

January 25, 2026

Pennies for Hunger: February 1

January Missions Offering: Blessing Bags

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Vimeo live-streamed services may be accessed from [www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org).

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in **January**: Blessing Bags, for the unhoused in our wider community. See insert for details.

NOTA BENE: All meetings are subject to cancellation or postponement, due to the NC State of Emergency proclamation because of severe winter weather.

STATED SESSION MEETING is at **2p** on the **fourth Sunday of each month** (unless otherwise noted); in the Uffman room Next meeting: **Jan. 25**.

KIDS ROCK: **No meeting tonight**.

YOUTH GROUPS: **No meeting tonight**, because of winter weather.

APC BOOK CLUB meets **Tues., Jan. 27, 7p** in the Book Nook (top floor, middle building). Reading **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Krueger.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months at 11:30a**, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Next meal is **Feb. 2, 2026**.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE in Brown Fellowship Hall will be from **1:30-6p** on **Fri., Feb. 6, 2026**. Do, please, consider giving up a pint of your life-fluid for the benefit of other humans. There is currently a critical shortage of blood supplies.

GREENSBORO GARGOYLES NIGHT: **Fri., Feb. 6, 7p** at First Horizon Coliseum. Tickets for Section 132 are \$25 — order direct at [gofevo.com/event/Alamancepresbyterian2](http://gofevo.com/event/Alamancepresbyterian2). (Deadline for group rate is **Jan. 26**.)

SCOUT CHILI fundraiser is in Brown Fellowship Hall, **immediately after**

worship on Scout Sunday, Sun., Feb. 8. Order ahead here: <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Form/d18ec13e-9c47-4504-a1c6-c9b3c913c144>

YOCO MEETS HERE **Sun., Feb. 8**. Members of the Greensboro Youth Collective are invited to come eat Scout chili; then play flag football on the upper field at **2p**.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER is Tues., Feb. 17, 6-7:30p in Brown Hall. All you can eat: adults \$10, kids \$5, families of five or more \$25. Benefits Children and Youth ministries.

KNIT, PRAY, LOVE MINISTRY meets at **7:30p** on **Tues., Feb. 24**; in the Parlor. Needleworkers make and donate items to Cone Hospital. Linda Aydelette coordinates this team.

GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS uses Brown Fellowship Hall as a polling place for the **Tues., Mar. 3** federal primary election.

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., Mar. 21** is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to help (336-362-0584).

ATTENTION WOMEN’S CIRCLE MEMBERS and other women interested in a service project: an Advent devotional booklet for 2026. Gather **immediately after worship** on **Sun., Feb. 22** for an organizational meeting. JoAnn Camp is contact.

CHURCH NURSERY is in room #313 (top floor, Education Building). Sign up to help there at [Children's Ministries Volunteer](#) (Please contact Dana Adams for a background check, **because you MUST have one** to work with children in this church. ([dana@alamancechurch.org](mailto:dana@alamancechurch.org)).

LAY READERS: Those interested in reading Scripture aloud in front of the congregation should contact Doug Clapp, and ask to be put into reader rotation. ([doug.clapp@triad.rr.com](mailto:doug.clapp@triad.rr.com))

<p>Purchasing new furniture for the new year? Is an old couch or lounge chair cluttering your space? APC Youth Groups seek furniture for a new meeting space — and would welcome your comfortable, gently-used, hand-me-downs!</p> <p>If you have a piece to share, contact Pastor Jess for specifics. (<a href="mailto:jess@alamancechurch.org">jess@alamancechurch.org</a>).</p>	<p>See Holly Daas at the Welcome Table in the narthex, to express your interest in serving on a Bereavement Team.</p>
<p><b>Food Pantry</b></p> <p><b>January special collection: Canned beans</b></p> <p><b>February special collection: Canned pasta</b></p> <p>The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families each week, all year long. Your donations make this vital local mission possible.</p> <p><b>VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL.</b></p> <p>Sign up at <a href="https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green">https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green</a>.</p> <p><b>Do, please,</b> donate clean, dry, plastic grocery bags.</p>	<p><i>Questions &amp; Answers with Kyle</i></p> <p>is a Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman. Class meets <b>most Sundays at 9a</b> in the Parlor (middle building, middle floor, beside the fire escape.) You are welcome to join at any time.</p> <p><i>Read the Bible in Two Years</i></p> <p>Bobbie Black leads this Sunday school class in the Uffman classroom from <b>9-9:30a</b> on the <b>first Sunday each month</b>. Next class is on <b>Sunday, February 1</b>.</p>
	<p>OPEN MEETING: 12-step recovery program (AA) meets <b>7p every Thursday</b> in the Gathering Place.</p>
	<p>Presbyterian Women Circles meet: <b>Red Hat: Mon., Feb. 9, 6:30p</b> in the Coble House.</p> <p><b>Agapé: Tues., Feb. 10. 11a</b> to go eat, <b>12p</b> in Uffman room for Bible study.</p> <p><b>L.I.F.T.: Tues., Feb. 10, 7p</b> in the Coble House.</p>
<p>336-697-0488</p> <p>Office hours: <b>8:30a-2:30p M-T-Th-F, 8:30a-12:30p</b> on <b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Church Staff</p> <p><b>Dr. Kyle Goodman</b>, Lead Pastor <a href="mailto:kyle@alamancechurch.org">kyle@alamancechurch.org</a></p> <p><b>Rev. Jess Rigel</b>, Discipleship Pastor <a href="mailto:jess@alamancechurch.org">jess@alamancechurch.org</a></p> <p><b>Andrew Long</b>, Audiovisual Technician <a href="mailto:andrew@alamancechurch.org">andrew@alamancechurch.org</a></p> <p><b>Joy Thomas</b>, Dir., Children’s Ministries <a href="mailto:joy@alamancechurch.org">joy@alamancechurch.org</a></p> <p><b>Katie Long</b>, Director of Music <a href="mailto:katie@alamancechurch.org">katie@alamancechurch.org</a></p> <p><b>Jacob Dishman</b>, Pianist</p> <p><b>Dana Adams</b>, Finance and Administration Coordinator <a href="mailto:dana@alamancechurch.org">dana@alamancechurch.org</a></p> <p><b>Lynn Barnes</b>, Administrative Asst. <a href="mailto:lynn@alamancechurch.org">lynn@alamancechurch.org</a></p>	<p>Men’s Group meets at <b>6:30p</b> on the <b>third Tuesday of each month</b>. Next meeting is on <b>Tues., Feb. 17</b> at Kirby Ward’s home, 3800 Lilly Farm Rd.</p>
	<p>ONLINE GIVING:</p> <p>Easy Tithe charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, <i>in addition</i> to a processing fee for each transaction. Easy Tithe recommends that donors use the ACH payment type with online donations: this significantly lowers processing fees.</p> <p><b>To give by text:</b> Text the word “give” to 336-396-6133. Follow prompts to set up an account and make donations. <a href="http://www.alamancechurch.org">www.alamancechurch.org</a> has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.</p> <p><b>To make changes to your account</b>, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, <a href="mailto:dana@alamancechurch.org">dana@alamancechurch.org</a>)</p>



We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Mary Ellen Shores.

Centering Music

\* Call to Worship

One: In the sea of life’s daily stress and strife, in the struggle to keep our heads above the wave, Jesus calls to us from the shore:  
**All: “Follow me, and be fishers of people!”**  
One: God gathers us into new boats built with room for friend and stranger.  
**All: “Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose. Follow me, and build abundant life.”**  
One: We will follow you, Jesus! And be weavers of community, architects of justice, gardeners of peace.  
**All: We will follow you, Jesus! And invite all Creation to experience the goodness of your graciousness and love.**

\* Opening Hymn

You Walk along Our Shoreline

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish alongside you, casting wide your nets of love; but we are hesitant to leave our own boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world. Amen.

A Word of Forgiveness and Encouragement

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.      **All: And also with you.**

We invite everyone to share Christ’s peace with your neighbors,  
both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line,  
we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace.  
If you are here in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

**\*Sung Response**      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*      Song sheet

The Word Proclaimed

**First Scripture Reading**      *Isaiah 9:1-4*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.      **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**      *Just a Closer Walk*      - arr. Jack Schrader

Children’s Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to Children’s Church,  
for a time of worship designed especially for them.

**Second Scripture Reading**      *Matthew 4:12-23*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.      **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**      *What’s the Hook?*      Dr. Kyle Goodman

**Words for Reflection**      *The Calling of the Disciples*      - Lucille Clifton

some Jesus  
has come on me  
  
i throw down my nets  
into the water he walks  
  
i loose the fish  
he feeds to cities

and everyone calls me  
an old name

as I follow out  
laughing like God’s fool  
behind this Jesus

Thanksgiving and Offering

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**      King James Version

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and  
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you,  
even if they differ from your neighbor’s.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work  
of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church,  
or use our online giving platform,  
at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

**\* Doxology**      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      Song sheet

**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Sending

**\* Sending Hymn**      *From the Nets of Our Labor*      Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle,  
as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ.  
If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here.

**\* Charge and Benediction**

Closing Music

\*One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway,  
and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.

Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual  
booth, which is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers,  
upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible  
is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year A, Third Sunday after Epiphany, **January 25: Isaiah 9:1-4;  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.**

Lectionary Year A, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, **February 1: Micah 6:1-8,  
Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12.**



We are an ecumenical congregation in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.  
We are a **Matthew 25** Church.  
We are a Hunger Action Congregation.  
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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