



**First Presbyterian Church**  
Shelbyville, Tennessee  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**December 1, 2019~First Sunday of Advent**



Advent is here and a New Church Year is beginning.

Do you like new beginnings or would you rather things stay the same? Sometimes we're eager to start over. Other times, a new beginning can be fear inducing because it brings us face to face with change. Church health consultants often remind us that the difference between church growth and church decline has primarily to do with the ability and willingness of a congregation to face change.

But even though life is constantly in a state of transformation, we can take fulfilling practices with us into the new times ahead. This advent we have many things to charge our batteries for a journey of fulfillment.

- Come to church this Saturday morning at 8am and stay to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.
- Come for the multi-generational sing alongs and 15 minute Sunday School events all month.
- Bring your young one to church to learn a Christmas song.
- Come to worship on the 15<sup>th</sup> to hear our children sing in the spirit of the season.
- Join us on the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup> to pack food boxes for Bedford County school children for the holidays.
- Attend the Cantata which is a joint venture of First Christian Church and FPC, held this year at First Christian at 4:30pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

And finally, embrace the new church year with evangelism. Let's call this month of Advent "**+ 1 December**." You can join the celebration by bringing at least one friend to church with you. That's right! Make church growth a personal goal for Advent by bringing someone with you for a first time experience or bring someone who has been away from our sanctuary for a long time. Maybe the joyful hospitality *you* show will be infectious.

See you in church!

*Allen*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019**

**Join us as we gather for worship of our Lord and Savior  
JESUS CHRIST**

**New Testament: Romans 13:11-14**

**Sermon: "Wake Up!"**

**Rev. Allen Cross**

<b>SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		<b>SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
<b>Advent Readers &amp; Candle Lighters Richard, Kristin, Hunter and Grace Wilhelm</b>		<b>Advent Reader &amp; Candle Lighter Barb Steinke</b>	
Lay Liturgist	Janice Womble	Lay Liturgist	Brenda Skelton
Ushers/Greeters	Frieda Bone Randy Reed Margaret Smith Charlotte Williams	Ushers/Greeters	Tony Matusek Ginny Saylor' Terry Saylor Kathy Smith
Hall Monitor	Pat Thomas	Hall Monitor	Richard Smith
A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton	A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	Christy Jensen & Karisa Matusek	Children's Church	Kate Canady
Nursery	Lisa Turner	Nursery	Raychelle Flannagan
Serving Holy Communion: Christy Jensen, Carol Magnuson, Mike Matusek, LeaAnne Windham			



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

*Hope*

**Join us for a 15 minute Bible Study  
of Advent**

**9:30am-9:45am**

**Sunday, December 1st through  
December 22nd**



Tuesday, December 3rd Faith Development 5:30pm

Monday, December 9th Mission at 5:30pm

Tuesday, December 10th Pastoral Care at 10:00am

Wednesday, December 11th Gift Fund at 5:30pm

Thursday, December 12th Property at 5:00pm

Saturday, December 14th Backpack Set-up 10:00am

Sunday, December 15th Backpacks at 5:00pm

Monday, December 16th Session at 5:30pm

Tuesday, December 17th Night Circle at Riverbend  
Country Club at 6:30pm

Thursday, December 19th Parent's Day Out  
Open House

Sunday, December 22nd Christmas Cantata-1st  
Christian Church at 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve Candle  
Light Service at 5:00pm

Wednesday, December 25th Nativity of the Lord

## *Advent Readers & Candle Lighters*

**Sunday, December 1st**

***Richard, Kristin, Hunter  
and Grace Wilhelm***

*Merry  
Christmas*

**Sunday, December 8th**

**Christmas Potluck Lunch**

following Worship

**5¢ A Meal Offering**



**WOMEN'S  
Fellowship**

*Night Circle*

**Tuesday, December 17th at  
Riverbend Country Club 6:30pm**

*RSVP to Ginny Saylor, 931.205.5150 before  
Tuesday, December 10th.*

*If you would like to carpool, be in the church parking  
lot by 6:10pm.*

*If you would like a ride, contact a member of the Night  
Circle.*

*Good Sam*

Suggested items for December  
**Protein Foods**