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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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 4:00pm

We will travel in groups by church bus and cars to visit members and friends all over town. After caroling we will return back to the church for a chili dinner and fellowship. *Kid friendly options will also be available for dinner.* All families are asked to bring a dessert to share.

*Make sure to dress in your best Christmas gear, the most festive child, youth & adult will win a prize. Contact Kari if you have any questions, karim@FPCAndersonSC.com

This week at First Presbyterian....
Sunday, December 9 - *Second Sunday of Advent*
 8:30 a.m. Worship - Gallant Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Middle School Christmas Party at Walker/Stewart home
 6:30 p.m. High School Christmas Party at White's home
Monday, December 10
 11:30 a.m. Table of Abraham - Kirk
 12:00 p.m. Circle 5 & 6 - McDougald Rm
 1:00 p.m. Seekers Bible Study - Rm 212
 5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC
 6:00 p.m. Session/Deacons/Trustees - Kirk
Tuesday, December 11
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FL
 2:00 p.m. Staff meeting - Library
 3:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Rm 212
 5:45 p.m. Dayschool Christmas Program
 7:00 p.m. Circle 2 - Earle St. Kitchen
Wednesday, December 12
 8:15 a.m. Young Mom's Bible Study - Bagel Shop
 9:15 a.m. Chair Yoga - Rm 214
 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC
 3:25 p.m. Middle School pick-up
 5:30 p.m. Advent Small Group - Rm 212
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 13
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC
 10:30 a.m. Advent Small Group - Rm 212
Friday, December 14
 9:00 a.m. Chancel Guild decorates sanctuary
 3:00 p.m. Book Club - Parlor
 5:30 p.m. Wilson/Askew Rehearsal
Saturday, December 15
 5:30 p.m. Wilson/Askew Wedding

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.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glenn on their marriage November 30, 2018. **Mrs. Glenn** is the former **Dominique Choice** and **Tommy** is the son of **Tom and Ona Glenn.**

Second Sunday of Advent
 December 9, 2018
 10:30am



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 302 West Whitner Street
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 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 *Advent Carol* arr. Hopson
Chancel Chimers

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jean Mahaffey

WE PRAISE GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP II Corinthians 5:19
In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself
Not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

◆ HYMN 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come* WAITING

◆ LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE The Hobson Family

LITANY OF PEACE (from Isaiah 2:3-4)
Many people shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;
That the Lord may teach us his ways
And that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
He shall counsel many peoples;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks.
They shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any more.
Renew us, Lord, so we may work for Christ's peace among all.
AMEN.

◆ GLORIA PATRI 581 GREATOREX

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
(Our young disciples, ages 5k and under, are dismissed for extended worship.)

◆ 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Matthew 1:18-25* Pew Bible p. 1
"... and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

SERMON *"The Wonder of 'With Us'"* Dr. Dennis R. Tedder

◆ RESPONSE 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

◆ 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 be the Savior who would rescue us from sin and death.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERTORY *Ding Dong, Merrily On High* Eithun
Chancel Chimers; Celeste Griffith, violin

◆ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH, Hymnal, pg. 606

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

◆ HYMN 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

◆ BENEDICTION II Corinthians 5:19

◆ CHORAL BENEDICTION 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (Verse 1 only)*

◆ POSTLUDE *Noel Suisse* Daquin

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 loving memory of Anna Pickens by her family.