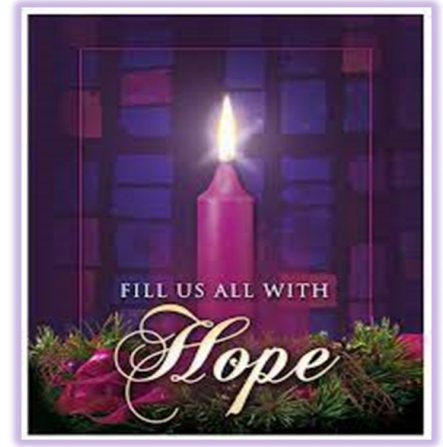




Service for the Lord's Day
1st Sunday of Advent
Hope
November 30, 2025



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

What is Advent?

Advent is the season of the church of preparation and anticipation for the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas, and also looks forward to his second coming. It is a four-week period with traditions including lighting candles on an Advent wreath, singing, and prayer. The liturgical color for Advent is typically purple, with pink used on the third Sunday to signify joy.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"My Soul In Stillness Waits" (Haugen)

Dr. Michael Hooper

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Mary Ruth Marsh

Welcome and Announcements

Kate 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

Tommy & Linda Anderton

Liturgy of the Hope Candle

Scripture: Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-9

Introit

"One Candle Is Lit" (Kirkpatrick)

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** (Romans 13:11–12, Mark 13:31, Jeremiah 33:14)

Kate Canady

Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near! The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

People: Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of God endures forever.

Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming,

People: When I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

All: Let us praise our Lord and God in song.

***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**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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



***Call to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of the future, You are coming in power to bring all things under Your rule. We confess that we often live for the moment and demand immediate gratification. We confess that we have not expected Your kingdom. We stand judged by You, O God, for we have been slow to serve You, selfish not to love You with all we are, and stingy not to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Forgive us, for the sake of Your faithful Servant Jesus, our Savior, Whose coming in triumph we eagerly await.

(time of silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

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.

***Gloria Patri**

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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

"There's A Song In The Air" (arr. Martin)

Chancel Choir

A Time for Young Christians

(Fifth grade and up, please remain in worship)

Connie Crafton

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
Gospel Reading**

**Deuteronomy 8: 7-18
Luke 17: 11-19**

Page 165, OT Pew Bible
Page 80, NT Pew Bible

Sermon

"Gratitude"

Rev. Jeannie Hunter

***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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (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**

***Hymn**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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***Benediction**

(1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24)

May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One Who calls you is faithful, and He will do this.

***Benediction Response**

"Now The Heavens Start To Whisper" (Johnson)

Chancel Choir

Taking out the Light of Christ

Mary Ruth Marsh

***Postlude**

"Come Now, O Prince Of Peace" (Lee)

Dr. Michael Hooper

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



ANGELS ARE STILL WAITING!
We still have several Angels on the Christmas Tree in the fellowship hall. Please grab a tag so we have enough time to ensure every child receives their gift. Your generosity ensures these kids feel seen and celebrated this holiday season. Please return UNWRAPPED gifts with the Angel attached by Dec. 7th.



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 or text her at 703-399-0626. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church.

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!



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 9th 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) 4th 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



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
First.pres.church600@gmail.com

Calendar

Sunday, November 30, 2025

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

Monday, December 01, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 02, 2025

Pastoral Care Meeting 1:30pm
AA Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 03, 2025

Chancel Choir 6:00pm

Thursday, December 04, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, December 05, 2025

AA Meeting 1:00pm

Sunday, December 07, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am
Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am
Church Christmas Lunch after Worship Service
Angel Tree Gifts are due back

Monday, December 08, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm



November 30

Doug Treadway

December 08

Anna Marsh

December 08

Pat Lemmon



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.



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 (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)



Sunday, November 30, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Bailey & Trena Little
Pat Marsh
Pat Thomas
 Lay Liturgist
Kate Canady

A Time for Young Christians
Connie Crafton
 Hall Monitor
Willie Snell
 Acolyte
Mary Ruth Marsh

Children's Church
MA Higgs
 Nursery
Raychelle Flannagan
 Advent Readers
Tommy & Linda Anderton

Sunday, December 07, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Nancy June Brandon
Helen Garner
Terry & Ginny Saylor
 Lay Liturgist
Brent Canady

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
James Smith
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Katherine Marsh
 Nursery
Christy Jensen
 Advent Readers
John, Bea, Mary Ruth,
Evie, & Lowry Marsh

Communion Prep:
 Communion Servers:

Richard & Kristin Wilhelm
Mary Brown, Belinda Craig
Jim Ikard, Sarah Natale, James Smith

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Melanie Hamilton
Rob Marsh
Roy & Lisa Turner
 Lay Liturgist
Jim Ikard

A Time for Young Christians
Connie Crafton
 Hall Monitor
Raychelle Flannagan
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Katherine Marsh
 Nursery
Bea Marsh
 Advent Readers
Terry & Ginny Saylor

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Michal Dobson
James & Lori Smith
Charlotte Williams
 Lay Liturgist
Pat Marsh

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
Ginny Saylor
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Christy Jensen
 Nursery
Debby Snell
 Advent Readers
Michael & Carrie Hooper



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