



WINTER 2019-20

NORTHEAST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | PCA

CHRISTMAS SEASON EVENTS

Sunday, December 8

“*THE PROMISE*” presented by our Music Ministries at the **9:00** & 11:15 worship services (Sunday School cancelled)

Saturday, December 14

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH pick up, 9:00 – noon

Sunday, December 15

’DOGS & CAROLS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Hotdogs, s’mores, fries, carols, tractor rides, ornament decorating, photos & more!

Sunday, December 22

COMMITMENT SUNDAY 2019

at both the 10:00 & 11:15 worship services

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

4:00 & 6:00 (child care provided at 4:00 only)

ABSENT FROM THE BODY

In memory of

LONNIE RUDOLPH “RUDY” HORNE (86)

July 10, 1933 – September 15, 2019

In memory of

WILLIAM RALPH “BILL” GRESHAM, JR. (83)

October 6, 1935 – September 19, 2019

In memory of

SUSAN DEEVERS HOGAN (70)

December 20, 1948 – September 25, 2019

In memory of

JOHN ALEXANDER GRANT (84)

September 19, 1935 – September 25, 2019

In memory of

HOPE CHAMBLEE GALLOWAY (73)

January 19, 1946 – October 1, 2019

COMPLETING LEGACY OF FAITH

If you are in a position to help us finish the Legacy of Faith commitment we began several years ago, your gift would be most appreciated and most valuable. Our goal is to eliminate all debt and totally fund the repair & renovation of our Sanctuary that was accomplished in 2016. What better way to put our church on firm foundation as the baton is passed to the next Senior Pastor? We entered November lacking about \$700,000.00 to do this, so every gift helps.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY 2019

December 22 is *COMMITMENT SUNDAY 2019* at Northeast Presbyterian Church. You will have an opportunity at the conclusion of each of the worship services on that Sunday to place a private letter to God in the gift boxes at the front. This is a time when you can give Jesus the “Christmas present” of your own heart and life by committing to Him for 2020 those parts of your mind, heart & life He wants most. All letters placed in the gift boxes will be burned after the services without ever being opened, so be as personal as you wish—only God and you will ever see what you write. Because Commitment Sunday has proven to be such an uplifting and powerful event over the years, we are canceling Sunday School for K-5 and older that day so families can walk together to the front at the end of this worship service to place their Christmas letters in the gift boxes. This can be an indelible God-moment for you and your loved ones if you make it a priority.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Pastor Search Committee (PSC) puts periodic information in our Midweek Update email that goes out every Wednesday. You can sign up any Sunday in the Friendship Register or by going to our website www.nepresbyterian.org and scrolling all the way to the bottom of the home page to sign up. If you are not on the Internet, simply call the church office at (803) 788-5298 and we will be glad to mail you a copy each week.

SAVE THE DATE

I hope you will be able to attend the FAREWELL BANQUET being given for Cathy & me at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Pastides Alumni Center at UofSC. Ticket information coming soon. Might be bringing my hanky, but still should be fun.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Crow*

PASTORS

Dr. George Crow
Senior Pastor

Rev. Eric Walter
Pastor of
Congregational Care

Rev. Josh Desch
Pastor of Community
and Discipleship

Rev. Jason Pittman
Pastor of Next Generation
Ministries

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m.
Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m.
TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP

Sunday School
for All ages

11:15 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

Sunday School
for All Ages

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AVERAGES AUG–OCT 2019

Traditional – 392

Contemporary – 169

Total Average – 561

MEMBERSHIP

Communing – 1,283

Non-Communing – 226
(Active Members Children)

Total Active – 1,509

(as of November 21, 2019)

THE LORD GIVETH

We wish God's richest blessings to:

- Marriage of **Tyler Burns & Alisha Tabor** on June 30 in Columbia.
- **Aaron Michael Peterson, II**, born on August 22 in Columbia, to **Aaron & Lauren Peterson** (and grandson of **Dr. Alan & Miriam Peterson**).
- Marriage of **Hayley Pemberton** (daughter of **Brad & Robyn Pemberton**) & **Josh Anderson** in Charleston, SC on October 5.
- Marriage of **Lauren Mayer** (daughter of **Kurt & Beth Mayer**, granddaughter of **George & Beverly Mayer**) & **Joseph Benton** on October 26, at the Lace House, Columbia.
- **Hudson Callahan Glass**, born November 15 in Columbia to **Chris & Lauren Glass** (& older siblings **Graham & Ellie** and grandparents **Mark & Ellen Callahan**)
- Marriage of **Autumn Baldwin** (daughter of **Neil & Pam Baldwin**) & **Rueben Jacob** on November 16 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Columbia.
- Marriage of **Ell Landon** (son of **Jon & Gwynn Landon**) & **Catherine DeVote** on November 16, at Corley Mill House, Lexington.
- **Luca Grace Barnes**, born on November 19 in Columbia, to **Matthew & Laura Barnes** (and big brothers **Cameron & Eric**).



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Christmas Outreach 2019

As we celebrate God's gift of His Son, we plan to bless local families with food, presents for their children, and Bibles. Won't you come be a part of our "Going" into our community to share the true meaning of Christmas. There are many who are *hungry* for more than they realize. They will be blessed, but you will receive the greater blessing.

- Christmas Outreach Fund – Your offerings will provide food baskets for the families we adopt.
- Christmas Gift Tags – Pick a tag, purchase an age appropriate gift in the \$40.00 – \$45.00 range, and bring the wrapped gift with the tag taped to it to the Atrium by Wednesday, December 11.
- Outreach Volunteer – If you would like to greet the families and hand out gifts and food baskets, show up on December 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Contact: Manny Rodriguez, mrodriguez@nepres.com.



MUSIC

*"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given."* Isaiah 9:6

Have you ever considered what it would have been like to experience the Messiah coming into the world? If centuries-old prophetic promises of His coming were fulfilled before your very eyes? How would you respond if God Himself were placed in your hands as a helpless baby? *The Promise*, presented by NEPC Music, looks at the coming of Christ through the eyes of his father, Joseph, and helps all of us to see what it really means that God is with us! We hope that you will join us on Sunday, December 8 at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. for this beautiful celebration of the birth of Christ.

Get involved with NEPC Music!

The New Year is a great time to get involved with NEPC Music! We would love to have you join our community! If you're interested, please give us a call at 803-451-4615 or visit nepresbyterian.org/music. Kick-off Dates . . .

Joyful Bells

Wednesday, January 8, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary Balcony

Chancel Choir

Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m. Choir Room

Celebration Orchestra

Sunday, January 19, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary Stage



ADULTS

'Dogs & Carols

Join us **Sunday, December 15, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** for the best outdoor party of year at NEPC! Our annual 'Dogs & Carols outdoor Christmas party. This FREE event is fun for the whole family! As usual, we will have:

- Hot Dogs and hot chocolate
- The famous "Fry Guys" fries and powered donuts
- Coffee provided by Mac Curfman
- A tractor ride provided by RE Bill Wood
- Fire pits to enjoy and cook a marshmallow



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Have you lost a loved one, a spouse, a child, a family member or friend? It might be hard for you to be optimistic about the future right now. You have probably found there not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you have never faced before. **GriefShare** is a support group led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. **Our next group begins on Sunday, January 12.** To sign up, or for more information, call (803) 451-4651 or email ewalter@nepres.com.



LAMPPOST

Your Lamppost has had a busy year . . .



And we're not stopping . . . Oh no! Coming up on DECEMBER 8 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., it's the event that our members look forward to every year! It's the ANNUAL MEMBERS' BOOK SALE! Stop by the Garden side of the Atrium before or after the services and pick out some great books and media for ridiculously low prices! An excellent way to take care of that gift list every year. We look forward to seeing you Sunday, DECEMBER 8!

And coming in the NEW YEAR, two special events are on tap. First up, another congregation-wide favorite . . . CHURCH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT on JANUARY 10 and also a very special AUTHOR AUTOGRAPHING TBA. Stay tuned to the weekly midweek updates for more details . . . all for you to light your way to HIM . . . we're the Lamppost.



NEPC KIDS

*Two Opportunities to Serve our Littlest Ones!
Mothers Morning Out and Focus Kids*

Mother's Morning Out had a great first quarter! We have had so much fun learning stories from the Old Testament! Our Winter quarter will start off with an Advent Festival, The Biggest Snowball Fight, and continuing to learn with the New Testament.



And while the ladies were studying Joshua in Focus upstairs, downstairs, the **Focus Kids** learned about the Israelites crossing the Jordan.

Trunk or Treat!

What a great turn out we had this year at Trunk or Treat! Congratulations to winners, Lindsay Bradberry for "Most Original Decorations" and Levi & Julia Beck for "Silliest Decorations!" Thanks to all who joined us to make this a night to remember!

Kids Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kids, infant to 5th grade – you're invited to a fun night of celebrating the reason for the season! Join us for Christmas games, snacks, and so much fun! Questions? Contact Emma Fink, efink@nepres.com.



WOMEN

2020 Vision

Women's Ministry offers 2020 ways to connect with Christ and each other! Here are some highlights!

- Focus resumes January 9 – digging deeply into Joshua and Mark.



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FOR
OUR
2019
FOCUS
LEADERS*

- T.N.T. resumes January 23 – studying "NO OTHER GODS," Kelly Minter
- Circles continue studies with monthly meetings and mission outreach
- Selah Day – Saturday January 11, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, gathering for extended prayer, pondering God's Word, and sharing lunch and God's revelations together
- Anchor groups kick off Monday, January 27 – existing groups continue and new groups begin monthly study and fellowship
- Women's Ministry Gathering – Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22 – our annual retreat here at NEPC, with teachers Edith Brown and Maria Currey ~ Rooted in Christ's Love. Connecting through Christ's love to go and share His light and life with our world!



STUDENTS

Student Ministry Happenings!

Trunk or Treat was enjoyed by all, including our student small groups who each sponsored a door.



Christmas Parties

Middle School – December 4, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Auditorium
High School – December 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Auditorium

Bring a salty or sweet item to eat and a White Elephant gift for our gift exchange

Souper Bowl of Caring will happen during the entire month of January. Keep an eye out for how you can get involved!

Gatherings start back January 15 for Middle School and January 19 for High School . . . come join us!

**NEPC INTRODUCES
OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**



SIEGLINDA ABBOTT



LEVI & JULIA BECK



**BEN & CINDY CAHILL;
JOSEPH BUZHARDT (18), CATHERINE BUZHARDT (13),
BENJAMIN BUZHARDT (11), JAMES CAHILL (10 MONTHS)**



RON & BARB CORPORA



MIKE & RACHAEL KIRSCHKE; ELISABETH (9), COLIN (6)



HALEY KOVACH



BRIAN & JEN CATOE; JACK (12), SAMUEL (10), JOSHUA (8)



MATTHEW & ERICA RHODES



WILL & DANNA MCGUFFEY



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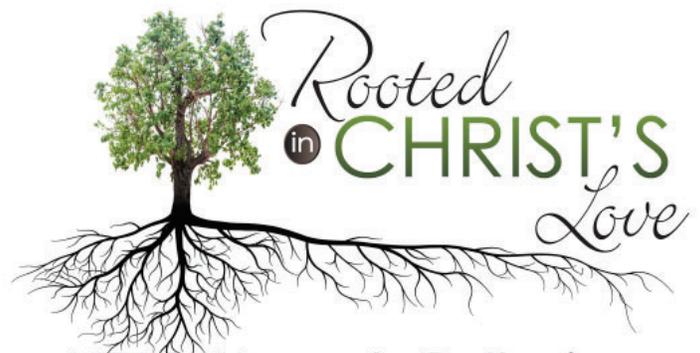
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NEPC MUSIC PRESENTS

THE *Promise*

*"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given."*

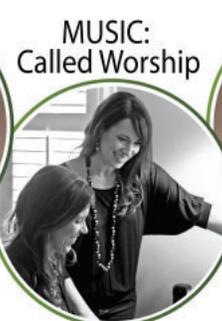
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
9:00 AND 11:15 AM



NEPC Women's Gathering
February 21-22, 2020



SPEAKER:
Edith Brown



SPEAKER:
Maria Currey

MUSIC:
Called Worship

*"being rooted and grounded in love,
and to know the love of Christ."* Ephesians 3:17-19

For more information, go to nepresbyterian.org/women
or contact Tara Fox, 803-451-4649 or tfox@nepres.com