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# Anchor Links

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## "Hanging of the Greens"

The Worship and Music Committee thanks everyone who participated in the Hanging of the Greens.  
Many hands really do make light work.







## **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.



**ANGEL TREE Sponsored by Presbyterian Women**  
We still have a few 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.



**Time, Talents and 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!

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!**

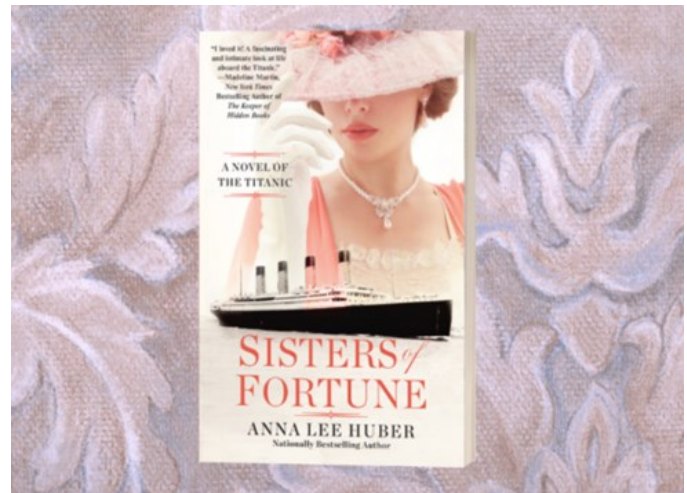


**Bring your Good Samaritan Donations on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.**



# Happy Birthday

Dec 08	Anna Marsh
Dec 08	Pat Lemmon
Dec 12	Gray Turner
Dec 16	Christy Jensen
Dec 16	Tony Matussek
Dec 17	Emily Anne Windham
Dec 18	Edwin Holcombe
Dec 18	Robert Windham
Dec 20	Mary Marsh
Dec 21	Dana Edwards
Dec 21	Lewis Obenchain
Dec 21	Michal Dobson
Dec 23	Karisa Matussek
Dec 26	Sara Flannagan
Dec 27	Blair Turner
Dec 28	Eleanor Stimpson
Dec 31	Ellen Treadway



For the month of November & December  
The Book Club is meeting on Monday, Dec. 5th,  
At the Bell Buckle Café at 10:45AM  
They will be discussing "Sisters of Fortune"

By: Anna Lee Huber



Mike & Karisa Matussek



Linda & Cliff Garrard



**5 cents-a-meal**  
donation is coming up on  
Sunday, December 21st



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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.

When you are completing this survey, you will find that there are questions about our "current" pastor and since we don't have one of those, you might want to consider answering one of the following two ways. Either answer the questions thinking about our most recent pastor, or, you can use the "Don't Know" option if there is one. Hopefully, this will still provide valuable insights for our upcoming search for our next pastor.

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



# Committee Meetings

**Pastoral Care Committee**

Tuesday, December 2nd @ 1:30pm

**Session Meeting**

Monday, December 15th @ 5:30pm

**Worship & Music Committee**

Thursday, January 8th @ 5:15pm

**Mission Committee**

Monday, January 12th @ 5:30pm

**Faith Development Committee**

Monday, January 12th @ 6:00pm

**PW Bible Study & Fellowship**

Monday, January 13th @ 10:00am  
(Skipping to Lesson 7)



## Reminder

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



# Friendsgiving

Our Big Kids celebrated their own Friendsgiving, Sunday night  
with friends, family, and FOOD.....the kind you have at a tailgate....  
Sunday Fun Day Food!!!

Sorry....not a lot of pictures....  
we were too busy making memories.

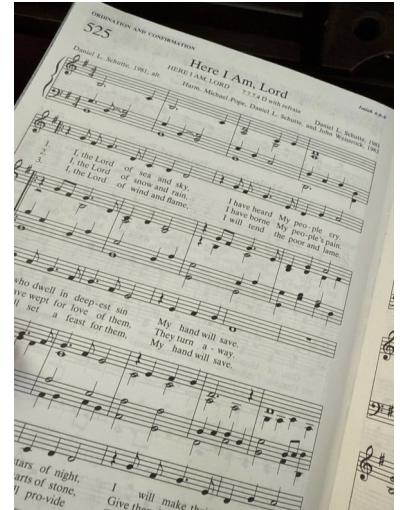
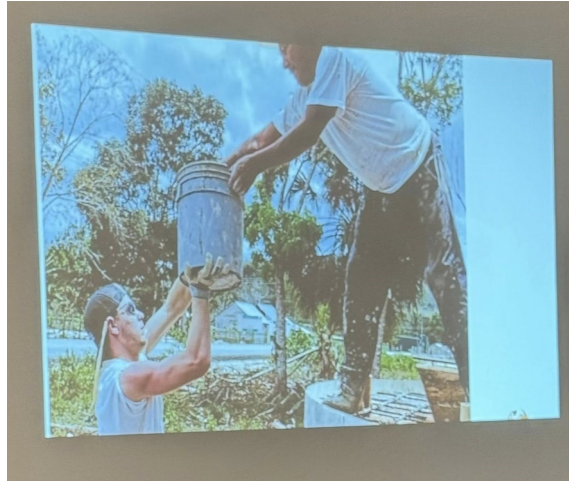


FYI....give kids a bunch  
of colored solo cups and  
they will be quite content





As one member of our congregation was overheard saying, “Today I went to CHURCH!” After a wonderful worship service full of music from our Bell Choir and our Adult Choir and led by the always inspiring Reverend Dr. Mark Mueller, our Mission Committee invited the congregation to a Soup and Sandwich lunch. Following lunch, we were given the opportunity to hear more from Dr. Mueller and the work done by The Outreach Foundation.



Jesus IS at work in this world.  
Acts 1:8 “...and you will be my witnesses  
in Jerusalem, and in all of Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.”







# DECEMBER



Dec 01	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm	Dec 16	AA Meeting 7:00pm
Dec 02	Pastoral Care Meeting 1:30pm AA Meeting 7:00pm	Dec 17	Work Day for Parent's Day Out Chancel Choir 6:00pm
Dec 03	Cancel Choir 6:00pm	Dec 18	Parent's Day Out Open House - Sweets for Santa AA Meeting 7:00pm
Dec 04	AA Meeting 7:00pm	Dec 19	AA Meeting 1:00pm
Dec 05	AA Meeting 1:00pm	Dec 21	Sunday School 9:00am Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am Our Special Christmas in Music 10:00am Special Christmas Joy Offering Bring your 5-cents-a-meal donations
Dec 07	Sunday School 9:00am Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Annual FPC Christmas Lunch after Worship Service Angel Tree Gifts are due back	Dec 22	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
Dec 08	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm	Dec 23	AA Meeting 7:00pm
Dec 09	PW Christmas Party 6:00pm (Kate Canady's Home)	Dec 24	Lessons and Carols Worship Service 4:00pm Candlelight Service with Communion 7:00pm Office Closed
Dec 10	Chancel Choir 6:00pm	Dec 25	Merry Christmas! Office Closed
Dec 11	AA Meeting 7:00pm	Dec 26	Office Closed AA Meeting 1:00pm
Dec 12	AA Meeting 1:00pm	Dec 28	Hymn Sing Sunday Service 10:00am
Dec 14	Sunday School 9:00am Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Bring Your Good Sam Donations	Dec 29	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
Dec 15	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm Session Meeting 5:30pm	Dec 30	AA Meeting 7:00pm
		Dec 31	Chancel Choir 6:00pm





**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.



# **SERVERS**

## 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>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	Advent Reader
<b>Jim Ikard</b>		<b>Terry &amp; Ginny Saylor</b>

## Sunday, December 21, 2025 "Love" & "Special Music"

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**

## Sunday, December 28, 2025 "Hymn Sing Sunday"

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
<b>Nancy June Brandon</b>	<b>Hymn Sing</b>	<b>Katherine Marsh</b>
<b>Helen Garner</b>	Hall Monitor	Nursery
<b>Terry &amp; Ginny Saylor</b>	<b>Jim Ikard</b>	<b>Raychelle Flannagan</b>





**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.**

**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 Matussek** (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)



**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**

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## FPC Staff

**Dr. Michael Hooper**

Director of Music

**Angie Atanacio**

Church Secretary

**Teresa Phillips**

Parents' Day Out Director



Some of our First Prez-Shelbyville kids showing off their Thankful Tree which they worked on during Sunday School.

We, adults, are thankful for these children, the parents who share them with us, and the teachers who share their



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

## SESSION

### Class of 2025

Mary Brown, Jim Ikard  
John Marsh, LeaAnne Windham

### Class of 2026

Linda Anderton, Belinda Craig,  
Mike Matussek, Richard Smith

### Class of 2027

Kate Canady, Aaron Crafton,  
Sarah Natale, James Smith

## TRUSTEES

### Class of 2025

Lisa Turner

### Class of 2026

Kathy Smith

### Class of 2027

Pat Thomas

**Session minutes are available in the church office for any member of the congregation to review.**

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