

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 **Lyndall Hamlett** for delivering today's sermon, celebrating Communion with us, and moderating our Session meeting!

Thank you to **Marie Marlin** for serving as Sunday School hostess!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let's pray for the victims affected by the tornados this past week.

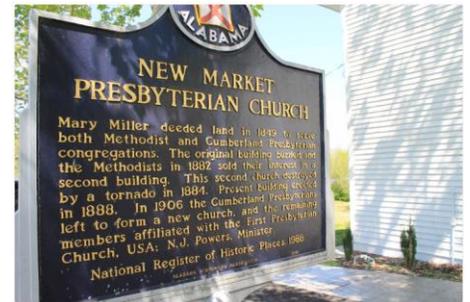
Let's also pray for the folks who suffered losses during the fires in Pigeon Force and Gatlinburg, TN.

Donna Tignor will be getting eye surgery tomorrow and asks for your prayers.

Kim Mitchel will be joining us in a month. Let's pray for Kim and her family, as moving can be an exhaustive experience. Kim's daughter is continuing her recovery from her surgery in September, so prayers are still needed that way.

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

Please keep Eugene Faulk's father, Horace, in prayer. He fell and sustained injuries that require therapy. However, another issue developed in his back, which required medical attention. Horace is now recovering at home and doing well. Also, pray for Eugene, who travels between New Market and Athens to care for his father.



Upcoming Events

December 10

New Market Christmas Parade
10 am – Church Float Prep
1 pm – Parade

December 11

Sermon by Ted Dixie, Jr.

December 18

Sermon by Ted Dixie, Jr.
Candlelight Service, 6 pm

December 25

Sermon by Ted Dixie, Jr.

Sunday School Hostesses

DECEMBER

11 Velma Crumrine

18 Joyce Mallory

25 Joyce Mallory

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

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.

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.

New Market Presbyterian Church can use everyone's prayers during our transition.

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 Bisquik 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.)

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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Community Announcement – This Saturday!

December 10, 2016 (Saturday): New Market Christmas Parade!

Join us at **10:00 am**, Saturday, to decorate our float, **“Winter Wonderland!”** The parade begins at 1:00 pm!

Community Announcement – Save the Date!

December 18, 2016 (Sunday), 6 pm: New Market Presbyterian Church will hold a **Christmas Candlelight Service**, with **Ted Dixie, Jr.**, leading the service!

Church Announcement



Thank you to **Lyndall Hamlett** for delivering today’s sermon, “Zacchaeus,” celebrating communion with us, and moderating today’s session meeting! Lyndall was born and raised in Alabama. She went to the University of Alabama and got a BA degree in Psychology and then went on to get a Master’s of Divinity Degree from Southern Seminary. She has served the North Alabama Presbytery in a variety of ways since the early 90’s. She lives in Guntersville with her husband, Reverend Ed Hamlett, who serves the First Presbyterian Church in Albertville.

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!



For Next Week

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, December 11, 2016, the Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

- **First Reading** Isaiah 35:1-10
 - **Psalm** 146:5-10
 - **or alternate reading** Luke 1:47-55
 - **Second Reading** James 5:7-10
 - **Gospel** Matthew 11:2-11
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First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

- ¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
- ³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
- ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”
- ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
- ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

- ⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
- ⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
- ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalm 146:5-10

- ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
- The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
- ⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- ¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

or alternate reading Luke 1:47-55

- "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
- ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Second Reading James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”