

# 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

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## Thank You!

Thank you to **Ted Dixie, Jr.**, for delivering today's sermon!

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

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Ted Dixie reminded us to keep caregivers in our prayers. Debbie Miller Hall, Eugene Faulk, Kim Mitchel, Lynn Woods, and Caroline Jones' parents are a few folks we know involved in caring for loved ones.

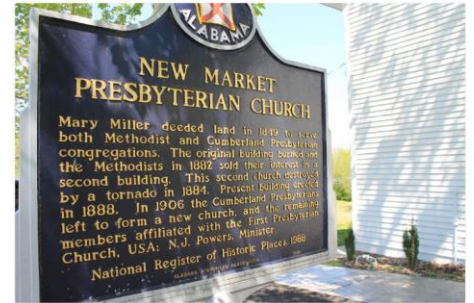
The Tignors can use our prayers. Repairs in the Tignor house are on-going but getting done.

Kim Mitchel will be joining us on January 1. 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 finished with finals! She will be driving home this week for Christmas. Let's pray for safe travel.

Eugene Faulk's father, Horace, is doing very well. He fell and sustained injuries that required therapy. Therapy was completed and he's on a very positive mend. Let's pray for continued health for Horace and let's also keep Eugene in prayer, who travels between New Market and Athens to care for his father.

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## Upcoming Events

### December 25

Sermon by Ted Dixie, Jr.

### January 1

Sermon by Pastor Kim Mitchel

Communion Sunday

Session Meeting

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## Sunday School Hostesses

### DECEMBER

25 Joyce Mallory

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

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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.

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## 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.)

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## 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 **Ted Dixie, Jr.**, for delivering today's sermon! Ted Dixie is an ordained Elder at Fellowship Presbyterian Church and an Inquirer in the North Alabama Presbytery (NAP). Ted had served in a variety of positions in the NAP, including president of the NAP Men, a missionary to South Africa, a Youth Leader, and a consultant to the NAP on matters surrounding Camp Maranatha. He asks for your prayers as he continues his studies at Oakwood University this Spring.

Folks in the photo to your left (L-R): Elder Ted Dixie, Jr., and Treasurer Extraordinaire Albert Mallory

## 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!

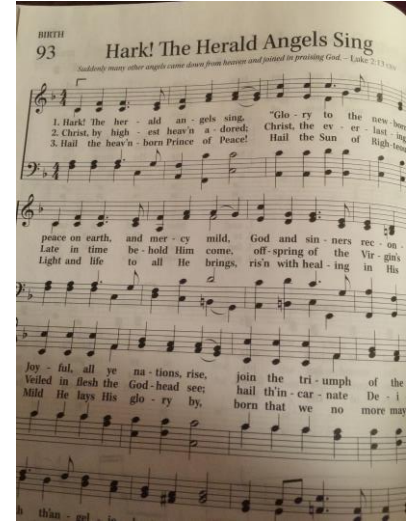
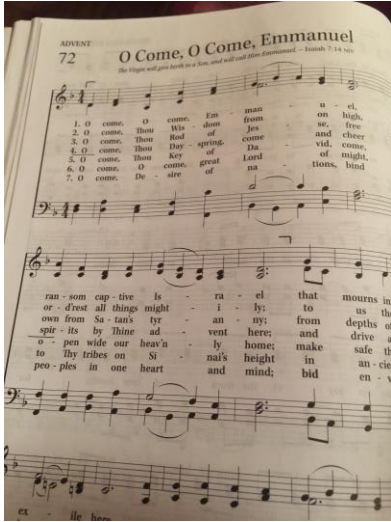


Advent Candles for Week 4 at New Market Presbyterian Church



## Church Announcement

New Market Presbyterian Church held its **Festival of Lessons and Carols: Advent Candlelight Service**, with **Ted Dixie, Jr.**, who led the service!



Ted Dixie, Jr., leading the Festival of Lessons and Carols Service



New Market Presbyterian Church indulging in after-service munchies!

## For Next Week

### Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, December 25, 2016, the Nativity of Jesus Christ (Year A)

- **Christmas:** Christmas Day
  - **First Reading** Isaiah 52:7-10
  - **Psalm** 98
  - **Second Reading** Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
  - **Gospel** John 1:1-14
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#### Christmas: Christmas Day

##### First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

- <sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
- <sup>8</sup> Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.
- <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

##### Psalm 98

- <sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gained him victory.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

### **Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

<sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,  
"You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son"?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
"Let all God's angels worship him."

<sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says,  
"He makes his angels winds,  
and his servants flames of fire."

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says,  
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

<sup>10</sup>And,  
"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,

and the heavens are the work of your hands;  
<sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like clothing;  
<sup>12</sup> like a cloak you will roll them up,  
and like clothing they will be changed.  
But you are the same,  
and your years will never end.”

### **Gospel John 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.