

Reaching Pastor Randy or Wife, Cathy

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*Please submit bulletin news or prayer requests to Ruth's email or call/text:
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Events / News / Announcements

Dec.

30 - No Bell Choir practice.

31 - Happy New Year

Jan.

05 - Communion Sunday

06 - Bell Choir practice @ 5:30pm.

08 - Return to Choir practice @ 5:30pm and Bible Study @ 6:30pm.

09 - Centennial meeting @ 5:30pm

11 - Prayer breakfast @ 8:30am, MMM & MWM meetings @ 9:30am.

13 - Bell Choir practice @ 5:30pm.

15 - Choir practice @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6:30pm.

20 - Bell Choir practice @ 5:30pm

22 - Choir practice @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6:30pm.

29 - Choir practice @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6:30pm.

30 - Mission Team meeting @ 5:30pm.

+RHM - Please remember to help as you are able with donations to Rowan Helping Ministries and One Church One Child. Non-perishable donations should be in cans, boxes or plastic containers...no glass please

+One Church One Child's list of needs are on the bulletin board downstairs.

2024 Annual Budget

\$164,065.00

General Tithes/Offerings

Last week \$3234.00

YTD \$217,247.76

*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

Office: 704-762-1298

Organized February 21, 1926

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
December 29, 2024**

Welcome/Announcements/Prayer Requests Pastor Randy Foster

Invocation

Gathering Psalm 19:1-4
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

Responsive Call To Worship

God, you have made yourself known, but in a most amazing way, coming in weakness, in a tiny baby; you covered your glory and hid your greatness.

God of mystery and surprise, we praise you.

God, you have made yourself known, but in a most amazing way, in a dirty poor stable no one else wanted; you hid your wealth and infinite riches.

God of mystery and surprise, we praise you.

God, you have made yourself known, but in a most amazing way, born to humble working people, hidden in a simple life, and yet announced in the stars of heaven and visited by kings.

God of mystery and surprise, we praise you. Amen

***Carol** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" No. 203

***Call to Confession**

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

***Prayer of Confession**

Out of the depths of our sin we cry out to you, O LORD.
Lord, hear our voice! Let our ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark our iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you that you may be revered. We wait for you LORD, our souls wait, and in your word do we find our hope; teach us to trust and wait for you even more than those who watch for the morning we pray Maranatha, Come Lord Come in Jesus name. Amen.

+Assurance of Pardon from Psalm 130

Our hope is in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who has redeemed us from all our sins. **Thanks be to God.**

***Professing Our Faith Together**

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.**

***Instruction**

Q. 26 How does Christ execute his office of King.

A. He does so in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining a conquering all his and our enemies.

***Carol** "We Three Kings" Insert

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Presentation

Scripture Text

Prayer of Intercession/Lord's Prayer

Jill Peterson
Ruth 1:1-5

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**

Sermon

"(Not) The Best Of Times"

***Closing Carol** "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" No. 211

+Benediction



+Please Stand

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

Ruth 1:1-5

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.