

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH
 8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

SUNDAY, January 1, 2012 – Happy New Year!
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 Church Office Closed

MONDAY, January 2

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Cooking for Christ

TUESDAY, January 3

9:00 a.m. – Church Undecorating Day

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Knitters

7:00 p.m. – Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, January 4

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice

SUNDAY, January 8

5:30 p.m. – Children’s Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. – UMYF

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR DECEMBER 25, 2011

Budget for 2011	\$455,012	Sunday School Attendance	
Needed each week	\$8,750	Worship Service Attendance	64
Budget received last Sunday	\$11,845	Early Worship Attendance	
Needed to date	\$455,012	Christmas Eve Service	196
Received to date	\$433,710		
Net Receipts	(\$21,302)		

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

SS GREETERS – Men’s Bible Class
DRIVER – Lee Jennings
ACOLYTES –
ALTAR GUILD – Joy Smith and Cheryl Hill

RADIO ANNOUNCER – Dave Thomas
GREETERS – Linda and Shel Davis

Every Baptized Member is a Minister

Joe Cassteel, Pastor, (w) 335-1771 (h) 335-7292
 Diane Carver, Office Administrator, (h) 426-9206
 Billy Caudle, 8:30 a.m. Music Director
 Ray Meiggs, 11:00 a.m. Music Director

Staff

Jane Wysor, Preschool Director (w) 335-7615
 Jeanie Biggs, Bookkeeper, (h) 426-4713
 Shirley Ferebee, Housekeeping, (cell) 339-3517
 Danny Peck, Interim Director, Youth- (cell) 339-0801

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 PO Box 401 (Corner of Church and Road Streets)
 Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27907-0401

COME ALIVE THROUGH CHRIST, CONNECT TO OTHERS, REACH OUT TO SERVE!!

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

(Broadcast over WGAI Radio Station, AM 560)
 Email: funcecc@raleigh.twcbc.com

January 1, 2012

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

As we enter the Sanctuary, greet and fellowship with one another, find a stranger and make a friend; then as the Prelude begins, please pray for God’s blessing and direction in our worship.

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE (*A time of centering*)

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO WORSHIP

*** CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Acolytes

*** GREETING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*** OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

You call us to be your children; you gift us to serve all people; you send us to proclaim your good news to all. Empower us to be faithful that you will receive all Glory, Creator of all that is new! Amen.

*** HYMN #246**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

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*** GLORIA PATRI #70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON

Danny Peck

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

*HYMN # 249
JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CHORUS OF PREPARATION # 328

WOLFE

There's a Song in the Air
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Once In David's Royal City* Henry J. Gauntlett

* DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

Go Tell It on the Mountain

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US OUT TO SERVE

Worship His Majesty

* POSTLUDE

(*) Congregation please stand as you are able

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP ENDS: OUR WORSHIP IN SERVICE BEGINS

During church, nursery and toddler care is available each week on the first floor in the preschool area. Children's Church for 3 year-olds through 3rd grade is offered every week. They meet on the first floor in the preschool area of the church near the restroom.

Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us today. We hope that you will find a spirit of friendship in our gathering and that you will be blessed through this service of worship.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving

memory of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Twiddy by Mr. and Mrs. Julien Suttle.

WELCOME.....Today, we joyfully welcome Danny Peck to our pulpit. He is certainly no stranger to us and we are blessed to hear him proclaim God's word today. We give God thanks for Danny and his ministry among us. Pastor Joe will be back in the office on Tuesday.

CHURCH'S NEW ADDRESS.....A new mailbox was installed this week by the glass door, parking lot entrance. Beginning immediately, the new address for the church is **201 S. Road Street, Elizabeth City 27909**. The post office box has been closed. Please make this change for your records.

CHURCH UNDECORATING DAY will be Tuesday, January 3rd, at 9:00 a.m. Please come out and help take down all of the Christmas decorations. We need both men and women!!!! Many hands make light work!

UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, January 9th, at 10:00 a.m.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready for pick up in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick yours up as soon as you can. You will need to start using these on Sunday, January 1st. They are so expensive to mail, so please help out by picking up and delivering ones that are left.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH.....Jesus said, "Bring the children to Me... for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Please consider donating 45 minutes on a Sunday morning to bring the children to Jesus through our "Children's Church" time. There are materials available for use; the need is for man power. There will be a sign- up sheet in the fellowship area downstairs which runs through June. Please choose a Sunday, and leave your name and e-mail for contact. With the help of many the load will be light. (it would be great to have a rotation that is every 12-16 weeks. Any questions please contact Tammy Campbell 252-435-5109.

ALTAR FLOWERS.....Each Sunday, we are blessed to see our Altar adorned with beautiful flowers given by a church member (family) in honor or in memory of loved ones. After the service, the donor family either picks up the flowers or has our Altar Guild deliver them to a person or place (shut-in, nursing home, hospital, etc) of their choice. If you would like to participate in this gift, please contact Kathrine Jackson at 335-1592.

OUTSIDE SIGN.....On November 18 our sign on the corner of Church & Road Street was hit by an unknown vehicle and severely damaged. The unsightly sign will be removed from the Church grounds while we sort things out with the insurance company. In the meantime the trustees are getting estimates to repair the sign and are getting estimates to replace the sign. The trustees must also comply with the regulations of the Historic Commission and the City of Elizabeth City, so this process will take some time.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.....The church office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd for New Year's.

ORGAN RECITAL.....Northeastern NC Chapter American Guild of Organists will sponsor Marty Barstow, organ scholar at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA in recital Saturday, January 7th, at 2 PM. Location will be First Christian Church, Elizabeth City. He will be playing the church's historic 101 year