



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering Before the Word ~

Welcome

Pastor Eddie

Prelude

O Come, Little Children

Setting by Hayes

Lighting of the Candles

Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker

Choral Call to Worship

Wait for the Lord
Chancel Choir

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Ken & Jenny Sparks

***Responsive Call to Worship No. 480** *Wait for the Lord*

***Hymn of Praise**

The First Noel

See insert

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prophecy of Peace

1 Samuel 2:1-10

***Hymn of Advent**

Psalms 42

See insert

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Concerns and Celebrations of Our Church Family

***Doxology No. 965** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Offering and Anthem

The Yearning
Chancel Choir

Courtney

***Scripture Reading**

John 1:1-5

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Sermon

“Foundations”

Pastor Eddie

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Sending Song No. 476

The King Shall Come

MORNING SONG

*Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

Sleepers, Awake!

Setting by Anderson

*All who are able, please stand.

CCLI# 222113

welcome

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the card.

Children's Activity Bags are available for children aged 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper.

Children's Church is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children", they will be escorted to their classroom in the Nursery.

A Nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be



An Advent Devotional, *Think on These Things*, has been prepared by Pastor Eddie and Michelle to assist you in your advent preparations. Please pick up your copy in the Narthex. A digital copy is also available on our website.

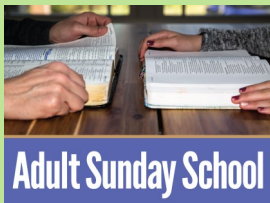
The Building on the Cornerstone team has chosen a company to do the landscaping/hardscaping work, and that company is beginning to work on a design model. Changes will be made in the spring to improve the appearance, safety, security, and maintainability of the church's outdoor property. To date, approximately \$131,000 or just over 60% of the campaign goal has been contributed. If you wish to contribute, write a check to the church with 'Cornerstone' on the memo line, or give through the church website.





As our church family celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we traditionally collect for our Good Samaritan Fund. This fund allows the pastor and staff to assist those in need - both in our church and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the 'Good Samaritan Fund' envelope, or mark your offering 'Good Samaritan Fund'.

First Presbyterian Youth will present “And the Song Goes On,” a Christmas musical, TONIGHT, Sunday, December 7 at 7:00pm! Join us for a delicious dinner at 6:00pm, and bring a dessert to share (ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn on a donation basis). If you need a ride, please see Eddie or Michelle. Invite friends and family to join us as our youth remind us the Reason we celebrate...and sing!



Adult Sunday School will meet for combined classes on December 7, 14, & 21. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. There will be **NO** Sunday School, for any ages, on December 28.

The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir invites you to “A Family Christmas Celebration” NEXT Sunday, December 14 at 7:00pm. Spend an evening listening to the beautiful music of the season. Our youth and special guest musicians will also lend their talents. If you need transportation, see Michelle or Eddie. All are welcome!



The JOY Group invites all Seniors for a Christmas Lunch THIS Wednesday, December 10th at the home of Ron & Alpha Barger. The main dish and drinks will be provided. Bring a wrapped gift costing less than

\$10. Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert in the Narthex by TODAY, Sunday, December 7th.



The Navigators' Sunday School Class Christmas Party will be THIS Wednesday, December 10 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Wear fun Christmas attire (there will be an ugly sweater contest!), and bring your favorite treat or snack to share. Dinner, dessert, and a hot chocolate bar will

be provided. Bring a \$10 gift and come for fun, games and fellowship.

Please RSVP to Tracy Caskey or sign up in the Narthex by TODAY, Sunday, December 7.



Mark your calendars for Christmas Caroling to our homebound church family! We will carpool from the church on Wednesday, December 17 at 6pm and travel to several homes nearby. Desserts and hot drinks will await our return. Come make a joyful noise with us!

Invite family and friends to our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24! This year, we will gather at 5:30pm for a time of worship and reflection.



The First Pres Giving Tree is in the Narthex! This year's beneficiaries will be Shady Brook Elementary families and Meals on Wheels recipients. Each item requested is tied to the tree with 2 tags. Write your name on one tag and place it in the bag under the tree. Take the other with you, and attach it to the item you purchase when you return it. Deposit your gift in the corresponding gift bin under the tree by NEXT Sunday, December

14. Please only wrap the gift if the tag indicates it should be wrapped! See Sue Maiocchi or Janet Harte with questions.

Linda's Closet is open the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

from 11:00am -1:00pm. Other Tuesdays are "work days".

The closet will be closed from December 17 - January 5 and will reopen Tuesday, January 6.

Current needs:

- boys clothes, sizes 2-16
- costume jewelry
- new underwear for all



Thank you for donating to the First Pres Blessing Fence!

See Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help with current needs:

- small cosmetic bags
- feminine products
- new/gently-used towels





Dear Church Family, thank you for the many ways you are encouraging us during this time of Steve's illness. Thank you for the food, the cards, the visits, the calls, texts, and especially the prayers. We feel your love for us and are so grateful for you. May God bless you richly for your kindnesses.

With much love and thankfulness, **Steve and Judy Goodnight**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.
Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

CHURCH FAMILY

- Debby Baker - health concerns
- Vicki Morris - upcoming knee replacements on December 23rd
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns
- Steve Goodnight - recovering at home
- Bonnie Goodnight - caring for her father, Lester Watts
- Julie Doby - broken hip pocket and femur

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH

- Diane Belotti's brother, Robert Hudak - recovery from spine surgery
- Thomas "Bran" James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old - stem cell treatment in January
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - cancer
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - cancer treatments in January

HOMEBOUND

- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks
- Linda Bost - Best of Care



This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, December 7

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School (Adults in Fellowship Hall)
11:00am - Worship Service with Holy Communion
6:00pm - Christmas Fellowship Dinner
7:00pm - "And the Song Goes On"
Youth Christmas Musical

Tuesday, December 9

11am -1:00pm - Linda's Closet Workday
12:00pm - NA
3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen

Wednesday, December 10

12:00pm - JOY Group Lunch at Bargers
3:30-6pm - Peek NexGen
6:00pm - Chancel Choir and PraiseMakers Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 10 continued

6:30pm - Navigators Christmas Party

Thursday, December 11

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study
12:00pm - N/A
3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen
6:00pm - Pilot Club in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, December 14

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School (Adults in Fellowship Hall)
11:00am - Worship Service
7:00pm - "A Family Christmas Celebration" musical presentation in Sanctuary

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Sharon Cranford

NO Children's Message This Week

Children's Message Next Week:

Roxanne Spencer

Children's Church This Week: Risa Little

Children's Church next week: Vickie Ellington

Acolytes This Week: Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker

Acolytes Next Week: Camryn Lowder & Noah Walker

Nursery: Risa Little

Nursery Next Week: Vickie Ellington

Ushers: Phil Smith, Pam Hooks, Ryan Walker, Jeff Barnhardt

Ushers Next Week: Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Tony Hunter

Greeters: Cookie Hamilton & Dave Argabrite

FINANCIALS FOR NOVEMBER

YTD Income \$281,973.05

YTD Expenses \$281,666.54

YTD Budget \$292,984.12

Last week's attendance: 11/30/2025

Worship AM - 108

Sunday School - 62

SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen

Sharon Cranford

Tony Rary

Cookie Hamilton

Chris Lowder

Ken Sparks

Sue Maiocchi

Phil McLain

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator



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