

SANDHILLS MINISTRIES

VISITORS We are so glad to have you with us today. If you would like more information or just want to get connected, please fill out a visitor's card (located under the chair in front of you) and place it in the offering. We also have a visitor's table in the lobby for your convenience. Welcome!

PRAYER CHAIN Barbara Rost is our prayer coordinator. All prayer requests should be sent to her at therostfamily@gmail.com. Her phone number is 910-988-2888.

NURSERY Infants through 2 years old are in rooms 107-108. 2-3 year olds are downstairs. To volunteer for the nursery or if you have questions, contact Libba Roberts, Nursery Coordinator ~ 910.986.2220 ~ libbrob@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY COVENANT PRAYER Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 7:00-8:00pm the youth and parents are invited to meet together to pray WITH and FOR our covenant children. This is an opportunity for students, parents, and our extended church family.

YOUTH Youth Group M.S. and H.S. meets Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm, at the church. If you have questions, contact Jacob Skogen or Pastor Mike Windish ~ 910.692.5834, ~ mwwindishjr@gmail.com or <http://spcayouth.wordpress.com/>

MEN Our men's "D.A.W.N. Group" (Discipleship and Weekly Nurture) meets Wednesday mornings at 6:30am at the church. Please contact Senior Pastor, Kevin Skogen ~ 910.692.5834 with questions.

WOMEN Our women's bible studies are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am. Please contact the church office if you are interested ~ 910.692.5834 ~ sandhillspca@nc.rr.com.

SMALL GROUPS We presently offer various groups. Some are organized by geography, some by age and stage, and some by topic. Please see our website for more info or contact Bill Crisp (910) 245-8471, wrcrisp@yahoo.com.

MISSIONS Our church is passionate about responding to the Great Commission through local and global missions. Please see our website for a list of mission works which we support, and contact Don Harkey, the Chair of our Missions Committee ~ 910.690.3698 ~ dharkey@cmpd.org.

MUSIC Adult Choir rehearses every Tuesday, at 6pm. Please join us and share your gifts!

SANDHILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PASTORAL STAFF
Kevin Skogen, Senior Pastor
Mike Windish, Associate Pastor

DEACON ON DUTY Larry Haywood
GREETERS This Week: Sid & Lynda Barnett; Allen Coburn
Next Week: Bob & Mitzi Rhoades

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:	General Fund	Faith Promise Missions Pledges
Monthly Amount Needed:	\$44,110.58	\$7,105.75
Amount received last week:	\$14,110.00	\$5,976.00
Amount received in December:	\$33,079.67	\$8,980.00



Sandhills is a church rooted in historic, biblical Christianity and a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Our church was founded in 1990, and our desire is to reach out in the name of Christ, embrace all who call on his name, and disciple those who do so.

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The Lord's Day

December 25, 2011

Sunday School, 9:45 AM - Morning Worship, 11:00 AM - Evening Worship, 5:30 PM

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruling Elder, Scott Boulton

ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

The Windish Family

PRELUDE As the music plays, we invite you to prepare your heart for worship. Please read the meditation and look over the songs and scripture passages as you ask the Lord to help you worship Him.

MEDITATION

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world? Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen (Robert Louis Stevenson)

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth . . . may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

***GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. 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. **Isaiah 52:7-10**

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (#218)

***GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE**

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind. . . For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **Isaiah 52:13-14; 53:2-3**

***GOD'S PEOPLE CONFESS THEIR SIN**

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (#197)

***GOD ASSURES US OF OUR FORGIVENESS**

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. **Isaiah 53:4-6, 10, 12**

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

O Little Town of Bethlehem (#201)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND BY THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

GOD CALLS US TO CAST OUR CARES UPON HIM

For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. **Isaiah 51:3**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND BY BRINGING OUR PRAYERS AND PETITION

Pastoral Intern, Joe Arnold

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (#229)

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

For Those Unloved

Genesis 29:31-30:24
Senior Pastor, Kevin Skogen

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (#203)

***BENEDICTION**

Simeon's Prayer, Luke 2

*Now we depart in Your peace, sovereign Lord;
Filled with Your promises; blessed by Your Word.
Darkness is over! Christ pierces the night,
Our eyes now seeing salvation's sure light.*

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**Those who are able, please stand.*

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE Please join us for our **5:30 PM** worship service.

