



THE WEEKLY FIRST



We celebrate the second Sunday of Advent this week. Valarie and the choir have prepared beautiful music for our worship service. They, along with our youth and guest musicians, will also be leading a special musical celebration of Christmas on Sunday evening, December 14.

This Sunday, I will be teaching on John 1:1-5. We will culminate our worship with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Sunday evening, you are invited to *"And the Song Goes On"*, a Christmas musical, which our youth have been working very hard to prepare. Some of our Chancel Choir members are also joining in! We will begin with a Christmas Fellowship Dinner at 6pm (ham, mashed red potatoes, green beans and corn cobbettes on a donation basis). You are asked to contribute a dessert to share. The musical will begin at 7pm. Anyone needing a ride should contact Eddie or Michelle. All are welcome, so invite friends and family!!! Please come out and support our youth, as we celebrate and worship together.



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.

Sunday Bulletin is Online!



Welcome

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



Adult Sunday School

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.



First Presbyterian Youth will present “And the Song Goes On,” a Christmas musical, THIS Sunday, December 7 at 7:00pm! Join us for a delicious dinner at 6:00pm, and bring a dessert to share. 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!



Christmas Play Practice continues, as the youth prepare for our presentation!

Saturday, December 6 - 10:00am-12pm
Dress Rehearsal



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 Sunday, December 14.**

Please only wrap the gift if the tag indicates it should be wrapped!

See Sue Maiocchi or Janet Harte with questions.



The JOY Group invites all Seniors for a Christmas Lunch on 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 THIS Sunday, December 7th.



The Navigators' Sunday School Class Christmas Party will be 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. Come for fun, games and fellowship. Please RSVP to Tracy Caskey or sign up in the Narthex by THIS Sunday, December 7.



The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir invites you to “A

Family Christmas Celebration” on 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!



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.



Linda’s Closet's will be open December 16th from 11:00am -1:00pm.

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

See Sue Maiocchi if you can volunteer.

Current needs:

- Boys clothes, sizes 2-16
 - Costume Jewelry
 - New underwear for all
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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

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

- Vickie Morris - upcoming knee replacement on December 23
- Steve Goodnight - recovering at home
- Bonnie Goodnight - caring for her father, Lester Watts
- Debby Baker - health concerns
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns
- 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 treatment 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
- 12:30-2:30pm - *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 Nex Gen
- 6:00pm - Chancel Choir and PraiseMakers Rehearsal
- 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

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS
Raegan Swaringen Sharon Cranford Tony Rary
Cookie Hamilton Chris Lowder Ken Sparks
Sue Maiocchi Phil McLain
Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator
Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk



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