

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DECEMBER 2021 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**The Second Part of the Annual Congregational Meeting of Memorial Presbyterian Church will be held on December 12, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to (1) receive the report from the Pastor Nominating Committee (2) elect 3 members at-large for the Church Nominating Committee. (3) Receive Annual Reports from Ministry Teams, Deacons, Trustees, Presbyterian Women, and the Men's Council.**

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 2021 THANK OFFERING

**The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic has chosen The Presbytery of Charlotte Cooperative Christian Ministries Operation Desert Drop in Concord, NC as the recipient for our Thank Offering this year. This organization helps people overcome crises such as hunger and homelessness to restoration. A donation in any amount will be appreciated. Please place your donation in your offering envelope, and on the line marked "Other", indicate Thank Offering. Thank you in advance for your participation.**

### Memorial Presbyterian Church October 2021 CALENDAR

Please e-mail calendar information to [mpc2600clerk@outlook.com](mailto:mpc2600clerk@outlook.com)

Nov. 9	STATED SESSION MEETING	6:30 p.m. via Zoom
Nov. 14	Children's Sunday School Lesson	10:00a.m. via Zoom
Nov. 21	Youth Sunday School Lesson	10: 00a.m. via Zoom
Nov. 21	<b>Christ the King Sunday (Holy Communion)</b>	
Nov. 25	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	
Nov. 28	Children's Sunday School Lesson	10:00a.m. via Zoom
Nov. 28	<b>PLEDGE SUNDAY</b>	
Nov. 28	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	

## MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

11:00 A.M.



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# MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021

Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson, Director of Music  
Darrell Anderson, Liturgist

**“Advent means coming or arrival. At Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and look with longing for his coming again. We watch and pray with expected hope for the establishment of God’s justice and the return of the Prince of Peace.”** Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**PRELUDE/VOLUNTARY**.....“Wake, Awake”

**WELCOMING THE SPIRIT**.....“Hallelujah, Amen”

**WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Strauss Moore Shiple  
Temporary Bridge Pastor

**SONG OF PRAISE**..... “Blessed Assurance”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy, we turn to you in confession, seeking your healing for our broken world. We acknowledge before you and in the presence of one another that we have not listened for your Word; neither have we obeyed your commands to love as we have been loved, to seek your peace, and the unity of the church, and to forgive as we have been forgiven. Forgive us, O God, for all that is past, and renew us for all that lies ahead. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

With faith and grace, God pours out God’s grace and mercy into our sin-parched souls, giving us new life, restoring us as God’s children. Hallelujah! We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**..... “To God Be the Glory”, vs.2

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### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and Merciful God, as we offer our gifts to you, may we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times-the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable. Help us to recognize all people and inspire us, O God, to give generously to bless our church and to bless this community and beyond. Consecrate these gifts so that they may be used to build your kingdom on earth. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

**OFFERTORY SELECTION**..... “Is There Any Room In Your Heart For Jesus?”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and merciful God, send your Holy Spirit among us on this first day of Advent. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and our minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16  
New Testament Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**MUSICAL SELECTION**..... “A Better Day is Coming”

**REFLECTION** Rev. Strauss Moore Shiple  
Temporary Bridge Pastor

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**..... “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Nicene Creed)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN**..... “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

**CHARGE & BLESSING** Rev. Strauss Moore Shiple

**POSTLUDE/VOLUNTARY**..... “The Lord Bless You / Seven Fold Amen”

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### PLEDGE SUNDAY

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33*

**Today, Sunday, NOVEMBER 28, 2021, is Pledge Sunday. Cards must be returned or pledges made online by today, Sunday, November 28th. Please respond by e-mail to MPC2600clerk@outlook.com or by calling 704-568-4114. Thank you for your support for the ministry and mission of Memorial Presbyterian Church.**

### The Session

**Elders State Alexander, III, Delores McNair, Sam Reid, Sr., Norman Mitchell, Lucilla Robinson, Jessie Spicer, Wendell Hill, Judith Cowan, Cheryl Merritt, Penny Seegars-Reeves, Stephen Pass, Joyce Cooke Woodard, Clerk of Session.**