

November 23, 2025
Pennies for Hunger: December 7
November Missions Offering:
The Shepherd Center of Uganda

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Vimeo live-streamed services may be accessed from www.alamancechurch.org.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in **November**: The Shepherd Center of Uganda cares for street children of Kabale: excellent information is at: theshepherdcenteruganda.org.

THANKSGIVING MEAL in Brown Fellowship Hall is **immediately after worship today, Sun., Nov. 23**.

HANGING OF THE GREENS is in sanctuary **immediately after the Thanksgiving meal on Sun., Nov. 23**.

KIDS ROCK AND YOUTH GROUPS: **today, Nov. 23, 2:30-5p**: We serve at Backpack Beginnings! Meet here at **2:30p**. Return here by **5p**.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED **Thurs., Nov. 27** and **Fri., Nov. 28**.

CHRISTMAS HONOR CARDS from Greensboro Urban Ministry on sale for \$5 each, from **9:30-10a** and **after worship on Sun., Nov. 30, Dec. 7** and **14**; in the Gathering Place. Make your checks out to G.U.M., ***NOT*** to APC.

CAROLS & ALE, the ecumenical event usually called *Beer & Hymns*, is **Sun., Nov. 30, 3p** at Oden Brewery.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY: order via the form included in this bulletin packet. **Deadline to order is Dec. 5**. Plants will be in the sanctuary on **Sun., Dec. 21**.

COOKIES WITH SANTA, a L.I.F.T. Circle (Ladies in Fellowship Together) event, is from **2-4p** on **Sat., Dec. 6** in the Music Room under the sanctuary. Photo ops plus light refreshments!

VOA INFORMATIONAL GATHERING **immediately after worship on Sun., Dec. 7**; to answer questions about a proposed senior living development.

STATED SESSION MEETING is on the **fourth Sunday each month**, unless otherwise noted. ***Otherwise noted***: Session meets **immediately after the VOA session on Sun., Dec. 7**; in the Uffman conference room.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA, a project of the Col. Arthur Forbis Chapter of the DAR, is at **12 noon** on **Sat., Dec. 13**.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months** at **11:30a**, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. ***Otherwise noted***: the next meal will be on **Mon., Dec. 15**.

APC BOOK CLUB meets **Tues., Dec. 16, 7p** in the Book Nook (top floor, middle building). Currently reading ***James***, by Percival Everett.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS will be presented by church musicians during worship on **Sun., Dec. 21**.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP is **Wed., Dec. 24, 7p** in the sanctuary. Communion will be served during this worship service.

KNIT/CROCHET CLASS IN JANUARY: Lou Gonzalez leads. Contact her for details about the **Sun., Jan. 18** beginners' class. (336-301-9191)

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., Jan. 24, 2026** is next date.

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, **as you MUST have one** to work with children in this church. (dana@alamancechurch.org).

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for all their family, and for their friends at APC, by Sam & Ada Nelson.



Purchasing new furniture for the holidays? 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!

If you have a piece to share, contact Pastor Jess for specifics. (jess@alamancechurch.org).

Food Pantry
November special collection:
Dry pasta, sauce
The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families each week, all year long. Your donations make this vital local mission possible.
VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL.
Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.
Do, please, donate clean, dry, plastic grocery bags.

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Office hours: **8:30a-2:30p M-T-Th-F, 8:30a-12:30p on Wednesday**
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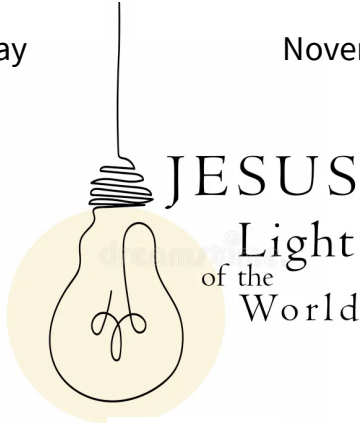
OPEN MEETING: 12-step recovery program (AA) meets **7p every Thursday** in the Gathering Place.
Questions & Answers with Kyle
is a Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman. Class meets **most every Sunday at 9a** in the Parlor (middle building, middle floor, beside the fire escape.) You are welcome to join at any time.
Read the Bible in Two Years
This Sunday school class meets in the Uffman classroom from **9-9:30a** on the **first Sunday of each month**. Bobbie Black leads. **Next class is on Sunday, December 7**.
Staff love gift will be collected during worship on Sundays **Nov. 23** and **30, Dec. 7** and **14**.
Presbyterian Women Circles meet:
Red Hat: Mon. Dec. 8, 6:30p in the Coble House.
Agapé: Tues., Dec. 9. Meet to go eat.
L.I.F.T.: Tues., Dec. 16, 7p in the Coble House.
Men's Group meets at **6:30p** on the **third Tuesday of each month**. Next meeting is on **Tues., Dec. 15** at Kirby Ward's home, 3800 Lilly Farm Rd.
ONLINE GIVING:
Easy Tithe charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, *in addition* 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.
To give by text: Text the word "give" to 336-396-6133. Follow prompts to set up an account and make donations. www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.
To make changes to your account, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org)



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

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Lay Reader today is Ed Gonzalez.
Centering Music
*** Call to Worship**
One: Be gracious to us and bless us;
All: O God, show us favor.
One: May your way, O God, be known upon the earth;
All: may your deliverance be known among the nations.
One: Peoples will praise you, O God; all peoples will praise you.
All: Nations will exult and shout for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity; you guide the nations of the earth.
One: The peoples will praise you, O God; all people will praise you.
All: Let us worship God!
***Opening Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation
Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Eternal Splendor, light of our hearts and light of the world; we have seen your glory, shining in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Yet, bathed in your light, our faith and our lives are shown to be shrouded and tarnished. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet in your great mercy you forgive what we have been. We pray that you now will amend what we are and direct what we shall be; that we may henceforth walk in your light, delight in your will, and reflect your radiance, to the glory of your holy name. 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 This Little Light of Mine Song sheet

The Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Reading John 8:12-20

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

Anthem Come with Thanksgiving - Lloyd Larson

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 Revelation 21:22 - 22:5

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

Message The Light of the World Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection Go Light Your World - Chris Rice

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

‘Cause we are family whose hearts are blazing
So let’s raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
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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 Shine, Jesus, Shine 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.

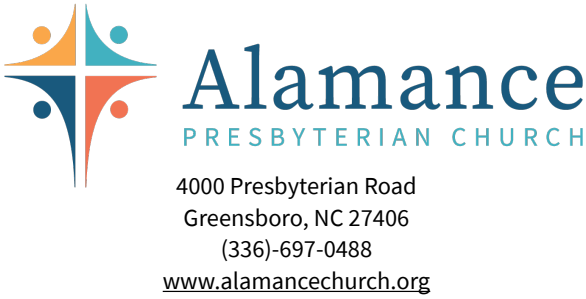
The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.

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 C, Christ the King Sunday, November 23: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 1:68-79, Luke 23:33-43.

Lectionary Year A, First Sunday in Advent, November 30: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44.



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