

French Camp Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

*Flowers for December are given
in loving memory of Jack Johnson by his family.*

Announcements

Prelude: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* (Hymn #244)

Call to Worship from the Psalms

Response #243/#196: *Emmanuel / O Come, Let Us Adore Him!*

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn Overhead: *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Shepherd's Prayer: Lance Ragsdale

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (Hymn #240)

*Doxology with Alleluias

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Sermon: (4th Grade and Younger)

*Hymn #255: *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Sermon: The Long Awaited Coming Alex Coblentz

Micah 5:2-5 (pg 779 in pew Bible)

*Hymn #245: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*Benediction and Postlude

*Congregation Standing

The New City Catechism

A reminder of what the children are learning in Sunday School:

Q. 8 What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

A. Children: *You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.*

*Daily Bread Devotionals for December – February
and Advent Devotionals are available on the back table.*

Life of the Church

Christmas Community Service Tonight, December 3, 6:30pm: Join us for this annual occasion when the French Camp community gathers to kick off the Christmas season together. All are invited.

Note: No Children's Program Tonight

Next Sunday Evening: Join us December 10, 6:00pm in the Sanctuary for a panel discussion with some of the young people who served on the Beautiful Feet team. Their topic is: "Is it Worth It? *Students Share Their Thoughts on Ministering to the Homeless.*"

2023 Christmas Open House Tour Friday, December 8, 6-8:00pm with hosts Greg & Carrie Browning, Lynn & Dianne Downing, Stewart & Rebecca Edwards, and Mile Marker 181 shops. Make plans to visit the homes and businesses of this year's tour and enjoy lots of great fellowship!

December 14 Historical Highlight Luncheon, 12:00pm: We will enjoy a variety of Christmas traditions, including a delicious Christmas meal prepared by Donna Perkins, sing Christmas carols with Helen Hill and enjoy some Christmas fun. Lunch is \$3. RSVP to Mary Nell.

Christmas Eve Covered Dish Brunch, 10:00 am: We're having brunch for our annual Christmas meal this year. It will be a relaxed time of fellowship for those of us still in town. Morning worship will be at 11:00am

Christmas Eve Communion, 6:00pm: Come and bring your family to celebrate with us the great truths of the Christmas story. This will be a time of intimate fellowship with our Lord and with one another. Remember to prepare your heart before participating in the Lord's Supper and enter the Sanctuary quietly and reverently.

God's House of Hope Christmas Extravaganza: If you would like to make a donation to support this Christmas outreach to the residents, you can do so through the church or by a check to God's House of Hope, 800 School Rd., Kilmichael, MS 39747.

Averie & Paul Gundy's Trip to Uganda: If you'd like to make a donation, in support of the Gundys' trip to Uganda to work with ARP missionaries Drew & Lauren Goodman, you can give directly to them or through our church at www.fcarp.org (Giving/General Missions/Note: Gundy/Uganda).

Christmas Scenes: Be sure to drive through the French Camp Historic District and enjoy "The True Meaning of Christmas" scenes.

Lots of Christmas Cards and Gift Bags! Thanks to our friend Charlotte Lockwood of Oregon, we are once again making available a variety of lovely greeting cards, gift bags, gift wrap, etc. Stop by the table outside the library and take what you can use to bless your family and friends this Christmas!

FRENCH CAMP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

323 School St. French Camp, Mississippi 39745

website: www.fcarp.org

Pastor: Rev. J. Alex Coblentz.

Ministry Coordinator: Mary Nell Coblentz

Ruling Elders: Glen Barlow (Treas.), Larry Littlejohn (Clerk of Session), John Cockrell,
Dennis Cox, Bruce Hosket, and Lance Ragsdale

Deacons: Greg Browning, David Dennis, Danny Donald (Chairman), Jason Purvis, Roy Purvis

Music Team: Anne Katherine Ragsdale, David Dennis, Kevin O'Brien, Kylie Shirley, James Cantey

Sunday Worship is **LIVE at fcarp.org/livestream** at 11:00 am

To watch the replay or listen to past sermons go to fcarp.org/sermons, or fcpc.sermon.net

FCARP sermons are also broadcast Sunday mornings at **8:00 am on WFCA-FM108**

UshersLance Ragsdale, Roy Purvis

Student Ushers CJ Williams, TJ Pierce

Greeter Mike & Kathy McCollum

Next Sunday, December 10

Ushers Bruce Hosket, William McKinley

Student Ushers Ty & Grey Martin

Greeter.....Jane Beswick, Mya Peters

Calendar of Events

Today	7:00am – Men’s Community Breakfast at Bethsaida Baptist 10:00am – Sunday School (Regular Classes) 11:00am Worship 6:30pm - Christmas Community Service with Area Churches
Tuesday	8:30am - Women’s Bible Study – “ <i>Abide</i> ” 1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd John
Wednesday	6:00pm - Prayer Meeting at Margie Newman’s 7:00pm – Missions Meeting
Friday	5:30am - Men’s Bible Study @ Welcome Center 6-8:00pm – French Camp Christmas Open House Tour
Saturday	6:00pm - Christmas Banquet w/Grace Evan (FCA Staff & Students)
Next Sunday	6:00pm – Students from the Beautiful Feet Team
December 11	6:00pm - HS Choral Program
December 14	12:00pm- Historical Highlight Luncheon, <i>Christmas Traditions</i>
December 24	10:00am – Christmas Covered Dish Brunch (No Sunday School) 6:00pm – Christmas Eve Communion

Ministry of Prayer

Sympathy: Pray for the family of Ritha Moore, 1969 FCA graduate and beloved member of the French Camp community. Ritha passed away Tuesday, November 28 after having heart surgery. A service celebrating her life was held Saturday at the United Pentecostal Church in Kosciusko.

Marlene Armstrong, Bruce Beswick, Holly Cairncross, Dennis Cates, Peggy Cockrell, H.G. Cooper, Skylyr Effler, Mary Ida Harper (Ackerman Nursing Home, Room 203), Jonathan Holmes (has been waiting 7 wks for a heart transplant), Marilyn Johnson, Jackie Lawson, Wade McGlothlin (Hospice), Roy Nail, Margie Newman, Sally Richardson, Kevin Sorensen (kidney stone surgery went well), Gramps Sorensen (back in FC), Ken & Lyn Utley