dedication

Sermon “The Hope of Glory”
+Closing Hymn “O Come All Ye Faithful” No.208
+Benediction

The Word of the Lord

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him
we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in
which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of
God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance
produces character, and character produces
hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's
love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy
Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:1-57

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things.
1Cor. 13:7



What Is Advent?
The lighting of Advent candles depicts the growing expectation
we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the World. Advent
is a celebration of the two comings of Christ. First his incarnate
coming as the “Babe in the Manger” to Bethlehem and second
his future coming in glory to judge the living and the dead as we
say in our Apostles Creed. “Indeed, Christ has come, and is
coming again!” May this season of Advent prepare our hearts
for his coming in the midst of this busy season.

Children under 5 years may go to the Children's Nursery downstairs.
After Children’s Moment, children K-5th grade may go
downstairs for Children’s Church.
++this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.
+++catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.

Today's Scripture

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