



**Service for the Lord's Day
1st Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 2025**



Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Meditation: Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine" (arr.Martin) Dr. Michael Hooper

Bringing in the Light of Christ Evie Marsh

Welcome and Announcements Charlotte Williams

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and make a note if you have information you would like to share with or a question you have for the church office.)

***Call to Worship** (Isaiah 43:18-19; Psalm 136:26)

Leader: Forget the former things; Do not dwell in the past

People: See, the Lord is doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you perceive it?

All: Give thanks to the God of Heaven. His love endures forever.

***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 Introduction

Hymn "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" # 38

Hymn Introduction

Hymn "Silent Night" # 60

Hymn Introduction

Hymn "The First Nowell" # 56
Verses 1-2

Hymn Introduction

***Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 23

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



***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's 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

“Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)” (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

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.

***Hymn**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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***Benediction**

Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Taking out the Light of Christ

Evie Marsh

*Postlude

“Sing We Now Of Christmas” (arr. Wetzel)

Dr. Michael Hooper



It's not too late to turn in your Pledge card for 2026

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!**

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**Make a joyful noise
to God,
all the earth;
sing the glory
of His name;
give to Him
glorious praise!**

Psalm 66: 1-2



Blood Drive January 28th 10:00am – 4:00pm

It is Blood Drive Time!

Please consider giving a pint as the need is great.

The blood supply continues to be at a critical low.

If you would like to volunteer to help the day of

Please contact Melanie Hamilton.

To make an appointment call the church office,
go to redcrossblood.org Shelbyville Community FPC,
or call (800) 733-2767.



**Please help UN-DECORATE the church
on Sunday, January 4th
following worship service.**

Many hands make light work!



During the coldest days of the year, we can make a difference in the lives of our vulnerable friends on the street.

The Dangerous Weather Warming Shelter
needs our help now to protect people from exposure-related injuries and death.

Please bring any of the following items (new or gently used) for collection to the designated table in Fellowship Hall by January 4th:

Coats	Gloves	Socks
Winter Hats	Hooded Sweatshirts	



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 28, 2025

No Sunday School

No Youth Breakfast Club

Hymn Sing Worship Service 10:00am

Monday, December 29, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Office Closed

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Office Closed

Friday, January 2, 2026

Office Closed

AA Meeting 1:00pm

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Sunday School 9:00am

Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Un-Decorate Church following

Worship Service

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Family of John "JL" Luther Barker (Raychelle Flannagan's Father)

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)

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)

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 in Military Service and their families.

Those who are serving abroad and at home.

December 28 Eleanor Stimpson

December 31 Ellen Treadway

January 03 Sydnee Carvell



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.



Ushers/Greeters
Tommy Anderton
Frieda Bone
Brend Canady
Michal Dobson
Lay Liturgist
Kate Canady
Communion Prep:
Communion Servers

Visiting Minister

**Ushers/Greeters
Helen Garner
Melanie Hamilton
Carrie Hooper
Pat Marsh
Lay Liturgist
Jim Ikard
Visiting Minister**

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

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

Sunday, January 4, 2026

A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Kate Canady	Bea Marsh
Hall Monitor	Nursery
Carrie Hooper	Mary Marsh

Acolyte Flowers

**Linda Anderton, Mary Brown, Sarah Natale
James Smith, LeaAnne Windham
Reverend Carrie Fraser**

Sunday, January 11, 2026

A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Connie Crafton	Carrie Hooper
Hall Monitor	Nursery
John Marsh	Debby Snell

Acolyte Flowers

Sunday, January 18, 2026

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A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Kate Canady	Bea Marsh
Hall Monitor	Nursery
Kathy Smith	Carrie Hooper
Acolyte	Flowers

Dr. Reverend Gary Kelly

Sunday, January 25, 2026

A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Connie Crafton	Carrie Hooper
Hall Monitor	Nursery
Lisa Turner	Bea Marsh
Acolyte	Flowers

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