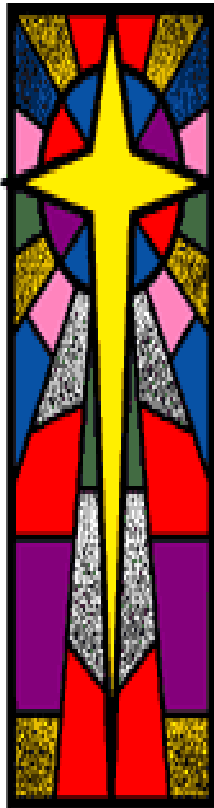


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December 2020



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

6:00 P.M.

Please email or call the church office by December 21 to confirm that you will be in this service so that adequate arrangements can be made.

dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org
803-534-0088

Pre-packaged elements will be used in this observance.



December 20, 2020

11:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT POSTPONED

The pageant has been postponed until further notice. When it is rescheduled, all current fifth graders will have the opportunity to portray Mary, Joseph, Wise Men and Herald Angels.

On Wednesday, December 16 (original date of pageant), with your family get out your pictures from past pageants and reminisce. Then read a nativity story together. Thank God for His love, for giving us His Son, for your family and for our church family!

Kaye Borgstedt

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

DECEMBER 20, 2020

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received on Sunday, December 20th. Prayerfully consider supporting this annual PCUSA offering.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes will meet in their current classrooms for Sunday School on December 6, 13 and 20. Please continue to follow safety protocols.

NOTES OF THANKS

Just a short note to say thank you so much for the cards, snacks and especially the prayers during my illness! I am feeling so much better! Raymond is truly blessed to have such a caring church family.

Sincerely,
Carole Tucker Ross
(Raymond Tucker's sister)

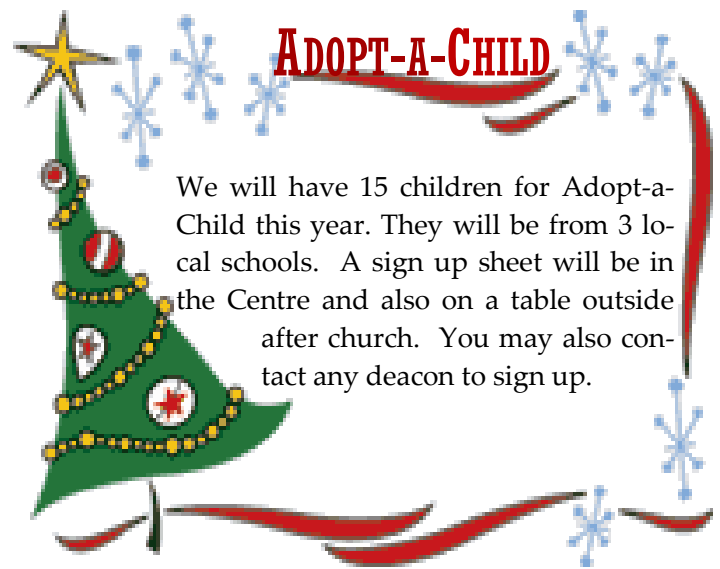
Dear Church Family,

Your generous contributions to the Community Thanksgiving Meal made it possible to plan and prepare over 400 meals in order to serve a hot and delicious Thanksgiving meal to all who came. Thank you for being the hands of Christ by showing your love for our neighbors.

The Evangelism Unit

First Presbyterian's heartfelt thanks to

- Gerald and Elise Myers for serving as the chairs of the Thanksgiving Box Team and to all who participated;
- Susan Smoak, Chalmers Mikell and all who assisted in preparing for the Community Thanksgiving Meal.



We will have 15 children for Adopt-a-Child this year. They will be from 3 local schools. A sign up sheet will be in the Centre and also on a table outside after church. You may also contact any deacon to sign up.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES 2021

Contribution envelopes for use beginning in January are available for pickup in the Parlor. Please be certain to pick up the correct box, as they are labelled and numbered.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF

Nancy Frampton

Peggy Crocker

GIVEN BY

Dr. and Mrs. Randolph Smoak
Bill and Marlene Welch
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shirer
Richard and Andrew Williamson
Freddy and Carol Riley
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Webber
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bickel

Rocco and Carol Cassone
Dean and Alice Flansburg
Russell and Rose Zimmerman
Lyn and Earle Bethea
Pennie and Townsend Sifly
Will and Riley Frierson

Bill and Becky Covington
Janet and Johnny Brailsford
Breta and Johnny Rheney
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson
Mrs. Cheryl Baugh
Mr. and Mrs. Marty Bramblett



ADVENT CHRISTMAS ... EPIPHANY

may “look” different this year. Our opportunity(ies) for worship and other church activities may look different this year. Our opportunities for community service may look different. BUT, THE MESSAGE IS UNCHANGEABLE. God is the same and in control. Jesus and the gospel never change.

How will your family celebrations of these liturgical seasons change this year? Maybe more time for family? For reflection? For spiritual growth as an individual and as a family? The following suggestions were excerpted from, “Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas” by Traci Smith.

1. **NOT TO DO LIST:** Choose what not to do as well as what to do. Not to do should include anything that takes away from your spiritual health and well being. Example: spend less time shopping and more time with family; spend less time cleaning and attending gatherings and more time showing kindness to others; spend less time trying for perfection and more time in letting go and relaxing, which will shift your entire focus. Remember what you choose also means you are not choosing something else.
2. **CREATE A SACRED SPACE:** While decorating for Christmas, set aside a space devoted to prayer and meditation. The space can be as small as a table or large as a corner of a room. Some suggestions for the space: appropriate books, prayers, pencils, advent candle, nativity set, etc. Maybe a chair or two specifically for the space. However you set it up, everyone should know that this is a space set aside for spiritual practices and be respectful. This

should be a place for moments for quiet and peace. Younger children can have ADVENT/Christmas coloring books, activities, Bible and related stories. We all need space for peace and quiet.

3. **ACTS OF KINDNESS ADVENT TREE:** 1. Find a branch from a tree outside and put in a vase. 2. Make ornaments by writing acts of kindness on a piece of paper such as: If appropriate, bake something and take to a neighbor. Help decorate your home and help another do the same, Covid permitting. Hold the door open for someone at the store. Leave a kind note on a door, or windshield or even a family member's bed/chair. Write a thank you note to someone. Send a note or card to someone. Pick up trash in your neighborhood. Take dog or cat food to a shelter. Collect something for a local charity. Add your own. 3. As you complete each act of kindness, punch a hole in the paper and hang on the branch. 4. As a family, talk about what has been done. Can vary by putting on your Christmas tree or writing list on a sheet of paper and starring as completed.

Would love feedback on these or any activities your family experiences during this season.

CHALLENGE: Remember no matter what changes in your life, God is in control. God's love, mercy and forgiveness endure forever and are new each day. Take time to thank Him as you serve with an attitude of gratitude.

PRAYER:

Dear God,
Thank you.

Serving together,
Kaye Borgstedt
Christian Education Coordinator

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

The youth will be filling Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army, and we'd love to have your help. You can drop off items in a labeled box in the Centre lobby through Thursday, December 10. You don't need to worry about bringing enough items to fill a whole stocking because we're going to combine the items when we assemble the stockings. Please see the list below for suggestions. Thank you for helping us make Christmas a little brighter for children in the Orangeburg area.

Sarah Coggins



Infant	Toddler	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-9	Ages 10-12
Baby shampoo	Picture books	Small toys	Pencils	Travel games
Baby powder	Socks	Puzzles	Erasers	Lip gloss
Baby oil	Hats	Matchbox cars	Crayons	Nail polish
Sleepers	Mittens	Books	Barrettes	Note cards
Bath toys	Small stuffed animals	Flash cards	Socks	Yo-yo
Onesies	Bath toys	Hair barrettes	Underwear	Hair barrettes
Bibs	Pull/push toys	Toothbrush/paste	Hats	Perfume/Cologne
Baby blankets	Soft brushes	Underwear	Small dolls	Hand-held video games
Pacifiers	Sippy cups	Socks	Yo-yo	Socks
Diapers	Small toys	Gloves/Hats	Comb/Brush	Underwear
Baby wipes	Baby barrettes	Play-dough	Toothbrush/paste	Gloves/Hats
Teething toys	Bowl set	Stuffed animals	Markers	Wallet
Small stuffed animals	Pajamas	LEGOs	LEGOs	Books
		Barbie dolls	Matchbox cars	Lotions
		Coloring book/Activity book	Play Make-up	Watch

GENERAL FUND 2020

For month ending October 31, 2020

General Fund Income

General Fund Budgeted Expenses

Month

\$28,193.23

\$33,350.13

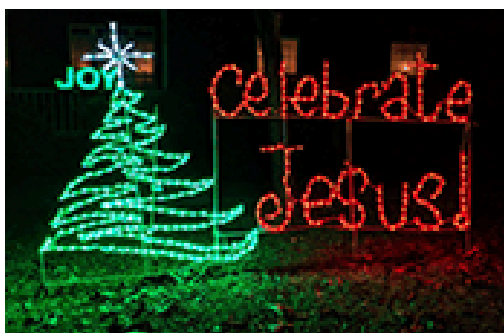
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Year-to-Date

\$366,277.72

\$329,438.78

\$ 36,838.94



First Presbyterian Church December Calendar

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: NOVEMBER 29



9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Trees set-up in Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 a.m. Jim Turner Men's Bible Study Class
1:00 p.m. Intercessors Meet for Prayer
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 20



9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship: Lessons and Carols

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Intercessors

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 a.m. Jim Turner Men's Bible Study Class
1:00 p.m. Intercessors Meet for Prayer
5:45 p.m. G.T.F. Meal
6:15 p.m. G.T.F. Programs for all ages
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

1:00 p.m. Intercessors Meet for Prayer

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 6



9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Youth Rake and Run
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 p.m. Candlelight
Communion Service



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Intercessors
6:30 p.m. FIRST Praise Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. Jim Turner Men's Bible Study Class
1:00 p.m. Intercessors Meet for Prayer
5:45 p.m. G.T.F. Meal
6:15 p.m. G.T.F. Programs for all ages
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25—THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 13



9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service:
12:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

1:30 p.m. Intercessors

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Intercessors
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting
6:30 p.m. FIRST Praise Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 a.m. Jim Turner Men's Bible Study Class
1:00 p.m. Intercessors Meet for Prayer

First Presbyterian Church
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Return Service Requested



DECEMBER 2020

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/02	Anna Brake Plummer	12/19	Caroline Bryant
	Hazel Richardson	12/20	John Brailsford
12/03	Warren Albergotti		Amber Hutto
12/04	Frances Lytch		John Dangerfield
12/05	Ashton Gué		Cap Thackston
	Jay Plummer	12/21	Riley Frierson
12/08	Coleman Axson	12/23	David Gillespie
12/10	Jimmy Guthrie	12/29	Carol Farnum
12/12	Taylor Cooper		Josh Nexsen
12/15	Fran Hendren	12/30	Kyle Crabb
	Mark Dudley		Kayla Wall
12/17	Council Burroughs	12/31	Alice Flansburg
12/18	Geni Gillespie		
	Clay Lee		

FOR UNTO
—US A—
CHILD
—IS—
BORN,
UNTO US

A stylized illustration of a manger scene. A yellow sun with rays is positioned above a manger. The manger contains a baby Jesus lying on a purple cloth. A large purple star is positioned above the manger. The manger is flanked by two green pillars.

A
SON
—IS—
GIVEN
ISAIAH 9:6

Merry Christmas from the staff