

Reaching Pastor Randy or Wife, Cathy
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Events / News / Announcements

Dec.

- 01 - MWM Christmas Party w/ Matthew Weaver 5:00pm, bring finger food/deserts for afterwards.**
- 04 - Choir practice 5:30pm, Bible Study 6:30pm.**
- 08 - Bell Choir Carol during service. No practice on Monday, 9th.**
- 11 - Choir practice 5:30. No Bible study.**
- 15 - Christmas Cantata at 11:00 service.**
- 16 - Bell Choir practice 5:30pm.**
- 17 - Session meeting @ 6pm.**
- 18 - Choir practice 5:30. stay tuned about bible study.....**
- 23 - No bell practice, Fulton Heights Caroling @ 6pm at the church with refreshments afterward, all are welcome.**
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 6pm, Bell Choir Performance.**
- 30 - No Bell Choir practice.**

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.*

Former Maupin member David Foster passed away last week. His wife is Rita Foster and the following is her address if you would like to send a card. [Rita Foster, P.O. Box 223, McGregor, TX 76657](mailto:Rita.Foster@mcgregor.tx)

<u>2024 Annual Budget</u>	<u>\$164,065.00</u>
<u>General Tithes/Offerings</u>	<u>Last week \$5846..00</u>
<u>Roof Fund</u>	<u>YTD 167,190.85</u>
	<u>15,186.17</u>

*Welcome to Maupin Avenue
Presbyterian Church
maupin.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. SS 9:45am, Worship 11am

You May Reach Us At

100 Maupin Avenue, Salisbury, NC 28144

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Maupin Avenue Presbyterian Church

ASSOCIATE REFORMED
100 Maupin Avenue
Salisbury, North Carolina



Sunday Schedule

**Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Service 11:00 am.**

ENTER TO WORSHIP

SENT FORTH TO SERVE

**Our Lord's Day
First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024**

Welcome/Announcements/Prayer Requests Pastor Randy Foster

Gathering

May our souls be still before you as we remember Calvary where your blood was shed for our sin. All that we once held dear let us count it all as loss as we kneel before redemption's cross. Thank you for being our Word made flesh, tried and tempted as we, the hope of all who do believe.

***Opening Carol** "Joy To the World" No. 195

***Responsive Reading** From Isaiah 42
Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the nations will put their hope.

***Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for our Savior's coming in whose name we pray. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness Psalm 34:22
The Lord redeems the life of His servants; None who take refuge in Him will be condemned.
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 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.

Anthem "Angels From the Realms of Glory" Choir
Passing of the Peace
Advent Wreath Presentation **Candle of Hope** **Jill Peterson**

WORSHIPPING THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Jill Peterson

***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**

Scripture Reading Psalm 67
Sermon Liturgy: Let Us Worship God- Thanks Be to God

Sacrament Of Holy Communion

Carol "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" No. 200

Invitation

Words Of Remembrance

We remember God's promises of Emmanuel, and a branch of Jesse's root, of Prophet, Priest, and King. The Key of all that is locked, and the Bright and Morning Star that dawns.

We remember the sacred story, that happened in Bethlehem, the House of Bread for a new mother and a fostering father, angels sent, sheep and shepherds, and wise travelers offering gifts.

And we remember the babe named Jesus, who being the Son of God became flesh for us, the Light of the world who redeemed us from our sins.
Who at Passover humbled himself and became a servant, he broke unleavened bread and poured out wine saying do this often in remembrance of me.

Prayer of Consecration/Lord's Prayer
Giving and Receiving of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, we give you thanks that you have come to us—in the child of Bethlehem, in this bread and cup, and in your answer to all of our hopes and your eternal peace, deeper than any truce, truer than the upheaval that surrounds us. You have comforted us with your promise and your presence so that we too may go and tell the world that you have come and will come again. Gift us with your Gospel anew that we may spread it far and wide. In your name Jesus we pray. Amen.

Closing Carol "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196
Benediction

*Children under 6 years may go to the Children's Nursery. 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

Psalm 67

**May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**