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**This week at First Presbyterian....**  
**Sunday, December 2 - First Sunday of Advent**  
 8:30 a.m. Worship - Gallant Chapel  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
 4:00 p.m. First Sundays @ First - Kirk  
**Monday, December 3**  
 1:00 p.m. Seekers Bible Study - Rm 212  
 5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC  
**Tuesday, December 4**  
 9:00 a.m. Devo's & Drives - Asheville  
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC  
 12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers - Session Rm  
 2:00 p.m. Staff meeting - Library  
 3:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Rm 212  
**Wednesday, December 5**  
 8:15 a.m. Young Mom's Bible Study - Bagel Shop  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC  
 12:15 p.m. Volunteer/Staff Luncheon - Kirk  
 3:25 p.m. Middle School pick-up  
 5:30 p.m. Advent Small Group - Rm 212  
 6:45 p.m. Youth Revitalization mtg - Rm 212  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday, December 6**  
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC  
 10:30 a.m. Advent Small Group - Rm 212  
**Friday, December 7**  
 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Men's Huddles at Mama Penn's  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Kirk  
**Saturday, December 8**  
 No scheduled events


First Sunday of Advent  
 December 2, 2018  
 10:30am




**CHANCEL GUILD**  
 Members of the Chancel Guild will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent on Friday, December 14 at 9:00am. They are in need of fresh greenery to use - if you have some in your yard you can donate please bring and put on breezeway on Thursday, December 13. They will undecorate the sanctuary on Thursday, December 27 at 9:00am. Questions? Call Libby Winkler or Dianne Hollingsworth.

**FINANCIAL NOTES**  
 The church financial books for the year 2018 will close on **January 3, 2019**. All contributions for the tax year 2018 **must be dated 2018** and in the church office by **9:00am on January 3, 2019**. Please make all stock transfers so that proceeds are in the office before the deadline. Contact Sandy DeFino, Business Administrator with any questions, 225-2551 or sandyd@fpcandersonsc.com.

**ANGEL TREE & SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS**  
 We still have a few angels on the Angel Tree plus some more Salvation Army stockings. Please help to make Christmas special for these children. Angel Tree gifts are due back to the church office on December 12th. Salvation Army stockings are due back to the church office on December 7th.

 Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Billy Threlkeld** on their marriage November 23 in the Gallant Chapel. **Mrs. Threlkeld** is the former **Kinsey Poole**, daughter of **Gary and Tammy Poole**.

 The Christian sympathy of the pastor and congregation is expressed to the family of **Helen Lee** on her death November 22.

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

10:30 A.M.

## Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us. Whether you are a longtime FPC disciple or a new friend, please sign the fellowship pad in the pew.

## WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *Bell Carol/In Dulci Jubilo* arr. Naughtin  
Strings

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jack Buice

INTROIT *Prepare the Way, O Zion* Dake  
Chancel Choir

## WE PRAISE GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 24:42-44

Jesus says, "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

**"Therefore you must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."**

◆ HYMN 97 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* with *Hide Me, O My Savior*  
Williamson/ABERYSTWYTH

◆ LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE The Storie Family

### LITANY OF HOPE

Hear the word of God spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

**The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise:**

I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David;

**And he shall bring justice and righteousness.**

Jesus our Lord tells us:

**We must be ready, for the Messiah, the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.**

Faithful God, your promises stand strong through every generation.

**Renew us in hope that we may be awake and alert, watching for our Lord's arrival in our lives and in the world. AMEN.**

◆ GLORIA PATRI 581 GREATOREX

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*(Our young disciples, ages 5k and under, are dismissed for extended worship.)*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

EXPRESSING THE FAITH *Something Wonderful* Williamson  
Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Habakkuk 2:1-4* Pew Bible, p. 824

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Matthew 5:14-16**

*Jesus taught them, saying,*

**"You are the light of the world... No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand,**

**and it gives light to all in the house.**

**In the same way, let your light shine before others,**

**so that they may see your good works,**

**and give glory to your Father in heaven."**

SERMON *"Make It Plain"* Dr. Dennis R. Tedder

◆ RESPONSE 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Q. 22 Who was sent to be the Messiah?

**A. God sent Jesus to be the Messiah. Messiah means "anointed one." The New Testament word for Messiah is Christ. Jesus is called the Christ because God anointed him to the Savior who would rescue us from sin and death.**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERTORY *O Thou, That Tellest* Handel  
Chancel Choir

◆ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH, Hymnal, pg. 606

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

◆ HYMN 104 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

◆ BENEDICTION I Corinthians 16:13-14

◆ POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* arr. Rutter  
Strings

*As a courtesy to those worshipping with you today, please silence cell phones during our service. Please let our ushers know if you need directions to the nursery or to pick your child up from Extended Worship. A video broadcast of the service is available downstairs for those who may need to leave the sanctuary. The ushers can direct you to this room.*

*Please check with an usher if you would like large print hymns. After worship, we invite you to keep your bulletin or place in the recycle baskets at each entrance.*

**THANK YOU!**

**The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Drew, Patsy, and Michael Pickens by Chris and Maria Paz Pickens.**

◆ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit if you are able. You are invited to join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in bold.