



*Shelbyville*  
First Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Christ The King**  
**November 23, 2025**



*Christ as King of Kings*, a Russian icon from [Murom](#), 1690 [Aleksandr Kazantsev](#)

**Preparation for Worship (Read before service for quiet meditation):**

Worship begins as the people gather--greeting one another, praying in silence, sharing announcements, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

[Book of Order-The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A\) page 90](#)

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Prelude** "Three Chorale Preludes" (Zachau) Dr. Michael Hooper

**Bringing in the Light of Christ** Charleigh Turner

**Welcome and Announcements** Rob Marsh

(Please sign the "Friendship Pad" and make a note if you have a hymn request or information for the Pastor or church office.)

**Introit** "Little Is Much When God Is In It" (Suffield) Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 95: 1-3) Rob Marsh

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

**People: And a great King above all gods.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

**\*Hymn** "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" #551

**\*Indicates standing for those who are able.**



**\*Call to Confession**

**\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations, we confess that we have not seen Your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have neither welcomed the stranger nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, Your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect, we have failed to serve You. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize Your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance, so that we may know we are Your sheep and receive the joy of eternal life, along with You and all the saints in this world and in the world to come, through the name of our beloved Lord Jesus.

(time of silent confession)

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

(from Col. 1:13–14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of evil

People: And claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

**\*Gloria Patri**

# 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

**Anthem**

"I Give Thanks" (Sullivan)

Chancel Choir

**A Time for Young Christians**

(Fifth grade and up, please remain in worship)

David Wood

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Old Testament Reading**

**Joshua 24: 14-24**

Page 216, OT Pew Bible

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 12: 28-38**

Page 49, NT Pew Bible

**Sermon**

"Stewardship Heart of the Christian Life"

David Wood

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (p.14, Hymnal)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Offertory**

"Now Thank We All Our God" (arr. Carter)

Dr. Michael Hooper

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn**

"Let All Things Now Living"

# 554

**\*Benediction**

(Numbers 6:24-26)

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

**\*Benediction Response**

"Jesus, We Just Want To Thank You" (Gaither)

Chancel Choir

**Taking out the Light of Christ**

Charleigh Turner

**\*Postlude**

"Thanksgiving " (Schultz)

Dr. Michael Hooper

## **Gift Fund Requests**

The Church Gift Fund Committee is receiving requests from members of the church, groups and/or committees for disbursements from the Memorial Fund. These requests for funds will **NOT** be used in the everyday operating expenses of the church.

**These requests MUST:**

- ~ Be made in writing and turned into the church office
- ~ Be very specific in purpose and amount
- ~ Have NO more than one request from a particular group or individual

**Each request submitted will be evaluated based on the following guidelines:**

1. To provide furnishing for the church, including worship accouterments, furniture, equipment, decorations, library resources, landscaping or other items to enhance the church, its worship, its work and/or its programs.
2. To respond to special and/or unanticipated opportunities for outreach within or beyond our community.
3. To help provide support for members of our church engaged in the theological education in preparation for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

**The Gift Fund Committee members are:** Bailey Little (Chair), Sarah Natale (Clerk of Session), Helen Garner (Session Member), Kristin Wilhelm (Session Member), Melanie Hamilton (Congregation-at-large) , Richard Smith (Congregation-at-large) , Lori Smith (Mission Chair)

\*\*Need more information, have questions...speak with a committee member or call the church office.

**Request MUST be received by: Wed., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the Worship Service on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of electing a slate of candidates consisting of four Elders and one Trustee to the Class of 2028.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

**It's not too late to turn in your  
Pledge card for 2025**

Pledge cards are extremely helpful when determining the budget for the upcoming year. If you haven't turned one in yet please call or text Lisa to let her know your pledge or there are pledge cards in the back of the sanctuary you can fill out and drop in the offering plate.

**Thank you all for all you do!**



**Angels will be on the Christmas Tree  
in the fellowship hall.**

**Please return UNWRAPPED gifts with the  
Angel attached by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.**



## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

**The Children's Choir will begin practicing  
for their Christmas performance  
THIS SUNDAY, November 23rd,  
from 9:00-9:25a.m. in the Choir Room**

**Special, Special, SPECIAL THANKS  
to our Director of Music, Michael Hooper,  
and Lea Anne Windham  
for stepping up to lead  
our precious children in song.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**  
**Children's Choir will perform  
during the worship service on  
Sunday, December 21st**

# The Poinsettias Are Coming!!!!

*This year, we have ordered twenty poinsettias  
from Jennie Kate Pendergrass's  
FFA students at Siegel High School.*

*The poinsettias are \$12 a piece.*

*If you would like to donate one (or more)*

*in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone,  
please let Kate Canady know how many you would like  
to reserve and the names they are honoring.*

*There are only 20 flowers this year so first come, first served.  
Email Kate at [VolsCan@aol.com](mailto:VolsCan@aol.com) or text her at 703-399-0626.  
Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church.*

## Christmas Potluck

Annual FPC Christmas POTLUCK LUNCH  
sponsored by the Presbyterian Women  
will be held this year on Tuesday,  
**December 7, 2024.**

All are invited to join us after  
worship service in the fellowship hall.  
Bring a main dish, side or dessert,  
Drinks will be provided.

We need Volunteers!

2 Ushers & 1 Hall Monitor

For 4:00pm and 7:00pm

Services on Christmas Eve.

If you would like to volunteer,

Please call or e-mail the church office

(931) 684-6541

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**Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,**

As we continue the search for our next Pastor and discern the future direction of our congregation, we will be using a **Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT)**—an online survey designed to give us a clear picture of our church's strengths, challenges, and priorities. Your participation is essential to this process.

The CAT will provide key indicators of our congregation's vitality and will help the Session identify the leadership qualities most needed in our next Pastor, as well as opportunities for growth within our ministry.

#### **Assessment Process**

##### **Accessing the Assessment:**

During the week of **November 24, 2025**, we will email link to the online survey. Paper copies will be available through the church office, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for those who prefer a printed version.

##### **Completing the Survey:**

The assessment will take approximately **30–45 minutes**. Please set aside adequate time to respond thoughtfully. If your household shares an email address, ensure that **each adult and young adult** completes an **individual** survey, as every person's input is important.

##### **Confidentiality:**

All responses are **strictly anonymous**. There is no mechanism for identifying individual respondents, allowing you to answer with complete honesty.

##### **Timeline:**

The assessment will remain open to be completed at your discretion. **It will close on December 30, 2025**; please complete it by this date.

After the assessment has concluded, the Session will receive the comprehensive "Vital Signs" reports in preparation for our interpretation session, where we will review and discuss the findings.

Your thoughtful participation will greatly assist in shaping the future of First Presbyterian Church. We appreciate your commitment to this important work and ask that you look for the assessment link arriving in your inbox soon.

Sincerely,

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church**  
Shelbyville, Tennessee

*A Donation was made to the  
Greg Garner Memorial Fund  
By Jackie Harold Brown*

*Helen Garner  
David McGee  
Jeremiah Thomas  
c/o Ron Thomas*



*A Donation was made to the  
Greg Garner Memorial Fund by  
Allen & Mary E Haynes  
In Memory of:  
Carolyn Simmons Matusek and  
Margaret Taylor Smith*

## Calendar

### Sunday, November 23, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am  
Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am  
Worship Service 10:00am  
Hanging of the Greens after Worship Service

### Monday, November 24, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

### Tuesday, November 25, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

### Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Chancel Choir 6:00pm

### Thursday, November 27, 2025

Office Closed  
Happy Thanksgiving!

### Friday, November 28, 2025

AA Meeting 1:00pm

### Sunday, November 30, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am  
Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am  
Worship Service 10:00am  
First Sunday of Advent

### Monday, November 24, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm



**November 27**

**Kristin Wilhelm**

**November 29**

**Benjie Canady**

**November 30**

**Doug Treadway**



If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,  
please call the church office at (931)684-6541  
or send an email to [first.pres.church600@gmail.com](mailto:first.pres.church600@gmail.com).



**LCDR Andy Canady (Member)**

**Airman Chase Blanton (Member)**

**Airman Caleb Fletcher (Grandson of Susan Spears)**

**Pvt. Oscar Taylor Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew**

**Airman Anna Powell (Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)**

**Those in Military Service and their families.**

**Those who are serving abroad and at home.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**Frieda Bone (Member)**

**Mary Brown (Member)**

**Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)**

**Patricia Farrar (Daughter of Pat Thompson)**

**Carol Filczer (Sister of Angie/Church Secretary)**

**Bill Garner (Brother-in-law of Helen Garner)**

**Cliff Garrard (Member)**

**Alan Gill (Brother In Law of Belinda Craig)**

**Emily Hall (Daughter of Dr. Carol Magnusson)**

**Edwin Holcombe (Member)**

**Fred Hunt (Member)**

**JD Idso (Deann Idso's Son)**

**Mike Jenne (Raychelle Flannagan's Brother In-Law)**

**Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)**

**Tony Matusek (Member)**

**Mary Helen Maupin (Former Member)**

**Chris & Savanna Morton (Family & Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)**

**Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)**

**Barbara Singleton (Member)**

**Bill & Pat Singleton (Friend of Cathy Haithcote)**

**Barbara Steinke (Member)**

**Jeremiah Thomas (Grandson of Pat Thomas)**

**Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)**

**Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family/Friend)**

# ♥ SERVERS ♥

## Sunday, November 23, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
<b>Brent Canady</b>	<b>David Wood</b>	<b>Bea Marsh</b>
<b>James &amp; Lori Smith</b>	Hall Monitor	Nursery
<b>Charlotte Williams</b>	<b>Roy Turner</b>	<b>Lisa Turner</b>
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
<b>Rob Marsh</b>	<b>Charleigh Turner</b>	

## Sunday, November 30, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
<b>Bailey &amp; Trena Little</b>	<b>Connie Crafton</b>	<b>MA Higgs</b>
<b>Pat Marsh</b>	Hall Monitor	Nursery
<b>Pat Thomas</b>	<b>Willie Snell</b>	<b>Raychelle Flannagan</b>
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
<b>Kate Canady</b>	<b>Mary Ruth Marsh</b>	

## Sunday, December 07, 2025

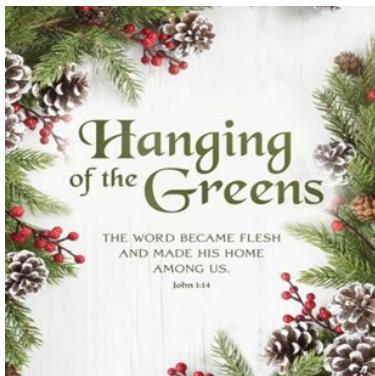
Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
<b>Nancy June Brandon</b>	<b>Kate Canady</b>	<b>Bea Marsh</b>
<b>Helen Garner</b>	Hall Monitor	Nursery
<b>Terry &amp; Ginny Saylor</b>	<b>James Smith</b>	<b>Christy Jensen</b>
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
<b>Brent Canady</b>		
Communion Prep:	<b>Richard &amp; Kristin Wilhelm</b>	
Communion Servers:	<b>Mary Brown, Belinda Craig</b>	
	<b>Jim Ikard, Sarah Natale, James Smith</b>	

## Sunday, December 14, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
<b>Melanie Hamilton</b>	<b>Connie Crafton</b>	<b>Katherine Marsh</b>
<b>Rob Marsh</b>	Hall Monitor	Nursery
<b>Roy &amp; Lisa Turner</b>	<b>Raychelle Flannagan</b>	<b>Bea Marsh</b>
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
<b>Jim Ikard</b>		



If you know of someone that is homebound and they would like to receive communion. Please contact the church office.



## **"Hanging of the Greens"**

Please join us immediately following the Worship Service on November 23<sup>rd</sup> for the

**"Hanging of the Greens"**  
as we prepare the sanctuary for the coming Advent Season.  
Many hands make light work!!