

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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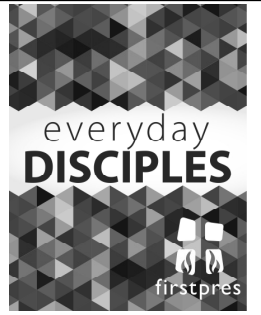
November 16—30, 2017

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# The First Word

"Strive first for the kingdom of God." Matthew 6:33

First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC  
November 16—30, 2017 Volume LXI, Issue 19



November 19  
8:30am & 10:30am

Scripture: Daniel 3

Dennis Tedder preaching:  
"When the Heat Is  
Turned WAY Up"

Announcers:

8:30 Jake Swygert, Elder  
10:30 Tim Morrill, Deacon

Extended Session:

Room 102 - 2's & 3's:

Cal & Haley Brinson

Room 101 - 4's & 5's:

Tim Self & Elizabeth McKnight

November 26

8:30am & 10:30am

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Dennis Tedder preaching:  
"Surely"

Announcers:

8:30 Amelia Nelson, Deacon  
10:30 TBA

Extended Session:

Room 102 - 2's & 3's

Kyle & Julia Evatt

Room 101 - 4's & 5's

Bee & Carlisle Baker



## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED

December 2, 9, or 16  
Contact Charmaine Smith-Miles at  
864-202-0442  
if you would like to help.  
A great family activity!

### All dates/events subject to change.

#### Wednesday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga - Rm 216  
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC  
**Wednesday Night Live**  
3:45 p.m. Middle School pick-up  
5:30 p.m. Children's Musical - FLC  
6:15 p.m. Dinner in the Kirk  
6:45 p.m. Disciple Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Women's Bible Study

#### Thursday, November 16

10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC  
**Friday, November 17**  
7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Men's Huddle @ Mama Penn's  
6:30 p.m. Appetizer Extravaganza

#### Saturday, November 18

No scheduled events  
**Sunday, November 19**  
8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Pack meals in Kirk for  
Meals on Wheels

5:00 p.m. Middle School Open Gym  
5:30 p.m. Middle School Dinner  
5:30 p.m. High School meet at  
Madison Speer's home  
6:00 p.m. Middle School Program

#### Monday, November 20

11:00 a.m. Dayschool Thanksgiving Feast  
1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study - FLC  
5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC

#### Tuesday, November 21

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- Rm 212  
5:30 p.m. Mission Ministry - Parlor  
6:30 p.m. Bro Time @ Sakura's

#### Wednesday, November 22

Daycare/School Holiday  
9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga - Rm 216  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Rm 212  
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC

#### Thursday, November 23

THANKSGIVING  
Daycare/School Holiday  
Church Office Holiday  
Haven of Rest Thanksgiving Meal - FLC

#### Friday, November 24

Daycare/School Holiday  
Church Office Holiday

#### Saturday, November 25

No scheduled events

#### Sunday, November 26

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
**Monday, November 27**  
7:00 a.m. Pink Ladies @ Chick-fil-a  
1:00 p.m. Susan Buckner Bible Study - FLC  
5:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting - Parlor  
5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - McDougald Rm

#### Tuesday, November 28

9:00 a.m. Dayschool Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC  
10:00 a.m. Code Girls program @  
Anderson County Museum  
Chancel Chimers Rehearsal  
12:15 p.m. WOW Bible Study - Rm 212  
3:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga - Rm 216  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Rm 212  
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC  
7:00 p.m. Rejoicers Bible Study - FLC  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, November 30

10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - FLC  
4:00 p.m. Dayschool Board - Rm 212

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 3 - 8:30 & 10:30

Advent Service w/ Strings

December 3 - 5:00pm

Advent Event - Kirk

December 12 - 5:45 p.m.

Dayschool Program in Sanctuary

December 17

Lessons and Carols

December 17 - 4:00 p.m.

Church-wide Caroling & Chili Dinner

December 22

Daycare/School Holiday

Church Office Holiday

December 24

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. One Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Candlelight/Communion

Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - Christmas

Daycare/School Holiday

Church Office Holiday

December 26

Daycare/School Holiday

Church Office Holiday

December 30 - 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Servants - Kirk

December 31

9:30 a.m. Wise Men's Breakfast

10:30 a.m. One Worship Service

## Appetizer Extravaganza

Friday, November 17th @ 6:30pm

at the home of Keith & Leigh Miller

Address: 215 Terrace Drive (in Stratford Terrace neighborhood)

This event is for all ages of FPC adults. Come join us for a great  
night of fellowship and food!  
*Bring an appetizer to share.*

## Advent Event—Sunday, Dec. 3rd 5:00—7:30pm

Jesse Trees are a very old Christmas tradition & first started in medieval times. They are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the birth of Jesus. The name comes from Jesse who was the Father of King David. During the season of Advent, we take time to look at ancestors of Jesus and read scripture stories about them. Flowing from the stories, people think of symbols which would represent various people. These symbols are made into ornaments and placed on the Jesse Tree as we remember that we, too, are a part of Jesus' family tree!

This year we invite you to join us for our annual Advent Event as we make ornaments to hang on your very own Jesse Tree. We will provide a devotional to use each night at home around your Jesse Tree as well. This is an event for all ages!

**Call the church office to sign up! 225-2551**

**Meal: \$6 adults \$4 children (Cost for material for Jesse Tree - \$8 per family)**



# INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



**252 Basics**  
**NOVEMBER: Gratitude**  
**5K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**SUNDAY at 9:30 in Rm 124**

This month, we'll help our kids focus on all that God has done for them. Because when you know what God has done for you...

**YOU CAN BE THANKFUL – ALWAYS!**

Week 3: What are creative ways to say thank you?

Week 4: What's keeping you from being thankful?.

*Sunday school is important!*

*Get your kids here...we're busy building disciples!*

## Did you know...

First Presbyterian Church's own **Jeuel Esmacher** is featured prominently in a new, nationally released non-fiction book, **Code Girls, The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of WWII**, by Liza Mundy. Why? Because Jeuel is a code girl, having served as a cryptologist in WWII.

On **November 28 at 10 a.m.**, Jeuel and Kathryn Smith will present a program on Code Girls at The Anderson County Museum. Kathryn will review the book, and Jeuel will share her personal experiences and memories as a code girl.

*\*\*Consider joining our Devo's and Drives group for this great event!*

## NOVEMBER DEVO'S, DINERS & DRIVES

We will all gather here at the church at **9:15am on Nov. 28th** for a quick devotion before heading over to the County Museum to hear the Code Girls presentation. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch at a new downtown restaurant, **Raines on Main**, before returning to FPC.

Call the church office to reserve your spot on the bus! 225-2551

**Sunday, December 31st** the entire congregation is invited to join us for our Annual **Wise Men Breakfast** in the Kirk at 9:30am. We will share a meditation and meal together.



**Sunday, November 19th**

Middle School Youth Regular Schedule @ FPC:

5:00pm: Open Gym

5:30pm: Dinner

6:00-7:00pm: Program

High School Youth

Will meet at the home of Madison Speer from 5:30 - 7:00pm for dinner and program.

**Sunday, November 26th:**

No Youth Programming, enjoy family time

**Sunday, December 3rd**

Families join us for the advent event. Look to front cover for details. RSVP today!

**Sunday, December 10th**

Youth Christmas Parties  
 5-6:30pm: Middle School Youth @ the Bufkin's  
 6:30-7pm: High School Youth @ the Stewart's

**Sunday, December 17th:**

Church-wide Christmas Caroling starting at 4pm. Look on next page for details. Bring the family or come by yourself and join up with friends.

**Bro Time/High School Boys**

Tuesday, November 21 @ 6:30pm at Sakura. Meet for dinner, devotion & conversation.

**Pink Ladies/High School Girls**

Breakfast Gatherings: Monday, Nov. 27th meet at Chick-fil-a on Greenville Street at 7:00am. Night Bible Study: Wednesday, Dec. 13th

**High School Youth Ski Trip**

January 12th - 15th, 2018  
 Winterplace, WV with Central Pres. Youth  
 3rd Payment of \$100 due on Dec. 3rd



The Christian sympathy of the pastor and congregation is expressed to **Donna Branberg and family** on the death of her husband **Robert O. (Bob) Branberg** on November 5.

## CHURCH MINISTRY BUDGET

Thank you for generous gifts to our ministry and programs. As of October 31, 2017:

Contributions/Revenue	\$740,029.89
Budgeted Expenses	773,245.99
Deficit	\$ (33,216.10)

Your continued gifts are appreciated.



**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.



**Sunday, December 17th at 4pm**

We want everyone to come out this year to celebrate the advent season and spread joy all over Anderson!

Meet at the Kirk at 4pm.

We will divide up in caroling groups and caravan out to different homes and care facilities.

After caroling we will return back to the church for a wonderful chili dinner and fellowship.

*Kid friendly options will be available.*

\*All families are asked to bring a dessert to share.

**Women's Retreat**  
**February 9-10, 2017**  
 @ Kanuga Conference Center



Keynote Speaker: Julie Schaaf

In the midst of the chaos that life brings, we sometimes need a chance to get away and re-center ourselves. Our annual retreat provides a great environment to rest and refuel with other FPC women.

\$50 deposit will hold your spot.  
 225-2551 jenniferw@fpcandersonsc.com

## ADVENT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Looking to study scripture during the Christmas season, but can't make a long term commitment? Join one of our Advent Small Groups! Each group will meet 4 times. Beginning the last week of November and running through December 21st, these small groups provide a great environment for setting your heart and mind right for the holiday season.

- Sunday at 4pm in the FLC Canteen/McDougald Room (led by the Gissendanner's and West's)
- Monday at 3:30 in the home of Debbie Williamson (ladies)
- Thursday mornings at 5:45am- 6:30am at the YMCA (led by Art Klugh and Misty Fretwell)

Please call the church office (or Jennifer) to sign up for a small group by November 20th so we will have plenty of studies available. Cost: \$8

## DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY: NEW TESTAMENT

Many of you have enjoyed our Disciple Bible Study: Old Testament this fall. Beginning the week of January 10th we will start a new study and all are invited to sign up and participate!

**There will be two opportunities to meet (attend 1 per week):**

**Wednesday evenings 5:30—6:15**

**Thursday mornings 10:30—11:30**

Please contact Jennifer Stewart to sign up for our spring, New Testament, class.

**Cost: \$12 per participant for workbook**

**Children's Christmas Program—**  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 24th 10:30am**

This year our children will assist in worship and help re-tell the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, at our 10:30am worship service on Sunday, December 24th. We look forward to the continued tradition of our younger disciples dressing in costume as we read the Christmas story found in scripture.

If your child (5k—5th grade) is interested in being a part of this service, please contact Jennifer Stewart or Alisa Gibson by December 10th.

We will have one practice the week before Christmas.

Also—if your youth (6th—12th grade) is interested in assisting the children please let us know!

