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This  
**2026**

"May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy  
and peace as you  
trust in him."



Romans 15:13

# Anchor Links

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Thank you   
for being the  
HANDS & FEET  
of Jesus  




Our youth group studied the book of James this fall and a verse jumped out at them so we looked for a way to put it in action. For their Christmas service project, they created baskets of goodies for some very special people. Special shout out to Walker, Maddie, Landon, Sara, and Hudson....

They discovered that truly seeing someone and letting them know that they are seen and loved....  
Is being the hands and feet of Christ.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 3 Sydnee Carvell  
 Jan 5 Jennie Kate Pendergrass  
 Jan 5 Jim Singleton  
 Jan 6 Allen Haynes  
 Jan 6 Ben Craig  
 Jan 6 Mary Gore  
 Jan 6 Pat Marsh  
 Jan 7 Abby Hittle  
 Jan 12 Kathy Smith  
 Jan 13 Lisa Turner  
 Jan 16 Candyce Magee  
 Jan 19 Gavin Segroves  
 Jan 19 Kyle Segroves  
 Jan 19 Walker Marsh  
 Jan 23 Mike Bone  
 Jan 23 Phillip Frisby  
 Jan 25 Paul Haradon  
 Jan 26 Diane Green  
 Jan 26 Holt Parsons




*Happy  
Anniversary*  
*January 7<sup>th</sup>*  
*Pat & Mary Marsh*

## Committee Meetings

### Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm

### Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15pm

### Mission Committee

Monday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

### Faith Development Committee

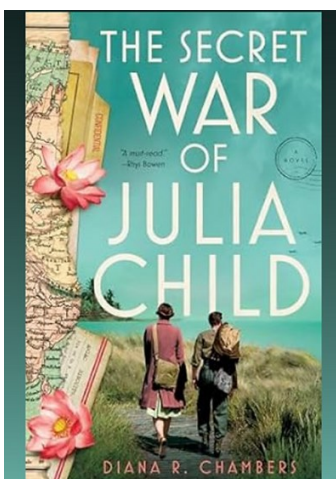
Monday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

### PW Bible Study & Fellowship

Tuesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am  
 (Skipping to Lesson 7)

### Session

Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm



The next Book Club  
 is meeting  
 on Friday, Jan. 30th,  
 at FPC 9:30AM  
 They will be discussing

"The Secret War  
 of Julia Child"

By: Diana R. Chambers



Bring your  
 Good Sam Donations  
 on Sunday,  
 January 11<sup>th</sup>.

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Jan 01 Office Closed  
 Jan 02 AA Meeting 1:00pm  
 Jan 04 NO Sunday School  
 Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am  
 Worship Service 10:00am  
 "Un-Decorate" Church following Worship  
 Jan 05 Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm  
 Jan 06 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm  
 Pastoral Care Meeting 1:00pm  
 AA Meeting 7:00pm  
 Jan 07 Chancel Choir 6:00pm  
 Jan 08 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm  
 Music & Worship Meeting 5:15pm  
 AA Meeting 7:00pm  
 Jan 09 AA Meeting 1:00pm  
 Jan 11 Sunday School 9:00am  
 Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am  
 Worship Service 10:00am  
 Bring your Good Sam Donations  
 Jan 12 Mission Meeting 5:30pm  
 Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm  
 Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm  
 Jan 13 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm  
 PW Study & Fellowship 10:00am  
 AA Meeting 7:00pm  
 Jan 14 Chancel Choir 6:00pm  
 Jan 15 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm  
 AA Meeting 7:00pm  
 Jan 16 AA Meeting 1:00pm  
 Jan 18 Sunday School 9:00am  
 Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am  
 Worship Service 10:00am  
 Jan 19 Session Meeting 5:30pm  
 Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm  
 Jan 20 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm  
 AA Meeting 7:00pm  
 Jan 21 Chancel Choir 6:00pm  
 Jan 22 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm  
 AA Meeting 7:00pm  
 Jan 23 AA Meeting 1:00pm  
 Jan 25 Sunday School 9:00am  
 Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am  
 Worship Service 10:00am  
 Jan 26 Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm  
 Jan 27 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm  
 AA Meeting 7:00pm  
 Jan 28 Blood Drive 10:00am-4:00pm  
 Chancel Choir 6:00pm  
 Jan 29 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm  
 AA Meeting 7:00pm  
 Jan 30 Book Club Meeting at FPC 9:30am  
 AA Meeting 1:00pm



Please help UN-DECORATE  
 the church on Sunday, Jan. 4th  
 following Worship Service.  
 Many hands make light work!

**The Children and Adult Sunday School classes will NOT meet this Sunday, January 4. We will continue with our doughnuts and coffee during the Sunday School hour and invite everyone to this time of fellowship beginning at 9:00 AM.**

**(The Youth Breakfast Club will still meet as planned for their Sunday School time at the Coffee Break, 9:00 AM)**

**The Children and Adult classes will resume on January 11th.**



**The Christmas packing of the backpacks was done at Edgemont Baptist Church. Thank you, Richard Smith!**

**Packing of the Backpacks in March will be held in First Presbyterian Church.**





The Second Sunday of Advent began with one of our sweet families lighting our advent wreath. The word for the second Sunday is Peace.



## Christmas Potluck



Following our worship service, we had a wonderful potluck lunch hosted by the Presbyterian Women. Food and Fellowship are good for the soul.







# Presbyterian Women Christmas Party



**The Presbyterian Women  
held their annual Christmas Party  
at the home of Kate and Brent Canady.**







**“Country Christmas”  
Theme dinner**



**followed by a  
“Dirty Santa” gift exchange.**







**The shrieks of laughter that ensued  
was good for the soul.  
Thanks be to God for this church family!**

**“When we gather with  
friends and family,  
laughter often abounds,  
serving to  
strengthen our bonds.”**





# Children's Church



On December 14, Children's church was devoted to what has become an annual Christmas event, that of choosing items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Each year at the time of Mission Committee's disbursement of benevolences, \$500 is set aside for the younger children to be part of the mission experience of First Presbyterian Church. We conversed about what Matthew 25 says and what it means to be a mission focused church.



This year the 4 youngsters present, thoughtfully chose a sewing machine, rabbits and a hutch, a pair of goats, chickens, a fishing kit, farming tools and a bag of Moringa tree seeds which are fast growing, drought resistant trees whose leaves are a good source of protein and other nutrients. Each item was discussed as to how it could help recipients become self sufficient and healthy.





# First Presbyterian Church Advent Celebration



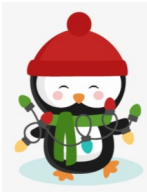
January 28, 2026 begins our year for quarterly blood donation days. Hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. in the fellowship hall of our church. Appointments can be made on line is by going to [Redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) and clicking on Make an Appointment. Each pint of blood can be utilized by 3 individuals and is as always of great need. Our own Mary Brown, a multi gallon donor who because of health issues was unable to donate for over a year, is back on the donor list. She has issued a challenge to us and our friends to make an appointment to donate life saving blood. If you would like to help set up the room on Wednesday morning feel free to show up around 8:45 or if you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours at the "canteen" contact Melanie Hamilton.







**PARENT'S DAY OUT  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**





## Parent's Day Out



## Sweets with Santa



## Children's Choir Christmas Performance

During the worship service on Sunday, December 21st.

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







Ushers/Greeters  
**Tommy Anderton**  
**Frieda Bone**  
**Brend Canady**  
**Michal Dobson**

Lay Liturgist  
**Kate Canady**  
 Communion Prep:  
 Communion Servers

Visiting Minister

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
 A Time for Young Christians  
**Kate Canady**  
 Hall Monitor  
**Carrie Hooper**

Acolyte

**Adrian Segroves, Pat Thomas**  
**Linda Anderton, Mary Brown, Sarah Natale**  
**James Smith, LeaAnne Windham**  
**Reverend Carrie Fraser**

Children's Church  
**Bea Marsh**  
 Nursery  
**Mary Marsh**

Flowers

Ushers/Greeters  
**Helen Garner**  
**Melanie Hamilton**  
**Carrie Hooper**  
**Pat Marsh**

Lay Liturgist  
**Jim Ikard**  
 Visiting Minister

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**  
 A Time for Young Christians  
**Connie Crafton**  
 Hall Monitor  
**John Marsh**

Acolyte

**Reverend Micah Watson**

Children's Church  
**Carrie Hooper**  
 Nursery  
**Debby Snell**

Flowers

Ushers/Greeters  
**Jim & Cathy Ikard**  
**Sarah Natale**  
**Ginny Saylor**  
 Lay Liturgist  
**Pat Marsh**  
 Visiting Minister

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
 A Time for Young Christians  
**Kate Canady**  
 Hall Monitor  
**Kathy Smith**  
 Acolyte

**Dr. Reverend Gary Kelly**

Children's Church  
**Bea Marsh**  
 Nursery  
**Carrie Hooper**  
 Flowers

Ushers/Greeters  
**Bailey & Trena Little**  
**Kathy Smith**  
**Debby Snell**  
 Lay Liturgist  
**Sarah Natale**  
 Visiting Minister

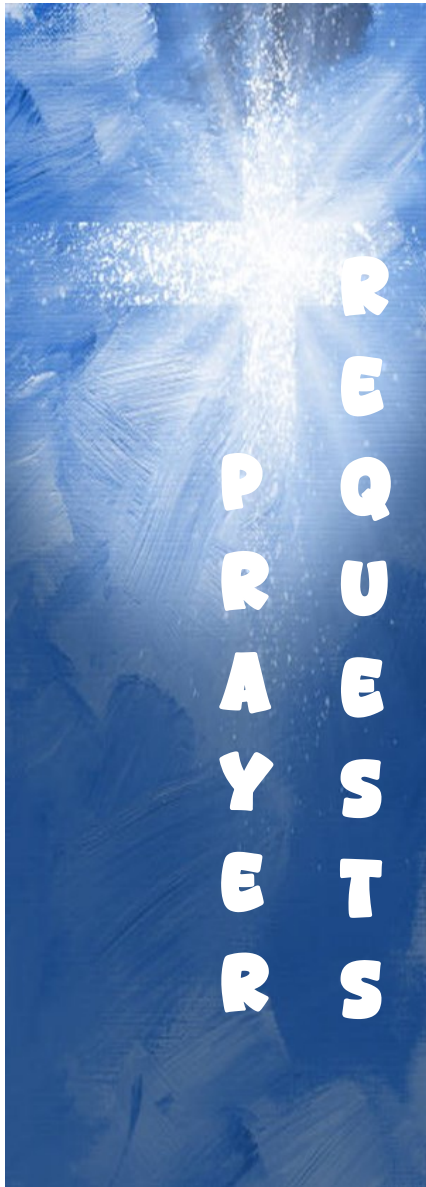
**Sunday, January 25, 2026**  
 A Time for Young Christians  
**Connie Crafton**  
 Hall Monitor  
**Lisa Turner**  
 Acolyte

Children's Church  
**Carrie Hooper**  
 Nursery  
**Bea Marsh**  
 Flowers



**Congratulations to one of our  
 First Prez Little Kids for  
 winning First Place in the  
 DREMC Coloring Contest!!!!**





**Family of John "JL" Luther Barker** (Raychelle Flannagan's Father)  
**Frieda Bone** (Member)  
**Mary Brown** (Member)  
**Louis & Olivia Calvo** (Friends of James Smith)  
**Kay Dennis** (Friend of Jim & Cathy Ikard)  
**Patricia Farrar** (Daughter of Pat Thompson)  
**Carol Filczer** (Angie's Sister/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)  
**Cathy Ikard** (Member)  
**Mike Jenne** (Raychelle Flannagan's Brother In-Law)  
**Anna Kaiser** (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)  
**Tony Matusek** (Member)  
**Chris & Savanna Morton** (Family & Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)  
**Joe Powell** (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)  
**Ginny Saylor** (Member)  
**Barbara Singleton** (Member)  
**Bill & Pat Singleton** (Friend of Cathy Haithcote)  
**Baker Smith** (Son of Lauren & Gage Smith/Grandson of Kathy & Richard Smith)  
**Family & Friends of Barbara Steinke** (Member)  
**Jeremiah Thomas** (Grandson of Pat Thomas)  
**Bob Wilson** (Friend of Susan Spears)  
**Kaemey Young** (Daughter of Turner Family/Friend)



**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 who are serving abroad  
 and at home.  
 Those in Military Service  
 and their families.





*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*

*A Donation was made to the  
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By Jackie Harold Brown  
In Honor Of:  
Helen Garner  
David McGee  
Jeremiah Thomas  
c/o Ron Thomas*

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## FPC Staff

**Dr. Michael Hooper**  
Minister of Music

**Angie Atanacio**  
Church Secretary

**Teresa Phillips**  
Parents' Day Out Director



Congratulations to Linda Gerard for being named the "2025 Member of the Year" by the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association. Congratulations Linda!!!



**WORSHIP**  
EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM

## SESSION

### Class of 2026

Linda Anderton, Belinda Craig,  
Mike Matussek, Richard Smith

### Class of 2027

Kate Canady, Aaron Crafton,  
Sarah Natale, James Smith

### Class of 2028

Joel Haithcote, Christy Jensen,  
Rob Marsh, Willie Snell

## TRUSTEES

### Class of 2026

Kathy Smith

### Class of 2027

Pat Thomas

### Class of 2028

Brent Canady

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