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First Presbyterian Church

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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 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 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.

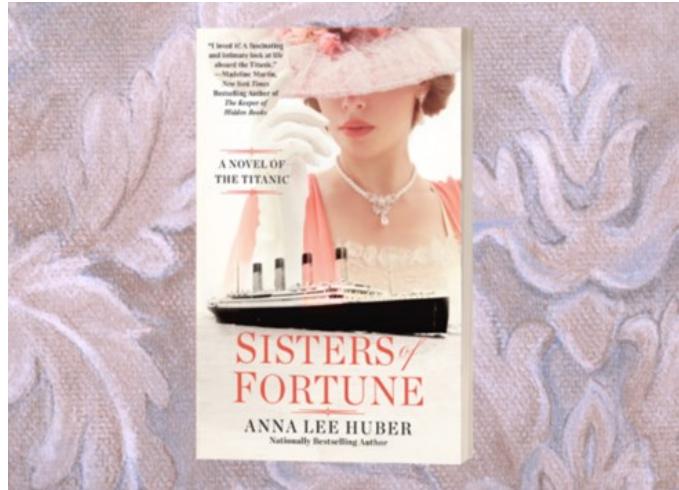
Thank you all for all you do!



Bring your Good Samaritan Donations on Sunday, December 14th.

Happy Birthday

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| Dec 08 | Anna Marsh |
| Dec 08 | Pat Lemmon |
| Dec 12 | Gray Turner |
| Dec 16 | Christy Jensen |
| Dec 16 | Tony Matusek |
| 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 Matusek |
| 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 Matusek



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!!!

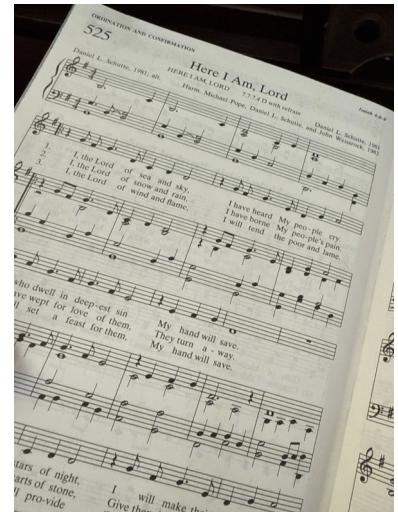
Sorry....not a lot of pictures....
we were too busy making memories.



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

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



SERVERS

Sunday, December 7, 2025 "Peace"

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| Ushers/Greeters | A Time for Young Christians | Children's Church |
| Nancy June Brandon | Kate Canady | Katherine Marsh |
| Helen Garner | Hall Monitor | Nursery |
| Terry & Ginny Saylor | James Smith | Christy Jensen |
| Lay Liturgist: Brent Canady | | |
| Advent Readers: John, Bea, Mary Ruth, Evie, & Lowry Marsh | | |
| Communion Prep: Richard & Kristin Wilhelm | | |
| Communion Servers: Mary Brown, Belinda Craig, Jim Ikard, Sarah Natale, James Smith | | |

Sunday, December 14, 2025 "Joy"

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

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

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

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

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| Ushers/Greeters | A Time for Young Christians | Nursery |
| | Kate Canady | |
| | Hall Monitor | |

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

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

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| 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"

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



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 Matusek (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 Matusek, 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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