



**Service for the Lord's Day  
With Holy Communion  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2025**



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

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6-7 KJV

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Prelude**

"My Soul Cries Out With A Joyful Shout" (arr. Looney)

Dr. Michael Hooper

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Brent Canady

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

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

John, Bea, Mary Ruth

**Liturgy of the Peace Candle**

Evie, & Lowry Marsh

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-11

**Introit**

"Two Candles Are Lit" (Kirkpatrick)

Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Worship** (from Luke 1:68-69, 78-79)

Brent Canady

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for the Lord has looked favorably on the Lord's people and redeemed them.

People: **He has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the house of His servant David.**

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

People: **To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,**

Leader: To guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: **Let us praise our Redeemer and Prince of Peace in song and worship.**

**\*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**

"Prepare The Way"

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



## **\*Call to Confession**

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

Holy Savior, You are coming in power to bring all nations under Your rule. But who can endure the day of Your coming? We confess You as Lord, yet our paths remain crooked; our ways, rough. Show us the tender mercy of our God. Break in upon us from Your holy heights. Refine us with the fire of Your Spirit, that we may live as people of light, walk in ways of peace, and do works of love, to Your glory and praise, through our Lord and Savior Jesus.

(time of silent confession)

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

(from Romans 3:24-26)

Leader: Paul writes about us sinners: "They are now justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood, effective through faith.

**People: He did this to show his righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over the sins previously committed;**

Leader: It was to prove at the present time that He Himself is righteous and that He justifies the one who has faith in Jesus."

**All: My friends, believe the good news, through our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### **\*All Sing**

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel. Amen.

### **Anthem**

"An Invitation For Advent" (arr. Nolan)

Chancel Choir

### **A Time for Young Christians**

(Fifth grade and up, please remain in worship)

Kate Canady

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 45: 1-8**

Page 42, OT Pew Bible

#### **Gospel Reading**

**Luke 8: 40-56**

Pages 68-69 , NT Pew Bible

#### **Sermon**

"Punctuation Saves Lives!"

Rev. Paul Casner

### **\*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**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (arr. Hayes)

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**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to The Lord's Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.*

**Words of Institution**

(Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn**

"People Look East"

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**\*Benediction**

(Philippians 4: 7)

**And the peace of God that transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**\*Benediction Response**

"Emmanuel" (McGee)

Chancel Choir

**Taking out the Light of Christ**

**Postlude**

"Like A Child" (Damon)

Dr. Michael Hooper

**There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the  
Worship Service this Sunday, December 7th for the purpose of  
electing the slate of candidates for the Class of 2028  
selected by the Officer Nominating Committee.**

**The slate of candidates are:**

**Joel Haithcote (Elder), Christy Jensen (Elder), Rob Marsh (Elder),  
Willie Snell (Elder), and Brent Canady (Trustee)**



ALL THE ANGELS ARE TAKEN!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Your support helps bring smiles to children's faces and creates magical Christmas memories for them and their parents

Please return UNWRAPPED gifts with  
The Angel attached by December 7th



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  
Church office (931) 684-6541  
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Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

## Reminder

Youth Group will meet immediately  
following the potluck lunch  
on Sunday, December 7th  
to complete their service project.

## 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!



Time, Talents & Service Commitments for 2026

If you have not filled one out yet, Please do so.

They are in the back of the Sanctuary.

Thank you very much for your service  
in His name!





## **Christmas Potluck**

The annual FPC Christmas POTLUCK LUNCH  
sponsored by the Presbyterian Women  
will be held this year on Sunday,  
**December 7, 2025.**


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

## **Presbyterian Women Christmas Party**

The PW Christmas party will be held  
at the home of Kate Canady  
on Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Dinner will be provided. No reservations necessary.

Please bring a \$20-\$25 gift  
for Dirty Santa exchange.  
Carpooling is suggested.



## **Children's Choir Christmas Performance**

Mark your calendars to see them perform  
During the worship service on Sunday, December 21st.

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.





**November 30, 2025** (Sunday) 1st Sunday of Advent “Hope”

10:00am Worship Service

**December 7, 2025** (Sunday) 2nd Sunday of Advent “Peace”

10:00am Worship Service.

Annual FPC Christmas Lunch after worship service.

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women.

Bring a main dish, side or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

**December 9, 2025** (Tuesday)

Presbyterian Women Christmas Party

6:00PM - Held at the home of Kate Canady, dinner will be provided.

Bring \$20-\$25 gift for dirty Santa exchange.

No reservations required.

**December 14, 2025** (Sunday) 3rd Sunday of Advent “Joy”

10:00am Worship Service

**December 21, 2025** (Sunday) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent “Love”

10:00am Our Special Christmas in Music Sunday led by our

Director of Music Dr. Michael Hooper and featuring our

Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Children’s Choir.

Special Christmas Joy Offering

**December 24, 2024** (Wednesday)

4:00pm Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Worship Service.

This will be a sweet and simple service lasting no longer than 40 minutes.

Perfect for those who do not like to drive after dark or

families with young children.

7:00pm Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion Service.

**December 28, 2024** (Sunday) 10:00am Hymn Sing Sunday

Please don’t hesitate to contact the church office with any questions.



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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



## Calendar

### Sunday, December 07, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am  
Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am  
Worship Service 10:00am  
Congregational Meeting right after Worship Service  
Annual FPC Christmas Lunch after Worship Service  
Angel Tree Gifts are due back  
2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace

### Monday, December 08, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

### Tuesday, December 09, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm  
PW Christmas Party 6:00pm (Kate Canady's Home)

### Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Chancel Choir 6:00pm

### Thursday, December 11, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

### Friday, December 12, 2025

AA Meeting 5:00pm

### Sunday, December 14, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am  
Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am  
Worship Service 10:00am  
Bring Your Good Sam Donations  
3rd Day of Advent - Joy



**December 08**

**Anna Marsh**

**December 08**

**Pat Lemmon**

**December 12**

**Gray Turner**



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.**



**Frieda Bone** (Member)

**Mary Brown** (Member)

**Kay Dennis** (Friend of the 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)

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

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

**Tony Matussek** (Member)

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

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

**Baker Smith** (Son of Lauren & Gage Smith/Grandson of Kathy & Richard Smith)

**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)





**Sunday, December 7, 2025 "Peace"**

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
<b>Nancy June Brandon</b>	<b>Kate Canady</b>	<b>Katherine 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: <b>Brent Canady</b>		
Advent Readers: <b>John, Bea, Mary Ruth, Evie, &amp; Lowry Marsh</b>		
Communion Prep: <b>Richard &amp; Kristin Wilhelm</b>		
Communion Servers: <b>Mary Brown, Belinda Craig, Jim Ikard, Sarah Natale, James Smith</b>		

**Sunday, December 14, 2025 "Joy"**

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

**Sunday, December 21, 2025 "Love"**

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
<b>Michal Dobson</b>	<b>Kate Canady</b>	<b>Christy Jensen</b>
<b>James &amp; Lori Smith</b>	Hall Monitor	Nursery
<b>Charlotte Williams</b>	<b>Ginny Saylor</b>	<b>Debby Snell</b>
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Advent Readers
<b>Pat Marsh</b>		<b>Michael &amp; Carrie Hooper</b>

**Tuesday, December 24, 2025 4:00pm - Lessons & Carols Service**

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Nursery
	<b>Kate Canady</b>	
	Hall Monitor	

Advent Readers: **Roy, Lisa, Grey, & Benjamin Turner**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2025 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Service**

Ushers/Greeters	Hall Monitor	Nursery
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Communion Prep: **Pat Thompson & Brooke Anne Farrar**  
 Communion Servers: **Kate Canady & James Smith**  
 Advent Readers: **Willie & Debby Snell**



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