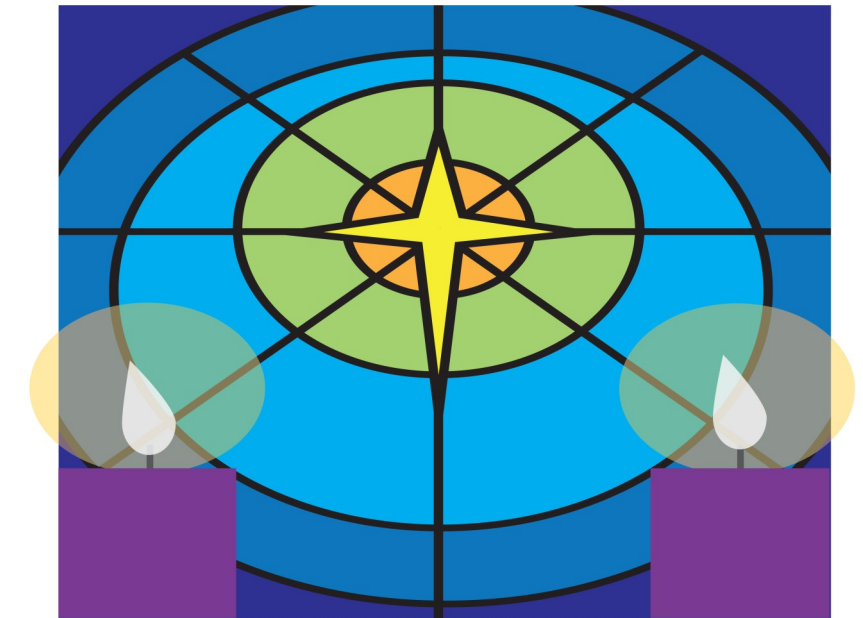


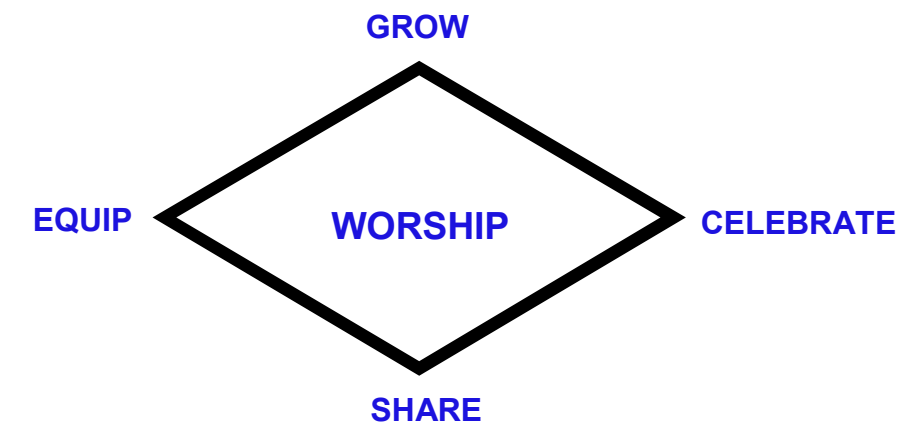
# Aveleigh Fellowship of Presbyterians

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**December 9, 2018**



**SECOND SUNDAY**  
 OF  
*Advent*



Our mission is to ...  
**CELEBRATE** God's presence  
**GROW** closer to God's Son  
**EQUIP** God's people  
**SHARE** God's Good News

## FOR OUR GUESTS

**WELCOME!** We hope that this service will be an encouragement to you. If we can be of special service to you, please let us know. We ask that you fill out the "Connection Card", located on the tear-off section of your bulletin, so that we might have a record of your attendance.

**AVELEIGH'S** blended worship service begins at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School begins at 10:45 a.m.; Aveleigh Worship Center Service begins at 11:30 a.m.

**NURSERY CARE** is available for babies and young children who may become restless during the worship service. An usher will be happy to direct you to the appropriate room.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS** are available for ages three through Grade 5 at all entrances. **SERMON NOTES** for 2nd grade—6th grade.

**We Believe:** Jesus Christ is the world's singular saving Lord. No one comes to the Father but through Him. The Bible is God's holy Word. Christians are called to live a holy life, which includes the biblical standard of chastity in singleness and fidelity in marriage. Since all fall short of the Glory of God, all are accepted

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sun (12/9)	8:45 a.m.	Abraham Prayer Partners
	9:15 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	AWC
Mon (12/10)	2:00 p.m.	Circle 2
	7:00 p.m.	Circle 3 (Becky Coleman's)
Tue (12/11)	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Circle 1 (Cile Hursey's)
	Noon	Lewis Davis Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
Wed (12/12)	10:00 a.m.	Missions Committee
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir

## NEXT WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sun (12/16)	8:45 a.m.	Abraham Prayer Partners
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Happy Birthday Jesus!
	10:30 a.m.	Joint Service Christmas Hymn Festival & Luncheon following
Mon (12/17)	4:15 p.m.	Christmas Caroling Springfield
Tue (12/18)	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	9:15 a.m.	Young Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Prayer Group
	Noon	Lewis Davis Men's Bible Study
Wed (12/19)	4:00 p.m.	Children's Pageant Rehearsal
Sat (12/22)	10:30 a.m.	Children's Pageant Rehearsal

## December 2, 2018:

Total Service Attendance: 114  
 Sunday School: 73

## Financial Figures:

Tithes and Offerings for Dec. 2, 2018: \$7,140.55  
 Tithes and Offerings through Dec 2, 2018: \$320,904.17  
 Needed to meet budget through Dec. 31, 2018: \$360,375.00

## Children's Ministry for today:

Nursery: Vonnie Purcell  
 Children's Church: Betty & Michelle Bundrick  
 AWC: Amy Coleman

## Children's Ministry for Dec. 16

Nursery: Katherine Lake  
 Children's Church: Heath & Sara McCutcheon

**Bread Ministry** today is Rita Yarbrough.

**See someone at worship you don't know?** Be sure to introduce yourself and say a word of welcome.

**Need a hearing device?** Ask an usher, and please remember to return the aid before you leave.

**Please note:** Pastor Mitch's cell phone #: 944-0416 and e-mail: drvanmetre@gmail.com

**Aveleigh sermons are on YouTube!** You can watch Aveleigh sermons at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheAveleighWC>. Thanks to Michael Coleman, Leon Madray, Ray Cheeks and Dr. Mitch Van Metre.

## Christmas Luncheon Sunday, December 16

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # Eating: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Return by Sunday, Dec. 9

## Christmas Caroling Monday, December 17

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Return by Sunday, Dec. 16

## Aveleigh Children & Youth Christmas Pageant Sunday, Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # Participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if your child is able and willing to read a part.  
 Return by Sunday, Dec. 9

# Aveleigh Fellowship of Presbyterians

December 9, 2018  
Second Sunday of Advent

**Prelude** “O Come All Ye Faithful” Eithun The Aveleigh Ringers  
**Welcome & Announcements**  
**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn #277** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**\*Affirmation of Faith:**

*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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen*

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Prayer of Confession and Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Hymn #281** “What Child is This?”

The children of the congregation are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for the lighting of the candle.

**Lighting of the Peace Candle** Larry & Barbara Ellis

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 9:15

**\*Hymn** “Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”

**Offertory** “In the Bleak Midwinter” McChesney The Aveleigh Ringers

**\*Doxology and Fourth Stanza of “America”**

**Reading:** Luke 1:68-79 pg. 1099

**Sermon:** God’s Great Gift Exchange Rev. Dr. Mitch Van Metre

**\*Hymn #290** “As With Gladness Men of Old”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*The congregation will please stand if able*

## Aveleigh Worship Center

**Welcome and Announcements**

”Hark The Herald Angels Sing” Jeremy Camp

**The Lighting of the Peace Candle** BJ & Alex Simpson

**Silent Prayer**

“Mary, Did You Know?” Pentatonix

**Children’s Church Dismissal** (three years old - 1st grade)

**Offering**

**Action/Sharing**

**Prayer Requests**

**Reading:** Luke 1:68-79 pg. 1099

**Sermon:** God’s Great Gift Exchange Rev. Dr. Mitch Van Metre

“Glory” Matt Maher

**Prayer**

**Challenge and Dismissal**

# Announcements

With Christmas on the way, let’s remember our friends at the **Clinton Presbyterian Community** again this year with our gifts of love and care. Deadline is today, and the box is outside Mitch’s office.

A meeting of the **Missions Committee** will be held on Wednesday, December 12 in the Chapel. If you have any questions contact Rose Bailey at 276-8437.

Aveleigh’s Children’s Council is sponsoring a “Happy Birthday, Jesus” Party on Sunday, December 16. All Children and youth are invited to Truesdell Hall (gym) at 9:30 a.m. to help celebrate this special birthday. **\*Please note the time change for Sunday School** since it’s a Joint Service. This party, entitled **Joy to the World** (by CEF.), will take children on a trip around the world to see how other countries celebrate Christmas. Our **mission offering** this year will go to help a family from Ivanhoe, N.C. that was displaced by the recent flooding caused by Hurricane Florence. Children attending the party are asked to **bring an unwrapped toy, book, socks, gloves, hats, etc.** for **girls ages 3 and 11. Optional:** If anyone would like to give a monetary donation (so that necessities can be purchased), you can bring it to the gym before 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 16 or give it to Becky Coleman or Cindy Long. Checks can be made out to Aveleigh Church, with “**Flood Victims**” on the memo line. May we give these gifts in honor of the greatest gift of all, Jesus!

Aveleigh is having a **Luncheon** on Sunday, December 16 immediately following our Joint Service Christmas **Hymn Festival** at 10:30 a.m. **Please note** there will be no AWC Service this day, and **Sunday School** will be held at **9:30 a.m.** See the Connection Card to sign up. (Please sign up by Sunday, Dec. 10.) Pastor Mitch’s Luncheon Team is serving roast beef or turkey; gravy, dressing, all of the trimmings with pumpkin pie for dessert. Cost is \$7 per person (children 12 years and younger eat free).

Aveleigh friends and family are Invited to come **Christmas caroling** on Monday, December 17 and help spread some Christmas cheer to our residents at Springfield Place. If interested in attending, we will be meeting in the parking lot of Springfield Place at 4:15 p.m. Please sign-up (by Dec. 16th) on the Connection Card in today’s bulletin so Ginny will know how many caroling sheets to prepare. For more information, contact Ginny or Cindy at 276-3534.

If you are going to be in town on Sunday, December 23, plan to have your children join in the **Old-Fashioned Christmas Pageant** that we will have as part of the 10:30 a.m. Joint Sunday Service. Children and youth will be dressed as angels, shepherds, wise men, and sheep to act out the story as it is read from the Bible. There will only be a few speaking parts for the older children. We’ll have two rehearsals (Wednesday, Dec.19 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m.) and then meet that Sunday, Dec. 23 at 9:30 a.m. (during the S.S. hour) for a brief run through and costume change. Please use the Connection Card in the bulletin to sign your child up...even our smallest toddlers are welcome to join in!

You are welcome to join us immediately following our 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service for a time of fellowship and light refreshments served in our gym. Contact Gene and Kitty Crocker, Adult and Family Chairs if you have any questions or need further information.

Did you attend the Spiritual Gifts Classes? The 301 Class surveys are scored. If you have completed one, make an appointment with Mitch to go over the results. If you have yet to complete yours, the deadline is December 17th.

### Upcoming Events:

12/16 Joint Service-Christmas Music, Luncheon & Happy Birthday Jesus party.

12/17 Christmas Caroling at Springfield 4:15 p.m.

12/23 Joint Service-Children’s & Youth Christmas Pageant

12/24 Candlelight Service 6:00 p.m.

**Ushers for December** are Zach Gayden & Sally Hillman

**Elder for December** is Matt Rose

# Connection Card

Welcome to Aveleigh

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you as our guest.

Please fill out the Guest Information and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

### GUEST INFORMATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Guest

\_\_\_ I am a student.

\_\_\_ I am a new resident.

\_\_\_ I wish to become a member of Aveleigh.

\_\_\_ I would like to talk with some one about the Christian faith.