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This week at First Presbyterian....

Sunday, December 3
8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Advent Bible Study - McDougald Room
5:00 p.m. Advent Event—Kirk
Monday, December 4
1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study - FLC
3:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study - Debbie Williamson's home
5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - McDougald Room
Tuesday, December 5
9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC
12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal
3:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Eleanor Gray's home
5:45 p.m. Dayschool Program—Sanctuary
Wednesday, December 6
9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga - Rm 216
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC
12:15 p.m. Staff/Volunteer Luncheon—Kirk
7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Bible Study - FLC
Thursday, December 7
5:45 a.m. Advent Bible Study - YMCA
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC
Friday, December 8
10:00 a.m. Chancel Guild decorates sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Book Club
Saturday, December 9
No scheduled events

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017
8:30am and 10:30am



ANGEL TREE



Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child who brought great joy to the world. However, for many people, Christmas is a time of sorrow. They don't have the extra money to buy presents for their children. This year the Mission Ministry has chosen to serve children from Centerville Elementary School and New Foundations Home for Children. The Angel Tree is located behind the Sanctuary. Please take an angel and sign the "sign out" list. Please wrap gifts for Centerville children, but bring gifts for New Foundations bagged but unwrapped (you may include a roll of wrapping paper.) Gifts are due to the church office by December 8, 2017. Will you bring joy to a child's heart this Christmas Season?

Salvation Army Stockings

Please stop by the table outside of the church office to pick up a stocking. There are 1500 children who have been identified by the Salvation Army of being in need of Christmas. Please mark the gender and age on your stocking. **This year, the Salvation Army is also providing stockings for seniors who are primary care givers to young children. You are welcome to fill a stocking and mark it for a senior as well. **Stockings are due by December 15th.

Second Sunday Cafe: December 10th

Find us outside the Sanctuary after each service. \$10/ 1lb bag supports our Mission partner Cafe Justo. A Grower owned coffee cooperative based in Chiapas Mexico, formed to address the poverty and migration from Mexico to the USA. Delicioso!

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**A MUSICAL CELEBRATION
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DECEMBER 3, 2017
8:30 A.M. AND 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.

Please visit our website or call the church office for additional information about our faith family.

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

THANK YOU!

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

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *Bell Carol / In Dulcio Jubilo* Naughtin
Strings

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:30 Billy Epps, Elder
10:30 Caleigh Thomas, Deacon

WE PRAISE GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come* WAITING
(Verse 1)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES 10:30 The Stewart Family
ADVENT CANDLE READING

◆ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 82
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Christ, our Lord and Savior: We are such an impatient people. We want fast and easy spiritual food, not the lasting nourishment that comes through patient prayer, quiet reflection, daily service, constant thanksgiving, and simple trust. Help us come to you with repentant hearts so that in Your grace we can become Your disciples. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession:

SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! AMEN.

◆ GLORIA PATRI 581 GREATOREX

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 10:30
Grayson Porter Laney, son of Jordan and Katie Laney

◆ THE APOSTLES' CREED Hymnal p. 35

◆ BAPTISMAL HYMN 482 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

(10:30 Our young disciples, ages 5k and under, are dismissed for extended worship.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE *Numbers 24:15-18* Pew Bible, p. 134

ANTHEM from *Christus: "There Shall a Star from Jacob"* Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

SOLO from *Messiah: "Ev'ry Valley"* Handel
Robert Parrish and Orchestra

◆ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 88 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*
VENI EMMANUEL

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 11:1-10* Pew Bible, p. 600

ANTHEM *"A Spotless Rose"* McGrath
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

SOLO *"Gesu Bambino"* Yon
Deedy Francis

◆ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 129
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN' ROS'

SCRIPTURE *Mark 13:32-37* Pew Bible, p. 44

MEDITATION *An Hour Unknown and Unexpected*
Dr. Dennis R. Tedder

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *"Gloria, Angels Sing His Coming"* Williamson
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Jesus of Nazareth"* Gounod
Dr. Tommy Watson

◆ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH, Hymnal, pg. 606

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

◆ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 93
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO

◆ BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION
"How Brightly Shines the Morningstar" Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

◆ POSTLUDE *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* Anderson
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.

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