



**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</b> Richard, Kristin, Hunter and Grace Wilhelm		<b>Advent Reader &amp; Candle Lighter</b> Barb Steinke	
Lay Liturgist	Janice Womble	Lay Liturgist	Brenda Skelton
Ushers/Greeters	Frieda Bone Randy Reed Margaret Smith Charlotte Williams	Ushers/Greeters	Tony Matussek 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 Matussek	Children's Church	Kate Canady
Nursery	Lisa Turner	Nursery	Raychelle Flannagan
Serving Holy Communion: Christy Jensen, Carol Magnuson, Mike Matussek, 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**



*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**