

French Camp Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

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

Announcements

Prelude: *Carol of Joy*

Call to Worship from the Psalms

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

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #270: *Joy to the World!*

Shepherd's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Gesú Bambino*

Rachel Purvis, Flautist

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

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

*Hymn #296: *How Great Our Joy!*

Sermon: The Lamb is the Shepherd.

Alex Coblentz

Luke 2:8-20, Revelation 7:17 (*pgs 857 & 1032 in pew Bible*)

*Hymn #278: *Angels we Have Heard on High*

*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.*

Large Print Daily Breads for January - March Are Available on the back table.

Life of the Church

No Evening Service or Children's Program Tonight

The Lovely Poinsettia in Church Today was given by Mary Faith Phillips in honor of her former students on staff here at French Camp, from both Pontotoc and Columbia International University.

Christmas Caroling Today, 3:30pm: Caroling is one of the most fun and meaningful of all Christmas traditions! We'll meet at the church and go sing for folks around the neighborhood. All are invited!

Caroling Tomorrow: We will be caroling again on Monday. The time will be determined based on when people might be available. If you would like to participate, either during the day or early evening, speak with 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. (No Sunday School)

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.

Donation to the Church: We are thankful for a gift of \$14,026 from the Mary Kathryn Snider Foundation for the Building Fund! This money will go towards the playground and the covered walkway between the buildings.

Jay & Angie Cauthen's Trip to Honduras January 27 – February 3: The Cauthens will be going with New Haven Baptist to do construction work with a ministry called "Finish the Work" that completes unfinished building projects. To make a donation for the trip, you can give through the church by check or online: www.fcarp.org (Click on Giving/Fund: Missions/SubFund:General Missions/ Note: Add Cauthen's Mission Trip.)

Nominations for Elder and Deacon: Elders are called to serve the church as spiritual leaders and shepherds, and Deacons are generally responsible for local mercy ministries and stewardship of the church property. **Contact one of our Elders if you would like to nominate someone** from the congregation to serve in either office. **Current Elders:** Glen Barlow, John Robert Cockrell, Dennis Cox, Bruce Hosket Larry Littlejohn (Clerk of Session), and Lance Ragsdale. **Current Deacons:** Greg Browning, David Dennis, Danny Donald (Chairman), Jason Purvis and Roy Purvis.

Flowers for 2024: If you would like to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of a loved one next year, let Mary Nell know. Cost this year will be \$30.

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**

Ushers Kevin Sorensen, Glen Barlow

Student UshersDylan Donald, CJ Williams

Greeter Lynn & Dianne Downing

Next Sunday, December 24

Ushers Mike McCollum, Danny Donald

Greeter..... Mike & Kathy McCollum

Calendar of Events

Today	10:00am – Sunday School (Regular Classes)	11:00am Worship
	3:30pm – Christmas Caroling	
Monday	Christmas Caroling (Time to be Determined)	
Wednesday	6:00pm - Prayer Meeting	
Friday	5:30am - Men's Bible Study @ Welcome Center	
Next Sunday	10:00am – Christmas Covered Dish Brunch (No Sunday School)	
	6:00pm – Christmas Eve Communion Service	
December 29	Carolyn Akers Leaves for Indonesia	
January 7	11:00am - Worship	
	(No Sunday School or Evening Service)	
January 16	8:30am – Women's Bible Study Resumes	

Ministry of Prayer

Esther Jean Alford, Marlene Armstrong, Bruce Beswick, Holly Cairncross, Dennis Cates, Peggy Cockrell, H.G. Cooper, Skylyr Effler, Mary Ida Harper, Jonathan Holmes (awaiting heart transplant), Marilyn Johnson, Roy Nail, Margie Newman, Roy Purvis, Sally Richardson, Gramps Sorensen, Ken & Lyn Utley