

# French Camp Presbyterian Church

## The First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2017

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Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

\*Chorus No. 243: *Emmanuel*

\*Hymn No. 244: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Shepherd's Prayer: Ed Maehlmann

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Children's Sermon - Advent Candle: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Younger  
(Children's Church with Audrey Paladino)

\*Hymn (Overhead): *Lord, I Need You*

Sermon: **HOPE**

J. Alex Coblentz

Ezekiel 47:1-12 (pg 734-735 in pew Bible)

\*Hymn No. 540: *My Hope is in the Lord*

\*Benediction

\*Response: Chorus No. 86: *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

\*Congregation Standing

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### The Shorter Catechism

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**Q. 25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?**

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

**Q. 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?**

A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself in ruling and defending us and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies

*Funds to encourage the learning of Biblical truths through the use of the Westminster Shorter Catechism and the Child's Catechism are provided through the T. L. Carraway Catechism Fund and are administered by French Camp Academy.*

**Reminder: Kids Worship Bags are hanging on the back wall, including some for "Guests." Also, don't forget to pick up a Kid's Worship Bulletin on the back table for 3-6 year olds (yellow) and 7-12 year olds (green).**

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### Life of the Church

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**Poinsettias for Christmas – Orders Due Today:** We will be decorating the church December 17 and 24 with poinsettias. To place one in honor or memory of a loved one, fill out an order form (available on the back table and sound console) and put it in the offering bag or turn in to Mary Nell.

**Community Christmas Service Tonight, 6:30 pm:** All are invited to enjoy this cherished annual tradition as we celebrate the Christmas season with guests from area churches.

Note: Practice at 1:15 for the students who are singing and carrying flags in tonight's program.

**No Christmas Choir Practice Today:** Those singing in our Christmas choir, watch for announcements from Anne Katherine!

**Carol-Grams:** Send a carol to someone this Christmas! The youth group is delivering singing carol-grams to FC! If interested, see any one of the FCPC middle/ high school youth groupers. Be on the lookout for their flyers for more details.

**Ladies' Coffee & Christmas Lessons Thursday, 6:30 pm:** Kim Hosket is inviting ladies to her home the next two Thursday evenings to share some encouragement and fellowship in embracing the wonder of the Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke. She'll be sharing the same lessons she teaches the HS Girls on Thursday mornings. Let Kim know if you plan to come.

**Ladies' Monday Night Bible Study:** Please join us on Monday evenings beginning January 15 for Kay Arthur's 13 week study on *Unveiling the Book of Revelation*. Books are \$27. We will meet at the Welcome Center at 6 p.m. See Mary Sorensen if you're interested. You will be blessed!

**Congratulations to Lance & Paige Gallagher** on the birth of their granddaughter, Juniper Rexrode, born November 23 to their daughter Callie. She was 6 lbs 7 oz and 23 inches.

**Ethiopia Vision Team's Facebook Holiday Auction:** The Ethiopia team is collecting a variety of items for an online auction. This will be a fun way to gift someone this Christmas and support the EVT mission trip. Details to be announced soon.

**Gift to the Building Fund:** We are grateful to Edna Winkler for a generous gift for our new building!

**New Building Update:** There's been much happening this past week. The siding is going up, windows are being installed and a roof is in process. Give God the Glory as you ride by and observe the progress being made!

**Annual Congregational Meeting – January 7:** Mark your calendar and plan to stay for a brief meeting after church to approve the 2018 budget and to hear an update on the new building.

**Advent Devotionals** are available on the back table.

## FRENCH CAMP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

323 School St. French Camp, Mississippi 39745 website: [www.fcarp.org](http://www.fcarp.org)

Pastor: Rev. J. Alex Coblentz 662-547-6520 (home), 609-232-2770 (church)

Ministry Coordinator: Mary Nell Coblentz

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

Deacons: Greg Browning, Danny Donald, Kevin O'Brien, Jason Purvis, Roy Purvis, Tim Wade

Worship Team: Kevin O'Brien, Anne Katherine Ragsdale, David Dennis

Sermons can be accessed online for listening and sharing at [www.fcpc.sermon.net](http://www.fcpc.sermon.net)

Messages by Alex Coblentz are broadcast Sunday mornings at 8:00 am on WFCA-FM108

Ushers ..... Billy Carlisle, Ed Maehlmann  
Student Ushers ..... Anderson Ulerich, Josh Miller  
Greeters ..... Kevin & Mary Sorensen  
Nursery ..... Roy & Rosemary Purvis

### Next Sunday: December 10, 2017

Ushers: Jason Purvis, Glen Barlow

Greeters: Lance G & Lance R.

Student Ushers: Ian Paladino, Hunter Sturman

Shepherd's Prayer: Bruce Hosket

Nursery: Jamie Senyard

CC: Mary Grace & Laney Scott

## Calendar of Events

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Today	Poinsettia Orders Due 1:15 pm – Practice for Singers & Flag Carriers 3:30 pm – Confirmation Class @ the Blue House 6:30 pm – Community Christmas Service (No Christmas Choir Practice Today)
Monday	6:00 pm - Scouts
Tuesday	6:00 pm - Pioneer Girls
Wednesday	No Prayer Meeting No Deacons Meeting
Thursday	6:30 pm – Ladies Christmas Lessons & Coffee @ Kim's
Friday	5:30 am - Men's Fellowship @ Welcome Center
Saturday	Jimmy Middleton's Open House – All are Invited
December 14	6:30 pm – Ladies Christmas Lessons & Coffee @ Kim's
December 17	Christmas Caroling
December 18	6:30 pm – FCA Choir Concert
December 24	10:00 am – Christmas Potluck Brunch (No SS) 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Communion
January 7	Congregational Meeting

## Ministry of Prayer

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**Health:** Norma Bowen, Andrew Brunson, Wally Bumpas' Dad, Peggy Cockrell, Kyle Hollis & family (tragic plane crash), Jean Hutchison (Assisted Living), Leon Koehn, Roy & Karol Nail, Ann Massey, Erleine Parish (rec. from fall), Milt Palmer's family, Rose Rich, Wes Bye, Rita Lindenschmidt, Renee Warren, Dot Ward, Martha Ward (chemo), Edna Winkler

**Homebound/ Nursing Home:** Mervyn Carver, Nita Curtis, Dorothy Donald (Ackerman Nursing Home), Dixie Ward (Claiborne Personal Care Center- Starkville), Wanda Watkins, Eleanor Whitmire