

FOCUS



ONE FAMILY



November 23, 2016

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

First Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. ~ "Care and Prayer" (Session Room)
9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship
"John and The Gift of Metanola"
Isaiah 40:1-8 Mark 1:1-8

Introit: *Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness*

Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing
The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune
by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Jon Hopkins will accompany on trumpet.

11:40 a.m. ~ Children's Choir in the Choir Room

ADVENT WORKSHOP

5:00 p.m.

Come make your advent wreath, play games and make crafts. Please contact Robin Thames (call 803-972-3207 or email nibor9902@aol.com) if you have greenery from your yard that you can share. If you have your wreath from last year please bring it.

Supper will be served.



ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

Brian Frerichs, Scott Williams

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

David Holler

WORSHIP AT HOME

Jimmy Ezell, Beth Jackson

TELLER DUTY

Kyle Osteen, Gloria Coker

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (Nov. 28–Dec. 3)

David Holler

USHERS Jimmy Ezell, Gloria Coker

Junior Ushers: Brice Leasure, Sumter Cooper

YOUTH READER

Kenny Jordan

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

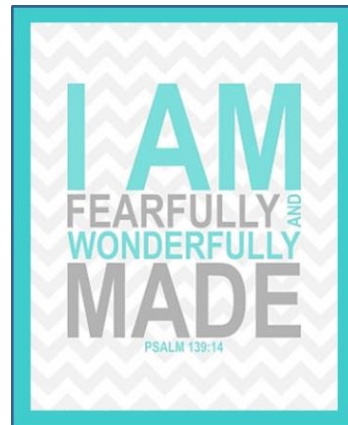
Committee Member – Anna Moorman

Nursery – Markita Gadson

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Cary and Natalie Coker

IT'S TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS!

First Presbyterian will again decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias this year. Order forms can be found on the table outside the church office and must be received by the church office no later than Friday, December 2. Each plant is \$12.50. If you do not wish to pick up your plant, we ask for your permission to use your donation to purchase greenery.



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT!

February 17-19, 2017

Doubletree Resort
(formerly Springmaid
Beach Resort)
Myrtle Beach, South
Carolina

We will praise God with our hearts and minds as we study and enjoy God's creation and how God makes all things new.

Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick. He has an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Religion from Baylor University. He has written and presented extensively on creation, particularly in his dissertation "Covenantal Ecology: The Promise of Covenant for a Christian Environmental Ethic" and in his chapter "Covenant and Creation" in the book "Genesis and Christian Theology."

He currently serves Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park, Maryland as the Associate Pastor for Adult Education, Small Groups and Young Adults.

Claire Tomkinson, will engage our youth with creative ways to explore and deepen their faith.

Kelly Boone-Sloan, Director of New Harmony Presbytery's Camp Pee Dee, and her staff will lead the children.

Registration forms are now available on the table outside the church office. Fill one out today!!

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree Project is a program that provides Christmas gifts for less privileged families in our community. Angels will be available beginning this Sunday, November 27, and can be picked up from the tables in the Fellowship Hall. When you pick up an angel, please remember to sign the sheets provided. Gifts must be returned by Monday, December 12. Please be sure to tape the angel to the top of the package.



CHOIR FESTIVAL

The Chancel Choir will participate in the annual Festival of Choirs held at Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m. Please join us for an afternoon of Advent and Christmas music.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting Session Room
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer BreakfastBaker’s Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
- 6:00 p.m. New Officer Training.....Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer BreakfastBaker’s Sweets
- 12:00 p.m. Lectionary LunchMcLaurin Room
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

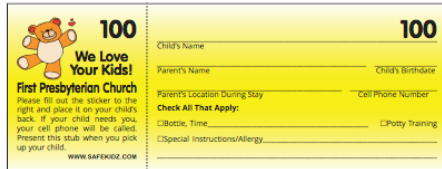
- 9:00 a.m. Care and Prayer Session Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary
- 11:40 a.m. Children’s Choir..... Choir Room
- 3:00 p.m. Festival of Choirs Trinity UMC
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Bells Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group..... West Building
- 6:00 p.m. *Not A Silent Night* Book Study.....
.....McLaurin Room

ATTENTION PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

A new method of checking children into the nursery, preschool Sunday school and extended care will begin on November 27, 2016.

At First Presbyterian, we believe that children are a special gift from God, and it is a privilege to care for and love your child. Therefore, we seek to offer a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for your child.

Beginning this Sunday, November 27, when you take your child to the nursery (0 – 2 years old) or preschool (3 and 4 year olds) Sunday School, please fill out our new sticker forms. The sticker has a place for your name, location (Sunday School class, worship, etc.), your cell phone and places to check or note the needs of your child. You are asked to place the larger sticker on the back of your child and the smaller one is for you. The person with the smaller sticker will be the one to whom the child is dismissed. You will need to fill out a sticker every Sunday.



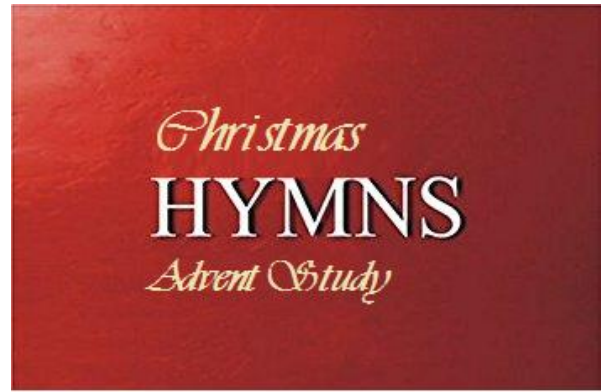
If your child, age 3 - 5, is not going to Sunday School, but will attend worship and leave to extended care, please pick up a sticker at the nursery or preschool classroom as you walk by on the way to worship. Then fill out the sticker and place on your child’s back before they go forward to children’s time during worship.



SHOWER SHAW WITH COOKIES

Our church has been asked to provide 50-100 dozen cookies. Cookies need to be homemade and packed in disposable containers that are labeled with

the number of dozens, if they contain nuts and First Presbyterian Church on the outside. Please deliver cookies to Swan Lake Visitors Center on Wednesday, December 7, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Let’s show our appreciation to the men and women at Shaw by sharing the spirit of Christmas through this project.



Are you interested in the meaning behind four Christmas hymns? Join us in room 209 beginning this Sunday, November 27, for a four-week study Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.



CHRISTMAS PIANISTS

It’s time to plan for our young pianists to share their Christmas pieces with the congregation! Please email the title and composer of the piece that your child will play with your choices of dates! Contact Joni at jonibrown@fpcsumter.org or call 803-773-3814.

The available dates are:

- December 18, 10:30 a.m.
- December 24, 4:00 p.m.
- December 24, 6:00 p.m.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Tuomey: Marion Young

At Home: Billy Freeman,
Charles Shaw, Linda Montague,
Helen Brookes-Futrell,
Gordon Rettke



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of John H. (Johnny) Jackson, Jr., who died November 20.

Names added to this list will be removed after three weeks unless there is a continued need or a request to remain on the list.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Week Beginning 11/13/2016

	Received		Budgeted
	<i>This Week</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Revenue			
Contributions	\$14,331.10	\$605,316.52	\$657,785.13
*Other Sources	<u>\$24,451.97</u>	<u>\$133,448.51</u>	<u>\$139,841.07</u>
	\$38,783.07	\$738,765.03	\$797,626.20
Disbursements	\$13,150.76	\$746,111.50	\$791,004.63
Surplus (Deficit)	\$25,632.31	(\$7,346.47)	\$6,621.57

**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*

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