



**First Presbyterian Church**  
Shelbyville, Tennessee  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**December 8, 2019~Second Sunday of Advent**



On this second Sunday of Advent, we are emphasizing community action through our church. We return to the vision we declared and which we affirmed during Lent this year, which is to be the hands and feet of God in the world. That means we seek to come together as the body of Christ in this place and reach out beyond ourselves to serve others.

You are invited to bring your 5 cents a meal banks to worship this Sunday. We will also be collecting this month's Good Samaritan donations on our communion table and will ask God to bless them. As the body of Christ, we hope to be in solidarity with those who receive these donations and during the prayer try to imagine individual faces of those who might receive a blessing through these food gifts. We don't know the people who receive these food items but we can think of them as being spiritually present among us, united with us by God's Holy Spirit. We will continue this practice each month.

Remember this Sunday is the pot luck Christmas lunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship. So stick around and enjoy this fellowship time and come back at 4pm to join our youth on their caroling expedition. FPC youth will have their own Christmas celebration at the church following caroling.

The 15 minute Advent Sunday School class has been a hit! It continues this week in the sanctuary so come early and remember this is a multi-generational event.

Also remember this is **+1 December**. You are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor or work colleague to church. Even our young people can invite a school friend. In Advent our evangelical hospitality needs to be especially warm.

Please remember also to be in church on the 15<sup>th</sup> to hear our children sing Christmas songs and stay for the Congregational meeting after worship to elect new elders. The slate of nominees for the class of 2022 is:

Melanie Hamilton  
Ginger Shofner

Richard Smith  
Aaron Crafton

For Trustee: Pat Thomas.

See you in church!

*Allen*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**

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

**New Testament: Matthew 3:1-3**

**Epistle: Romans 15:5-7**

**Sermon: “What’s Peace Good For?”**

**Rev. Allen Cross**

| <b>SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019<br/>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> |   | <b>SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019<br/>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>      |   |
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| Acolyte  | Ella Cobb   | <b>Advent Readers &amp; Candle Lighters<br/>Leo and Brenda Skelton</b> |   |
| <b>Advent Reader<br/>&amp; Candle Lighter</b>                    | Barb Steinke  |  |   |
| Lay Liturgist  | Brenda Skelton  | Lay Liturgist  | Leo Skelton   |
| Ushers/Greeters  | Tony Matussek<br>Ginny Saylor'<br>Terry Saylor<br>Kathy Smith | Ushers/Greeters  | Linda Anderton<br>Tommy Anderton<br>Michal Dobson<br>Helen Garner |
| Hall Monitor   | Richard Smith   | Hall Monitor   | Ginger Shofner  |
| A Time for Young<br>Christians                                   | Kate Canady   | A Time for Young<br>Christians   | Kate Canady   |
| Children’s Church  | Kate Canady   | Children’s Church  | Kate Canady   |
| Nursery  | Raychelle Flannagan   | Nursery  | Geneva Melson   |



BORN FOR  
**PEACE**



Join us as we sing  
Christmas Songs  
9:20am—9:30am

Sunday, December 8th Join us for a  
15 minute Bible Study  
of Advent  
9:30am-9:45am in the Sanctuary



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**

## *Advent Reader & Candle Lighter*

Sunday, December 8th

Barb Steinke

*Sunday, December 8th*

5¢ A Meal Offering

&

Christmas Potluck  
Lunch

*following Worship*



**THE BEST WAY  
TO SPREAD  
CHRISTMAS  
CHEER  
IS SINGING LOUD,  
FOR ALL TO HEAR**

The Youth will be Caroling  
on

**Sunday, December  
8th meet at the  
church at 4:00pm**

**Everyone** is invited to come along and  
spread some **Christmas** cheer.

**Following Caroling the  
Youth will have their  
Christmas Party**



When Bedford County  
Schools are closed due to  
inclement weather all  
church activities will be  
cancelled.