

# The PRESSbyterian

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November 2021

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**11:00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

will be observed utilizing  
pre-packaged elements.



## ALL SAINTS' DAY



*All Saints' Day*

We will observe All Saints' Sunday, commemorating all those saints who have been called to life eternal this past year through prayers, liturgy, and special music. There will be an opportunity to come forward and light a candle to honor the memory of a loved one.

## FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

**THIS CHRISTMAS** the chancel choirs of Orangeburg Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church Orangeburg and other musicians will come together to present the Christmas Cantata "Season of Wonders" by Joseph Martin. This will take place in our sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday afternoon, December 12, 2021.**



If you would like to join the choirs we will begin **joint rehearsal** on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. here at First Presbyterian beginning on November 1. We will have five Monday night rehearsals and an 11:00 a.m. rehearsal on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

I am looking forward to making some beautiful music together with our choir and to join others in our faith community as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. If you cannot sing with us then please keep us in your prayers as we prepare this cantata and plan to attend on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Raymond Tucker  
Minister of Music

## GENERAL FUND 2021

**For month ending Sept. 30, 2021**

**Month**

**Year-to-Date**

General Fund Income

\$18,468.77

\$309,108.63 \*

General Fund Budgeted Expenses

\$30,098.25

\$290,216.53

(\$11,629.48)

\$ 18,892.10

\* Includes PPP loan of \$23,800.00

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL

First Presbyterian will once again be participating in the Community Thanksgiving Meal sponsored by several local churches, including St. Paul's United Methodist, Cornerstone, First Baptist, and First Presbyterian. This meal will be served on Thanksgiving Day with takeout only at First Baptist Church.

### COMMUNITY



### Thanksgiving Meal

Last year we served over 450 people and your help is needed to match or increase that number! Our contribution will include non-perishable food items, desserts, and

thawed ready to cook turkeys. Your prayers for this ministry are greatly appreciated as we reach out to offer a home cooked meal to those less fortunate in our community. For more information contact Chalmers Mikell (803.206.8683) about the turkeys and Susan Smoak (803.535.5926) about donations of other food items. Sign-up sheets will be available in the McLees Gallery and in the Centre.

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## THORNWELL OFFERING

*Thornwell Home for Children* in Clinton, South Carolina, has cared for abused, abandoned, and neglected children since 1875. Our annual offering for this ministry will be received on **Sunday, November 28 (although you may contribute at any time)**. Through the generosity of countless individuals and churches, *Thornwell* has been and continues to be a place of hope and healing for thousands of children.

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## COME HELP US DECORATE!



The church sanctuary and grounds will be decorated for Advent and Christmas on Monday, November 29, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us!



## TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

If you wish to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during the Advent Season, your order must be received by **Sunday, November 7**. Envelopes are in the pew racks or information may be mailed to the church office (536 Stanley Street, 29115). Poinsettias are \$15.00 each. (Please make checks payable to the church.) *Orders cannot be accepted by telephone.*



## SANCTUARY FLOWER SCHEDULE

The 2022 flower schedule has several Sundays open. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on one of these days, please contact Katherine Patterson (katcalpat@aol.com or 803-533-8340) or Denise Seymore in the church office (803-534-0088).

January 23	June 26
January 30	July 10
February 27	July 17
March 13	October 23
March 27	

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## THANKFUL ADVENT BREAKFAST AND PROGRAM

**Sunday, November 28**  
9:45 a.m. in The Centre

Everyone is invited.

# THANKSGIVING BOXES

We will provide Thanksgiving Boxes again this year to help those less fortunate in our community have a happy Thanksgiving.

We are once again asking you to donate the items to fill one or more boxes. Through your generosity, last year we were able to fill and distribute 163 boxes. Please find below the list of items for each box. Each box costs roughly \$50 to fill, depending on where you shop. The Evangelism Unit includes a gift certificate for \$20 in each box to be used to purchase a ham or a turkey.



We will continue to have them pick up their box here at the Centre.

In order for this to work properly, **we need all donations completed by Wednesday, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**. Once we have all donations, we will know how many of the requests we can honor and start the process of notifying those recipients that they can pick up their box at the Centre on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon.

We are asking for volunteers to help with the pick up on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

As in the past, if you are unable to purchase the items for the boxes, the committee will do the shopping for you. Make your check payable to the church with a designation to the Thanksgiving Box Ministry. You can turn it in to the church or give it to one of the committee members. **Remember to have your donation in by Wednesday, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be copies of the list of items to purchase in the McLees Gallery and in the Centre. There will be forms in the Centre that you can use for tax purposes to show your donation.

Thank you once again for your support.

Evangelism Unit

Thanksgiving Box Ministry

Elise and Gerald Myers—Co Chairs

803-682-3721

- Meat – 1 can (beef stew, Vienna, etc.)
- Seafood – 2 cans (tuna, salmon, etc.)
- Vegetables – 2 cans (large)
- Pork & beans – 1 large can
- Dried beans – 1 package
- Soup – 1 large can
- Fruit – 2 cans
- Cranberry sauce – 1 can
- Cooking oil – liter or quart
- Dessert – Jell-O, pudding, brownie mix, cake mix
- Evaporated milk – 1 large can
- Cereal – 1 large box
- Grits – 2 lbs. (quick)
- Peanut butter – 1 jar (plastic)
- Jelly – 1 jar (plastic)
- Dessert cookies (Oreo, Choc Chip, etc.)
- Crackers – 1 box (saltines, Ritz, cheese)
- Spaghetti sauce – 1 jar (plastic or can)
- Dry macaroni noodles – 1 medium box
- Spaghetti noodles – 1 medium box
- Box meal (hamburger helper, etc.)
- Rice – 2 lbs. bag
- Stuffing – 1 box
- Sugar – 4 or 5 lbs.
- Flour – 5 lbs.
- Salt – 1 box
- Corn meal
- Jiffy cornbread mix – 2 boxes
- Hot chocolate

Optional: a stuffed animal

**Please have food items in The Centre by 6:00 p.m. on November 10th!!**



## CARD MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

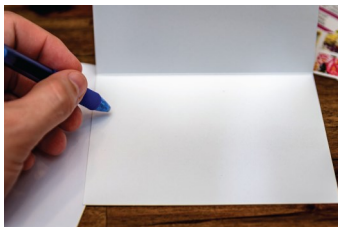
The mission of First Presbyterian's Card Ministry Team is to make sure the members of our church family on the Congregational Care Report know that they are in our thoughts, and they are being lifted in prayer.

We need a few volunteers to assist us with the ministry. You will be asked to send cards to our church family or their family member. Depending on the number of volunteers we have, you will be responsible for a week about every 6 weeks or so. Cards and stamps are provided. This is a simple, easy way to give back to our congregation and serve the Lord. And you can do this without ever leaving the comfort of your home!

Science has proven that receiving a handwritten note or card has an emotional impact and makes people feel cared for and special.

If you would like to join our team, please contact Laura Fogle by phone or text (803-533-8984), or by e-mail at [laurafogle1974@gmail.com](mailto:laurafogle1974@gmail.com).

Thank you!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

All Saints' Sunday	
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	November 7
Thanksgiving Box Deadline	November 10
Community Thanksgiving Meal	November 25
Decorate the Grounds	November 29
Children's Choirs Participate in 11:00 a.m. worship	December 12
Christmas Cantata	December 12
Children's Christmas Pageant	December 15
Church-Wide Christmas Drop-In Raymond Tucker's home	December 18
First Praise and Friends	December 19
Christmas Eve Communion	December 24

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2021

**CLASSES**  
for All Ages

Preschool and elementary classes are continuing the *Holy Moly* series from Spark House. They are studying the teachings and stories of Jesus.

Preschool teacher: Maggie Robertson

### Elementary teachers:

November 7 Tracy and Robbie Myers  
November 14 Jane Holladay  
November 21 TBA  
November 28 Thankful Advent Breakfast

Middle school (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) is continuing with *Connect*, which studies the Bible from Genesis to Revelation with life applications. Teacher: Sarah Coggins

Youth are doing an in-depth study of some of the major stories in the Bible and are being taught by Katherine Smith.



Explorers are meeting in the Centre Conference Room studying, "Mark, the Humanity of Christ" by John MacArthur; taught by Craig Smith.

John Knox Class is meeting in the John Knox classroom using David C. Cook. Teacher: John Shuler

Saltshaker Class will meet in the Howard Dickson room also using David C. Cook curriculum.

Kaye Borgstedt

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 21, 2021



## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES



**SANCTUARY PRAYER:** Our sanctuary is open on Tuesdays from 11-1:30 for silent prayer for our church and the church universal. Prayer guides are available. Come anytime and stay for any amount of time.

**TUESDAY INTERCESSORS** meet in the sanctuary on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and another INTERCESSORS group meets in the Centre conference room at 1:00 p.m. If neither of these times are convenient for you and you would like to be an intercessor, please contact Kaye Borgstedt.

**To request prayer:** There are prayer request forms in the pew racks in the sanctuary to be completed and put in offering plate and they will be given to prayer warriors. To request prayer by telephone, call the church office at 803-534-0088, ext. 6 to leave a voicemail (checked daily by a deacon) and sent to caring members of our email prayer chain. For a confidential prayer request, call the church office, 803-534-0088, ext. 5 and Kaye Borgstedt will forward the request to the confidential prayer chain. If your request needs immediate confidential prayer, contact Kaye at 803-707-2225. Also you may email your request to [prayer.request@1stpresbyterian.org](mailto:prayer.request@1stpresbyterian.org).

Thank you for being so conscientious to our Diaconate prayer team which is composed of Suzanna Crabb and Dawn Strickland.

Kaye Borgstedt

## FLOWER TEAM CHAIR NEEDED!

If you are looking for a wonderful way to serve the church, the Worship Unit is looking for a new Flower Team Chair. Please contact a member of the Worship Unit to volunteer or inquire.

Jim Harvey, Worship Unit Chair  
Melissa Plummer, Retta Guthrie, David Bull

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## CHILDREN'S COATS NEEDED!

*Our Father's Closet* needs Boys Coats Size 5 through Size 14. Coats will be distributed to



Orangeburg students in need in mid-November. Please bring gently used coats, new coats, or monetary donations to the church office to assist in filling these coat needs.

Many Thanks,  
Circle 1

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## CHURCH LIBRARY

We have several new books in our library in the fellowship hall. In addition to the one pictured, we have the 50 stories from the Old Testament. Check them out and see how many you know.



We also have: "Living In the Upper Room: Permeate Your Church with a Culture of Prayer"; "Restored Power: Becoming a Praying Church One Tweak at a Time;" and "Forgotten Power: A Simple Theology for a Praying Church."

There are comfortable reading places in the library or feel free to check books out. A simple check out process is outlined in the library.

Kaye Borgstedt



What is JOY for a Christian?

Happiness or Joy?

Many people have a goal to be happy. It is much easier to be happy when everything is going the way we want and we have no major problems. Happiness seems to be based upon "happenings." If things are going well, we are happy but when trouble or disruptions come, what happens to happiness? It is probably gone but with trust in Jesus, we still have God's joy. We can have God given joy without being happy but can we really be happy without God's joy?

One definition of joy is "the great emotion of great delight or happiness that is caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying." This type of joy is earthly and can be fleeting but for Christians the joy that God gives us is eternal. There are over 214 Biblical passages about joy. The Bible never promises us happiness but does promise us joy. As stated earlier, happiness may be temporary and based upon what is happening. Joy is from the Lord and we can experience God given joy even when we may be experiencing trials, suffering or testing. Joy from God is permanent. It is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22). Spiritually, we experience joy from God's goodness. It is a deep God inspired feel-

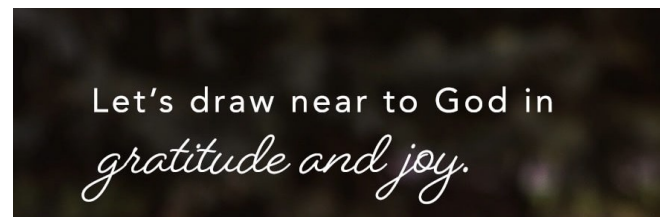
ing. It gives us peace and brings about rejoicing. We rejoice in Him because His salvation is for us (Psalm 40:16, 64:10). God promises us joy and He keeps His promises. "The joy of the Lord is my strength" Neh. 8:10.

Psalm 126:3 "The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." Joy is a condition of the heart and is from within, regardless of what is happening around us. Joyful people are full of gratitude. The Greek word for joy describes a feeling of inner gladness which leads to a cheerful heart leading to cheerful behavior. And certainly helps us live a life full of joy and promise regardless of what is happening around us. Biblically speaking, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:5) One of my favorite joy verses is Psalm 28:7. "The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart trusts in Him and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy and with my song I praise Him."

My answer is yes there is a difference in happiness and joy. The first may be fleeting but the joy from God is permanent. Praise God for His joy. I joyfully thank Him for each of you.

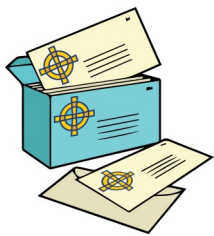
**Challenge:** Remember God's joy is not circumstantial. Accept it with gratitude. Go in God's love and be overjoyed.

**Prayer:** Help us all feel the joy that only comes from You; and all God's children said...Amen.



With Christian Love,  
Kaye Borgstedt  
Christian Education Coordinator

## CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES 2022



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

## COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE

The Session approved the following Covid-19 protocols, which were recommended by our Task Force on 9/7/2021.

1. Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used upon entering all church buildings.
2. Following the guidance of CDC and our concern for our most vulnerable, masks are required for everyone three years old and older, vaccinated and unvaccinated, as they enter all buildings for all church activities.
3. Please allow ushers to seat you and your family. Physically distanced seating is available for all in attendance.
4. During the time for children, the children will remain in the pew with their parents. Following the time for children adult leaders will lead the children to their programs.
5. Singing will continue with masks on.
6. Offering plates will be at the entrance to receive your offering. Friendship Pads will not be passed.
7. Ushers will bring the offering down front during The Doxology.
8. The minister may preach without a mask.

We ask that you help keep our congregation safe by following this protocol. The Task Force will make adjustments as the Covid situation improves.

### The Task Force

Jimmy Smoak	Kaye Borgstedt
Jim Harvey	Sarah Coggins
David Gillespie	Raymond Tucker
Gregg Frierson	

## Save The Date

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be December 15 at 6:00 p.m. The only practice will be Sunday, December 5, after the Children's Sermon.

## December Opportunities For Adults

- December 5 and 12** Sunday School  
with Dr. Danny Massie  
10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- December 19** Birthday Party for Jesus  
10:00 a.m. in Centre Foyer
- Sunday School Fellowship** is each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01 James Shepherd	11/18 Faye Bull
11/02 Emma Cuttino	Carol Felder
11/04 Kim Wolfe	Andy Trimmier
11/05 Shirley Salley	11/19 Wayne Lorick
11/07 Janet Brailsford	11/20 Ramsey Albergotti
11/08 Vivian Hutto	11/21 Emily Shirer
Lisa Boltin	11/22 Billy Kelley
Joni Thackston	Robert Wall
Tripp Wingard	11/23 Howard Shirer
11/09 Nancy Runager	Al Thomas
Mary Margaret	Hughes
Dempsey	11/25 Phyllis Wilson
11/11 Gale Riley	Kurt von Besser
11/13 Keith Byers	11/28 Lewis Lanier
Maggie Hughes	John Colston
11/14 Emmaline	Strickland
Dangerfield	11/29 George Ware
11/16 Annie Blair Davis	Evan Campbell
11/17 Aaron Bruner	Abby Thackston
	11/30 Catherine Cuttino



## MEMORIALS

### Given in Memory of

Steven Patterson  
Charles "Buddy" Barnwell, Jr.  
Sara Turner  
Ted Byers, Jr.

### Given By

Deb and Jerry Alley  
Dr. and Mrs. Randolph Smoak  
Mr. Keith Byers  
John and Jane Shuler

## NOTE OF THANKS

Your kind expression of prayers, sympathy and friendship on the passing of my sister, Flossie Lewis Benjamin, will always remain in our memories. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Harry and Mary Lewis



## FROM THE EVANGELISM UNIT—FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS!

CCMO is looking for volunteers to help with this year's food distribution. The dates and needs are listed below. First Presbyterian has volunteered and participated in this wonderful local mission in the past.

### PACK 120 BOXES

#### MONDAYS (11/1, 11/15, 12/6)

- 9:00 am Set up for box packing (assemble boxes, label tables, move food to tables, register volunteers)
- 9:45 am Pack boxes (fill boxes, tape, stack, move pallets)  
Clean site (clean tables and floors, take trash to dumpster, secure building)

**TUESDAYS** (time may vary according to distribution site and note 11/4 is a Thursday)

(11/4, 11/16, 12/7)

- 8:30 am Load truck at 2570 St Matthews Road (FoodShare door)
- 9:30 am Arrive at distribution site
- 9:30 am Check id's, log information on chart
- 9:30 am Register all volunteers at site
- 10:00 am Distribute food boxes

At end of distribution insure that site is clean.  
All times depend on number of volunteers.

### FOOD PICKUP

Truck leaves 2570 St Matthews Rd for PIGGLY WIGGLY  
Unload truck at 2570 St Matthews Rd (FoodShare door and CCMO door)

### SITE COORDINATOR

Coordinate with representative at distribution site

- Set up
- Publicity
- Site volunteers
- 6-8 hand out boxes
- 2 Direct traffic
- Oversee day of distribution process
- 2 Verify id, log # in family and race (CCMO)

### INVENTORY COORDINATOR

- Inventory food items each week
- Determine needs for each distribution

Please let me know if you are able to volunteer and forward this to any others who may wish to join us. Thank you for all of your assistance.

Ray Sabalis (with CCMO)  
803-387-8555



**First Presbyterian Church**  
650 Summers Avenue  
Orangeburg, SC 29115  
**Return Service Requested**

And whatever you do,  
in word or deed,  
do everything in the name  
*of the Lord Jesus,*  
*giving thanks*  
to God the Father  
through him.

Colossians 3:17



**November 2021**

So then, just as you received  
Christ Jesus as **LORD,**  
**CONTINUE**  
to live your lives in him,  
**ROOTED** and **BUILT UP**  
in him,  
**STRENGTHENED**  
in the faith  
as you were taught,  
and overflowing with  
**THANKFULNESS.**

Colossians 2:6-7, NIV