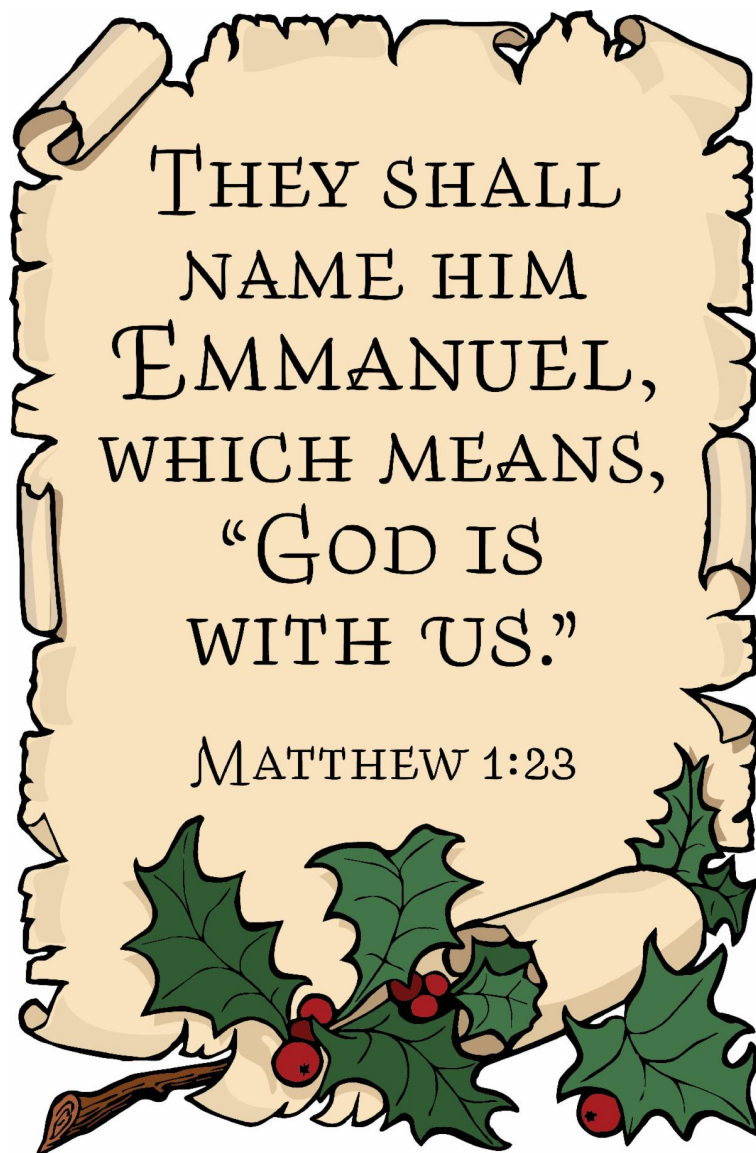




THE WEEKLY FIRST



Last Sunday evening, to a packed Fellowship Hall, our youth presented "*And the Song Goes On*", a Christmas musical. They worked for months preparing, and did a fabulous job leading our church family and many guests in joyful and jubilant worship. Thank you again to Ryan Walker, Roxanne Spencer, Jenny Sparks, Kathy Cress, Pat Hill, and Mike & Carol Lowder for a wonderful meal, and to all who brought desserts or stayed to clean up. It was a wonderful night of fellowship and praise to our Savior!

This week, we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent, and, as the youth taught us, the song indeed goes on! We will focus on the joy and wonder of Christmas during our worship together on Sunday morning. On Sunday evening at 7pm, our Chancel Choir, along with our youth, Abigail Malinovsky, and guests Angela Simpson and Gay Tatman, will present A Family Christmas Celebration. It will be a time of beautiful music and worship for our church family and community, so invite your own guests to attend!

Next Wednesday, December 17, we will continue the song as we go Christmas Caroling to homebound members. Hot drinks and dessert will await our return. There is a place for you to make a joyful noise, so please join in "the song"!!!

The Session has approved our church budget for 2026.

Please click the link below to see the 2026 Budget Report. Printed copies are available for you to pick up in the Narthex.

[2026 Budget Report](#)



The church was notified this week that the “Building on the Cornerstone” capital campaign will be awarded a generous grant! Your contributions and the grant will total around \$205,000 or almost 98% of the goal! The team has engaged a landscaping and hardscaping firm to work on a design for the renovations, which will start in the spring. There is still time to contribute if you wish, just 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 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 Pres Giving Tree is in the Narthex! This year's beneficiaries will be Shady Brook Elementary families and

Meals on Wheels recipients. Deposit your gift in the corresponding gift bin under the tree by **THIS Sunday, December 14.**

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

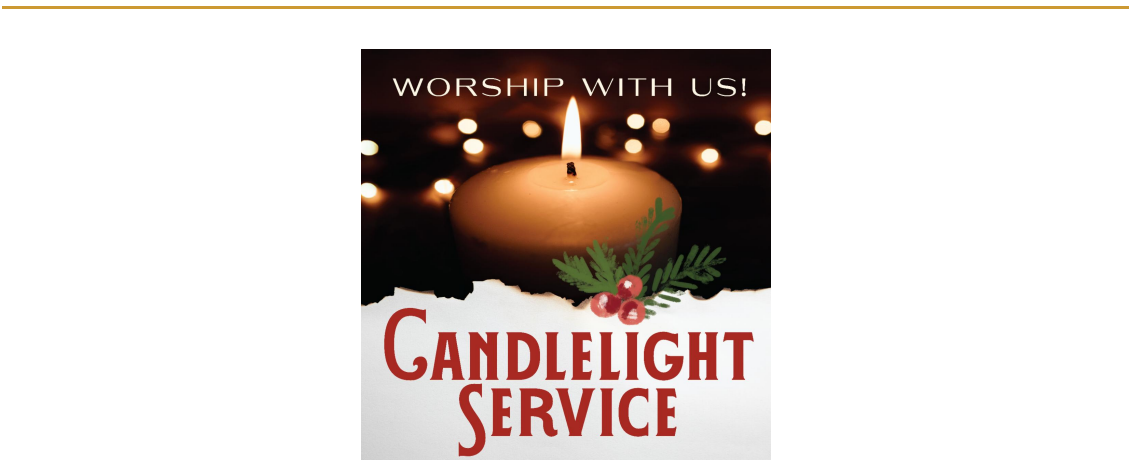
See Sue Maiocchi or Janet Harte with questions.



The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir invites you to “A Family Christmas Celebration” THIS Sunday, December 14 at 7:00pm. Spend an evening listening to the beautiful music of the season presented by Dr. Valarie Valois and our Chancel Choir. Our youth will also lend their talents. We will welcome Angela Renee Simpson, soprano vocalist, and Gay Tatman, flautist, as our featured guest musicians. If you need transportation, see Michelle or Eddie. Bring friends and family to this special worship service.



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



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
- Frank Gibson - hospice house
- Steve Goodnight - recovering at home
- Bonnie Goodnight - health concerns and 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
- Sherry Clodfelter (friend of Jane Jacobs) - in the hospital with serious health issues
- 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 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

Tuesday, December 16

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

Wednesday, December 17

6:00pm - Christmas Caroling & Dessert

Party

Thursday, December 18
10:30am - Ladies Bible Study
12:00pm - N/A

Next Sunday, December 21
4th Sunday of Advent
9:30am - Morning Coffee
10:00am - Sunday School (Adults in Fellowship Hall)
11:00am - Worship Service

Servants

Elder Lock-Up: Sue Maiocchi
Children’s Message This Week: Roxanne Spencer
Children’s Message Next Week: Michelle Walker
Children’s Church This Week: Vickie Ellington
Children’s Church next week: Amelia Caskey
Acolytes This Week: Camryn Lowder & Noah Walker
Acolytes Next Week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend
Nursery: Vickie Ellington
Nursery Next Week: Amelia Caskey
Ushers: Eric Cowan, Mark Goodnight, John Hammond, Tony Hunter
Ushers Next Week: Amy Hurst, Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister
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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