

# 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  
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Youth Celebrant: Susan Faulk

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## Merry Christmas!!

**Kim Mitchel** sends her greetings on page 4!

## Thank You!

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

Thank you to **Joyce Mallory** for serving as Sunday School hostess!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Let's pray for peace on earth on this wonderful Christmas Day.

Let's also keep in prayer the people in the Philippines, enduring typhoon season, and travelers in the United States, getting through snow storms.

Kim Mitchel will be joining us in a week! Let's pray for her safe travel to North Alabama. Let's also keep Kim's daughter in prayer who is continuing her recovery from surgery in September.

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

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 at home and playing more and more. Her mother asks that we pray for better kidney function and blood cell count improvement.

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## Upcoming Events

### January 1

Sermon by Pastor Kim Mitchel

Communion Sunday

Session Meeting

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## Sunday School Hostesses

The new list will be coming out soon!

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

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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.

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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 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.)

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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 on Christmas Day! 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.



### WHAT'S A CHRISMON?

Chrismons are a type of Christmas Tree decoration used in many churches and often in the homes of Christians. The symbols used represent a variety of biblical and theological concepts that are well known among most believers. Often, if the ornaments on a Christmas tree are comprised mostly of Christian symbols, the tree is known as a "Chrismon Tree." Chrismons are white with gold decorations of beads, ribbon, glitter, etc. It is common, however, to see these ancient Christian designs in other colors than white and gold. These would not be Chrismons, however, but simply Christian symbols -- and there's nothing wrong with that!

(Source:

<http://www.umcs.org/chrismons/>)

Chrismon Tree and Nativity Scene at New Market Presbyterian Church

## Church Announcement – From the Pastor!

Merry Christmas!

The time is fast approaching when I will be joining you at New Market. I am eagerly awaiting that day. It brought me so much joy to participate in your ecumenical service for Thanksgiving and to see the communities of faith joining together to share in worship, fellowship and good food.

I was raised in a small town in Massachusetts and then migrated to Maryland in my 20s, finished up my education there and never left. Many times I have shared how I miss the quality of the friendships and the community connection that I felt in my hometown. Having gone to all 3 schools in town (grade school, middle, and high school) knowing all the bus drivers by name and certainly knowing all the neighbors, gives me a special perspective for the New Market community. I have seen on Facebook the wonderful spirit you share with your neighbors for the Trunk or Treat event you hosted, for the food drives you run and the participation in the New Market Christmas parade. Small church with a big heart and lots of spunk!

As you are immersed in the season where God shares his tremendous love for us, the time of the Christ Child, may His blessings shine down on you and yours as you share his Love with others.

*Pastor Kim*



Pastor Kim Mitchel at her  
Ordination Ceremony

### **Sermons for January**

Jan 1 Epiphany: Fully Human Not Just Fully Divine

Jan 8 Baptism of Jesus

Jan 15 Who is the Man called Jesus?

Jan 22 Jesus Begins His Work and Calls the Fisherman

Jan 28 TBD

### **Sermons for February**

*Introducing a Sermon Series on Love*

Feb 2 Love of God

Feb 5 Love of Self: Discipleship part 1

Feb 12 Loving your Christian Brothers and Sisters:  
Discipleship part 2

Feb 19 Love of Neighbor: Sometimes the *Other*.

Feb 26 TBD

## For Next Week

### Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 1, 2017, the First Sunday after Christmas (Year A)

- **First Reading** Isaiah 63:7-9
  - **Psalm** 148
  - **Second Reading** Hebrews 2:10-18
  - **Gospel** Matthew 2:13-23
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#### First Reading Isaiah 63:7-9

- <sup>7</sup> I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,  
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,  
because of all that the LORD has done for us,  
and the great favor to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
- <sup>8</sup> For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely";  
and he became their savior
- <sup>9</sup> in all their distress.  
It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

#### Psalm 148

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!
- <sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!
- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.
- <sup>6</sup> He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

- <sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- <sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
<sup>10</sup> Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!
- <sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
<sup>12</sup> Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!
- <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the Lord!

### **Second Reading Hebrews 2:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

<sup>13</sup>And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## Gospel Matthew 2:13-23

<sup>13</sup>Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

<sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

<sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."