



**First Presbyterian Church**  
Shelbyville, Tennessee  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**December 15, 2019~Third Sunday of Advent**



This is the Sunday you've been waiting for! Our youngest members have been practicing their vocal skills and will provide us with the anthem: *The Friendly Beasts*. We will also have surprise young musical guests during the service. The involvement of our young people in worship is a great moment for the church and for them so come and experience their musical gifts this Sunday and also on Christmas Eve.

Everyone is encouraged to come help pack food boxes Sunday afternoon at 5pm in our Christmas Backpack event. This is event partners First Presbyterian and Edgewood Baptist and provides meals for public school children during their Christmas holidays. This is an opportunity for you to roll up your sleeves and be the hands and feet of God during Advent.

Please remember also the congregational meeting at the end of this week's service. You will be asked to vote on a new Session class to direct the church for the next three years. This is important business and your vote counts so please be there for this meeting.

And certainly don't forget the Cantata which will take place at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30pm. The event will feature choirs from both churches and this year FPC folks who don't usually sing in our choir are participating in the event, including the pastors of both churches. The Advent readings will be narrated by lay readers this year rather than clergy so this year's Cantata is really more of a community event than it has been in past years. You won't want to miss it.

For those of you who enjoy social media, the church has a new Instagram account where we'll post photos of congregational activities. It's intended to highlight our young people as they participate in fellowship and service so please send photos that you might take to the church office and they'll be added.

See you in church!

*Allen*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 2019**

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

**New Testament: Matthew 11: 2-11**

**Sermon: “The Merciful Intrusion of God”**

**Rev. Allen Cross**

**SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019  
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Acolyte Sara Flannagan

**Advent Readers & Candle Lighters  
Leo and Brenda Skelton**

Lay Liturgist Leo Skelton

Ushers/Greeters Linda Anderton  
Tommy Anderton  
Helen Garner  
Barb Steinke

Hall Monitor Ginger Shofner

A Time for Young Christians Kate Canady

Children’s Church Kate Canady

Nursery Geneva Melson

**SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019  
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Advent Readers & Candle Lighters  
Richard, Kathy, Knox and Henry Smith**

Lay Liturgist Kristin Wilhelm

Ushers/Greeters Theresa Blanton  
Melanie Hamilton  
Richard Smith  
Pat Thomas

Hall Monitor Roy Turner

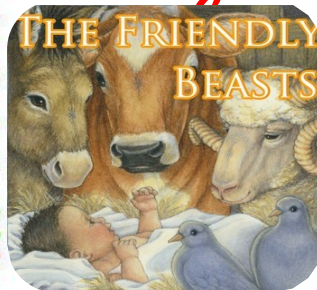
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Nursery Abby Hittle



*Sunday, December 15th*



**Presented by  
The FPC  
Children**

*Advent Readers & Candle Lighters*

**Sunday, December 15th**

**Brenda & Leo Skelton**



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

**Sunday, December 15th Join us for a  
15 minute Bible Study of Advent**



**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.*



**\*Congregational Meeting**

**Immediately following  
Worship \*Backpacks  
assembled at 5pm**



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

*PDO is collecting socks to be given to  
Clothe Our Kids of Bedford County.  
There is a box at the rear entrance to  
the church, if you would like to help.*



**Sunday, December 22nd at 4:30pm  
First Christian Church**

*Good Sam*

**Suggested items for  
December Protein Foods**



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