



*A worship service dedicated to the glory of God  
And In celebration of  
The Edward Webb Memorial Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
1882-2012*

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are called to be disciples...to follow in His way, to learn of Him and to Act in the Spirit. Thus, we go about the task of being compassionate toward our fellowman who is in the hospital, the nursing home, has lost everything in a fire (even a loved one), and flood. We feed the hungry, pay for medication for those in need, visitations of the sick and perform services (errands) to bring comfort, and ease anxiety.

Ours in not to carry out the mission in a spectacular way, but to show love and understanding of living the Word in the very core of our being every day.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, April 29, 2012 4:00 p.m.**

Worship Leaders- Dr. Steve Lindsley, Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Airy

Mrs. LaDonna McCarther, Musician  
Mrs. Saroya Ceasar, Greeter

*We Gather for Worship*

**PRELUDE**

As we gather for worship, let us acknowledge with solemn joy, God's gift of this place, remembering with gratitude all who have worshiped here, the faith professed at this font, the gospel proclaimed from this pulpit, the assurance received at this table. Let us also reaffirm our faith in our sojourning God as this building is now transferred to other uses. That which we have received from God let us now return to God with thanksgiving.

**Call to Worship –**

**Dr. Steve Lindsley**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**Response: They shall again live beneath my shadow,  
they shall flourish as a garden;  
they shall blossom like the vine,  
their fragrance shall be like the vine of Lebanon.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**The Welcome and Occasion –**

**Dr. Steve Lindsley**

**Prayer of Praise and Adoration (unison) –**

**Mrs. Teresa Roberts**

Glory to you, Lord God of those before us; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple, on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

**\*Hymn No. 383:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**\*Prayer and Confession. –**

Dr. Steve Lindsley

**Silence**

**\*Assurance of Pardon -**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Minute for Mission –**

Mrs. Kathi Lightfoot

## *We Listen to God's Word*

**Prayer of Illumination -**

Mrs. Cheryl Yellow Fawn Scott

**Scripture: Old Testament Psalm 71: 1-9; 17-21**

Elder Cynthia Russell

**Hymn No. 379:** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

**New Testament Colossians 3: 1-4; 12-17**

Elder Rachel Jackson

**The Message-**

Dr. Y. Dianna Wright

**\*Hymn No. 370:** "Just As I Am Without One Plea"

## *We Respond to God's Word*

**\*Affirmation of faith (unison)** Apostles' Creed, pg. 14 Mrs. Sonya Dodd

**\*Response No. 599** "Jesus, Remember Me"

**Litany of Praise** – Elder Matt Dagenhart – Stated Clerk Salem Presbytery

**Candlelight Service** – Elder Jean Rousseau – Past Member of Edward Webb

## **COMMUNION**

Leaders: Rev. Laura Spangler and Mr. Jerry Moore, CLP  
Elder Josie Ann Moore, and Elder Margaret Graham

**Recognition of Church Members –**

Elder Matt Dagenhart

**Closing Hymn No. 536:** "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

## *We Leave to Serve*

**\*Charge and Blessing:**

**Elder Matt Dagenhart**

**\*Choral Amen**

**Quiet Reflections and Postlude**

## *Litany of Praise*

- Leader Eternal God, whom the highest heaven cannot contain,  
much less a building made by human hands, hear our prayer.
- People For the Church universal, of which this building has been a symbol,  
we praise you, O God.**
- Leader For all the saints who, in times past and present, have formed a  
congregation of your people and have met in this place to offer  
their prayers and praise to you, we praise you O God.
- People For those who have been made your children by adoption and  
grace, who in this place were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in  
the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life,  
we praise you, O God.**
- Leader For your presence whenever your Word has been proclaimed and  
your sacramental gifts of bread and wine received,  
we praise you, O God.
- People For your blessings upon each of your children,  
welcomed and nurtured here, we praise you O God.**
- Leader For all who came to ask your blessings in marriage,  
seeking to love with your love, we praise you, O God.
- People For faithful stewards who have lived for others,  
serving you by loving neighbors, we praise you, O God.**
- Leader For all who were gathered from this place,  
having lived this life in faith, who now live eternally with you,  
we praise you, O God.
- People For the knowledge that your church and your ministry  
among us will continue today, tomorrow, and forever,  
we praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Active Members**

Sonya Dodd  
Robert Galloway  
LaDonna McCarther  
Josie Ann Moore  
Teresa Roberts  
Saroya Ceasar, Communicant Member

### **Inactive Members**

Sanchez Jarvis  
Sheila Jarvis

### **Salem Presbytery Administrative Commission Members**

Boonville First – Cynthia Russell  
Edward Webb – LaDonna McCarther  
First Presbyterian, Mt. Airy – Steve Lindsley  
Flat Rock – Margaret Graham  
Grace – Jean Rousseau  
Lloyd – Rachel Jackson  
Salem Presbytery – Matt Dagenhart  
Salem Presbytery – Dianna Wright

### **Additional Worship leaders**

Mrs. Kathi Lightfoot, Friend of Edward Webb  
Mrs. Cheryl Yellow Fawn Scott Past Member of Edward Webb  
Mrs. Sonya Dodd, Edward Webb  
Rev. Laura Spangler, Pastor – Lloyd Presbyterian Church – Winston  
Mr. Jerry Moore, CRE – Boonville First Presbyterian Church

We celebrate this day the history and witness of Edward Webb Memorial Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We remember with thanksgiving the many preachers, leaders and teachers who served here. We remember with the joy the many youth and adults who were nurtured and taught here of the goodness of our Lord and Savior. We thank you for attending our celebration of the life of our church.

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Don't be dismayed at good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.

Richard Bach – Illusions

### **Worship Resources**

**Liturgy from the Book of Occasional Services**

**Little Joe's Presbyterian Church Closing, Barium Springs Home for Children, July 21, 2001**

**Edward Webb Presbyterian Church "Celebrating One Hundred Years of Service" August 29, 1982**

**First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC – Feb. 10, 1991**

**Book of Common Worship**

**Daily Prayer Supplemental Liturgical Resource 5**

**Clio Presbyterian Church closing – May 1, 2011**

## HISTORY OF EDWARD WEBB PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 704 Worth Street Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

Rev. William Gaston Catus and family moved to Mount Airy and his life in the community reflected his interest in the spiritual, educational, business and general welfare of all who came to know him. Sunday School was taught in the old Sandy Level School. By 1882 he was instrumental in organizing the Colored Presbyterian Church. A lot was purchased and deeded to Anthony H. Galbriel Penn and James Sparger. The Church was built near the Parsonage in the location hereafter referred to as Catus Hill.

In 1885 Rev. A.B. Lawrence came from Winston-Salem and continued the work for the next four years. Rev. T. B. Hargrave and family arrived in 1889. Rev. Thomas Hargrave, Sr. was called to serve a Mission Church, succeeding Rev. Catus who had resigned the Pastorate.

Rev. Hargrave arrived on the field in the year 1893. Rev. Hargrave had a vision to build a new church on a site near the depot and he organized a young group known as the "Builders Society". Rev. Hargrave asked everyone to gather bricks and pile them up at the church front.

A Mr. Merritt furnished paint and nails, Mr. J. R. Patterson (both white) made a goodly donation and the people rallied to the cause. The Board of Mission for Freedman had its headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa. They were so impressed by the reports coming from Mt. Airy they granted permission to Rev. Hargrave to go to Pennsylvania Synod and canvas for money to build the structure.

A Mr. Edward Webb of Oxford, Pa. heard his report and gave a goodly sum of money for the cause. Rev. Hargrave and some of the young men painted the new church and Edward Webb Presbyterian Church was dedicated free of debt around 1904 or 1905. A professor at Biddle University at Charlotte, N.C. came and preached the dedicational sermon.

Around 1907 a goodly number of girls and boys were sent to Scotia Seminary and Biddle. W.P. Walker, a dentist, took a group of boys from the church, Fred Davis, Conse Walker, Tom Hargrave and many more to Scotia Seminary, Nora Banner, two or three Gilmers, Anna Leak and many others including Mary Hargrave. Some of the Elders were Mr. George Hammon, Mr. Scales, Walter Walker, and Mart Banner. Rev. Hargrave retired in 1908 and with his family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Recorded by Thomas B. Hargrave, February 20, 1982, Age 88.

Rev. Samuel L. Young accepted the call to serve Edward Webb Presbyterian Church in the year 1916. Eighteen families provided membership. The Ruling Elders of the church were Mr. Henry Davis, Mr. John Whitlock, Mr. W.M. Walker and Elder Massey.

The Presbyterian Parochial of Webb Memorial Church provided early educational experiences for the young people of the church and community. A desire for higher education for the students was expressed. Those not able to meet all of the requirements, received scholarships through the untiring efforts of Rev. Young.

Rev. Young recommended the following young women that were accepted at Scotia Seminary: Nauvata G. Young, Mable Gordon, Thelma Gordon and Nannie B. Walker. They became public school teachers and instructors in business education. Six young men attended and some graduated from Biddle University, now Johnson C. Smith University. Among them were Dr. O'Connor Walker, dentist, Mr. Fred Davis, principal of public school, Mr. Samuel Lawrence Young, Sunday School Missionary of Southern Virginia, Gilmore Franklin, public school teacher.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Jessie C. Young, the Women's Missionary work was organized and became an essential part of the spiritual growth of the church and reached out to the women of the community. She provided home study for the women, which led to enthusiastic involvement in the work of missions at home and abroad. A cultural aspect developed in the community and an interest in music was prevalent.

Because of the musical ability of the pastor, many of the young people learned to play the piano and organ. Missionary women of the church who served faithfully were: Mrs. Lelia Franklin, Mrs. Margret Kegler, Mrs. Plutine Walker, and Mrs. Ana Gordon.

This historical information submitted by children of Rev. S.L. Young: Samuel Lawrence Young, Louise Young Harris and Esther Young Hargrave.

During the next 28 years – up to about 1941 – the following persons served the church as Pastors, Moderators, and Student Supply from Johnson C. Smith University: J.H. Clement, H.O. Walker, A.S. Young, W.A. Hawkins, C. Pitchford, O.J. Hawkins and L.B. Washington. The church was able to call a full-time minister, Rev. L. M. Onque.

Rev. LeGrande M. Onque came to pastorate of the church in early 1941 via Princeton, New Jersey. Most of his influence in the life of the church was placed on increased membership and the educational pursuit of young people. The highest enrollment in Sunday School, Vacation Church School and other youth activities was recorded during his 10 years of service. His wife, Mrs. Beulah Juanita Onque was a dynamic influence in promoting stewardship and Mission with the United Presbyterian Women. Organizing many activities, attributed to her success of buying a piano. Restoration and Dedication of Pulpit Bible dated 1877, and the general maintenance and beautification of the church.

Following the retirement, and election as Pastor Emeritus, of the Rev. Mr. LeGrande M. Onque, the church failed to secure the service of another minister immediately. It was during the retirement years of Dr. Onque, the Edward Webb Church found relocation from the Granite Street location necessary. During the interim, meetings were held in the homes of various members.

The site was purchased from Fred and Lora Davis, July 25, 1951. Dr. L.M. Onque, Pastor Emeritus, Mrs. B.J. Onque, Clerk of Session, and Trustee, Deacon Alexander Edwards worked to the completion and dedication of the new structure in 1954. Rev. Robert Pooley, Pastor of Flat Rock Presbyterian Church, U.S. and Lawyer Archie Carter were among the many to encourage and help in the effort.

Rev. Warren Charles Jones first came to Mt. Airy as a Seminary Student from Johnson C. Smith University in 1926-27. He returned to Mt. Airy in 1955 and was instrumental in getting Presbytery to approve a loan of \$1,500.00 from the Board of National Missions, and a grant of \$1, 500.00 to complete the present church building. In 1972, now retired, he consented to return and offer his service following the death of our Minister, Mr. Grover C. Grimes. This third period of service was culminated in 1981.

From 1982 to present :Rev. Joe Spears, Rev. Jesse Bledsoe, Moderator, Rev. Catherine J. "Katy" Reed, Rev. Allen Morrison, Moderator, Presbytery approved Speakers, Dr. Steve Lindsley, Consultant; Dr. Dianna Wright; Commissioned Lay Pastors: Mr. Calvin Crump, Mr. Thomas Leach, Mr. Ethan Sherrod, Mr. Eddie Flynt, and Dr. Dianna Wright, Associate Presbyter.

Mrs. Gladys Bailey, Clerk  
Mrs. LaDonna McCarther, Elder

