

New Market Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School – 10:00 A.M., Education Building
Fellowship – 10:45 A.M., Fellowship Hall
Worship – 11:00 A.M., Sanctuary
Song Leader: Jerry Tignor
Pianist: Donna Tignor
Youth Celebrant: Susan Faulk

Thank You!

Thank you to **Patrick Smith** for delivering today's sermon!

Thank you to **Donna Tignor** for serving as Sunday School hostess!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let's pray for peace in the world and in our country. We live in troubled and divided times.

Let's pray for the continued transition in our church.

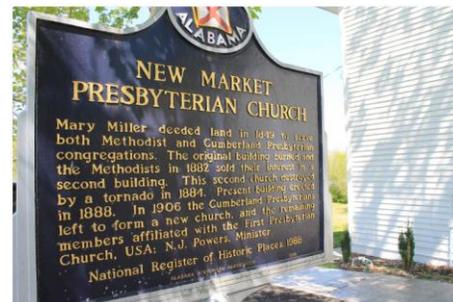
Jerry and Donna Tignor can use prayers, still, as they manage to get their home back to normal after a water line break.

Devon Reynolds is at seminary. Let's pray for her success at school.

Let's keep Kim Mitchel's daughter in prayer. She has a long road ahead for recovery after her surgery in September.

Please keep Eugene Faulk's father, Horace, in prayer. He fell and sustained injuries that require therapy and rehabilitation. However, another issue has developed in his back, which required medical attention this past Tuesday. Also, pray for Eugene, who travels between New Market and Athens to care for his father.

Let's pray for the continuing recovery of Alan Jones' 2-year old granddaughter, Caroline Jones, who was diagnosed with cancer in November 2015. Caroline is recovering at home and doing OK.



Upcoming Events

December 4

Sermon by Lyndall Hamlett

Special Offering

Communion Sunday

Session Meeting

December 10

New Market Christmas Parade

December 11

Sermon by Ted Dixie, Jr.

December 18

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Candlelight Service

Sunday School Hostesses

DECEMBER

4 Marie Marlin

11 Velma Crumrine

18 Joyce Mallory

Thanks to Joyce Mallory for our Hostess List, and thanks to all who serve in this important ministry of hospitality.

Please keep the Woods family in your prayers. Both Jim and June are still getting through serious illnesses. Please keep their daughter, Lynn, in your prayers, as she is handling the care of her parents.

Let's pray for Brad Hall as he goes through his career transition.

Please remember Eli Miller and his daughter, Debbie Miller Hall, in your prayers. Eli is still in decline, and Debbie manages his care.

Hesta Farrow is always in our thoughts but can use your prayers.

Please join us in our prayer for new members, new ways of serving our neighbors, and new ways of bringing Christ's joy to one another.

Community Outreach

HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS! Velma Crumrine reports that our food offerings have been good, and that the food bank has been proud to receive them. Times are hard and needs are great. We receive items year-round in the box near the entrance to the fellowship hall. Our special food collection day is the third Sunday of every month, in conjunction with Family Luncheon. The food pantry's most needed items are canned soups and canned tomatoes. Other items often requested are boxed macaroni and macaroni and cheese dinners, rice, peanut butter, instant pancake mix (the kind that requires only water), and Bisquick or similar products. There is a box for pantry items in the fellowship hall. Velma Crumrine is faithful in carrying the collections to the Community Food Pantry at the Methodist church.

PLEASE LET US KNOW of good works being done in and for our church. We don't want them to go unnoticed.

Community Announcement

Attention all **Pokémon Go** players! New Market Presbyterian Church is a **PokéStop**! Come by to play the game; stay for the fellowship and service! (Please enjoy the game *outside* of the Sanctuary and Education Building.)

Community Announcement – Save the Date!

December 18, 2016 (Sunday): New Market Presbyterian Church will hold a **Christmas Candlelight Service**, with **Ted Dixie, Jr.**, leading the service!

2016 Session Members

Please let a session member know of any special needs or ministry opportunities in our extended church family or in the community.

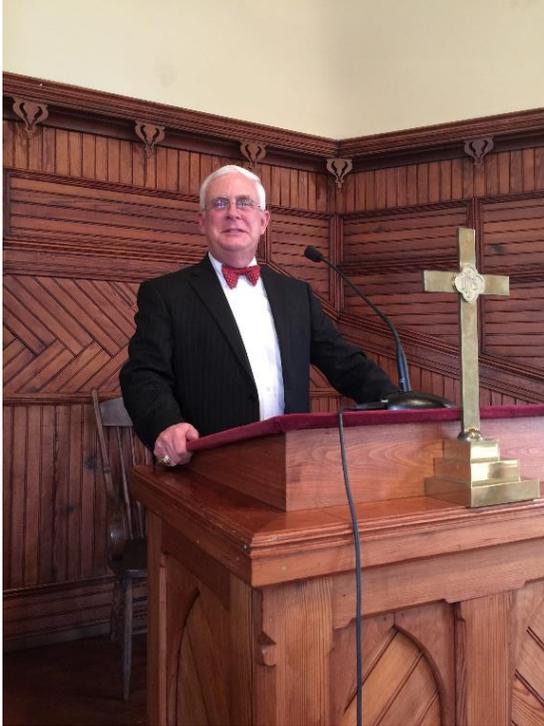
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Church Announcement



Thank you to **Patrick Smith** for delivering today's sermon on "God and Caesar." Patrick Smith is a member of Williams Chapel Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, Alabama. A native of Lawrence County, Tennessee, Patrick grew up in, and lives in, Tuscumbia, Alabama, and is a graduate of the University of Alabama (1980). A former practicing certified public accountant, since 2001, Patrick has been President of Martha Grace Foods, Inc., a food manufacturing firm whose primary product is Mook Mills Cheese Straws, which are marketed in major grocery stores throughout the Southeastern United States.

Patrick has served the PC (USA) at a number of levels. He was ordained an elder in 1990 in the Decatur Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia. He served on the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta from 1992-1995. In the North Alabama Presbytery, he has served on the Budget and Finance Committee and the Committee on Ministry, where he has served two terms as Moderator. He was Moderator of the North Alabama Presbytery in 2004-2005. Patrick was Moderator of the Synod of Living Waters in 2007!

Church Announcement

Advent is here! Advent Daily Devotionals (courtesy of the **Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary** and **Devon Reynolds**) are available on the table at the front of the Sanctuary. Get your copy today!



Church Announcement

The Community Thanksgiving Service, last week, was celebrated with our New Market Baptist and Methodist friends. Our own **Pastor Kim Mitchel** welcomed everyone and led the service, **Rev. Christy Noren-Hentz** provided a wonderful Invitation to Generosity prayer, and **Rev. Bobby Eads** delivered a fantastic message. Everyone's generosity raised **\$482**, which was given to the **Community Food Pantry!**



For Next Week

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, December 4, 2016, the Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

- **First Reading** Isaiah 11:1-10
 - **Psalms** 72:1-7, 18-19
 - **Second Reading** Romans 15:4-13
 - **Gospel** Matthew 3:1-12
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First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
- He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”