The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Purifoy
Welcome and Announcements
Choral Call to Worship "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" Woodworth
Prayer of Praise and Adoration
Responsive Litany

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.
We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.
We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded and mend what has been broken.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.
We wait for the one who can renew our weary sprits and ignite our hearts with hope.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Today we light the first candle - the candle of hope - reminding us that Jesus was sent not only to be our Savior, but also to be our Wonderful Counselor; the one who hears our prayers with compassion, and who offers guidance when we seek it. As we begin the season of Advent, we remember that our rest can be found in God, and through the gift of God's son our hope is forever restored.

+Opening Hymn #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God. Hymn #95**
Assurance of Pardon
Anthem "Amid the Cold of Winter" Davis

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
The Word of God Isaiah 64:1-9 (pp. 652-653)
Mark 13:24-37 (pp. 47-48)

Children's Message Reverend Deacon Pam Rhea
Sermon "The Sky is Falling!" Reverend Deacon Pam Rhea

+Affirmation of Faith (From The Book of Common Worship)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

+The Gloria Patri, # 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OUR RESPONSE

+Hymn of Praise # 23 "God You Spin the Whirling Planets" Pleading Savior

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Helmore, arr. Larson

+Doxology # 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below: Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 756 "O God of Every Nation" Llangloffan

+Blessing and Benediction

+Postlude "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Holden

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so.
Please join in unison reading of the bold print.

Praise Reports

Rowland Jennings has completed his treatments and is feeling well.

Prayer Concerns

Jon & Dorothy Fortman
Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones
(Scott Jones' Mother)
Health Concerns

Sherean Harrington
(Hope Oakes Stepmother)
Health Concerns

Simon Storer
(Friend of Lee Hackett)
Cancer Diagnosis

Toni Oakes
Prayer Requests

Hilda Nance
(Hillary Richardson's Aunt)
Recovery from Stroke

Boyd Hardy
(Friend of the Gaskin Family)
Cancer Diagnosis

Chris Hannon & Adele Elliot
(Friends of Eric Krieger)
Health Concerns

Friend of Marthalie Porter
Prayer Concerns

Steve Pieschel
(Friend of the Gaskin Family)
Health Concerns

The Barksdale Family
On the loss of
Mrs. Peggy Barksdale
(Tracie Hanson's Mom)

Roger Swartz
(Larry Swartz's Brother)
Health Concerns

Maggie Mistilis
(Larry Swartz's Sister)
Health Concerns

Robert White
(Friend of Taylor Richardson)
Recovery from Fall

THE CHURCH AT WORK

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church!

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth - Kindergarten).

Restrooms are located on both floors in the Education Building. Follow the signs or ask a friendly face who will be happy to help you find anything you need.

Today
1st Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Lessons & Carols

Wednesday
12:30 p.m.
Prayer Group

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Saturday
8:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Breakfast

Next Sunday
2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Worship
Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

Session

Dr. Tom Richardson, Moderator, Pro-Tem
Hope DeVenney, Clerk of Session

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Fran Brown-1	Hope DeVenney-4	Keith Gaskin- 2
Marthalie Porter-1	Tom Hatcher-2	Ed Oakes- 3
Steve Porter-2	Anna Jones-4	Lezli Waits- 4
Susan Smith-2	Tom Richardson-3	Steve Wilkes –1

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Lee Hackett-1	Roger Burlingame-2	Amanda Bowen– 2
Mary Nelson-1	Holly Longton-3	Robert Hill– 3
	Jennifer Mearkle-2	Taylor Richardson– 2

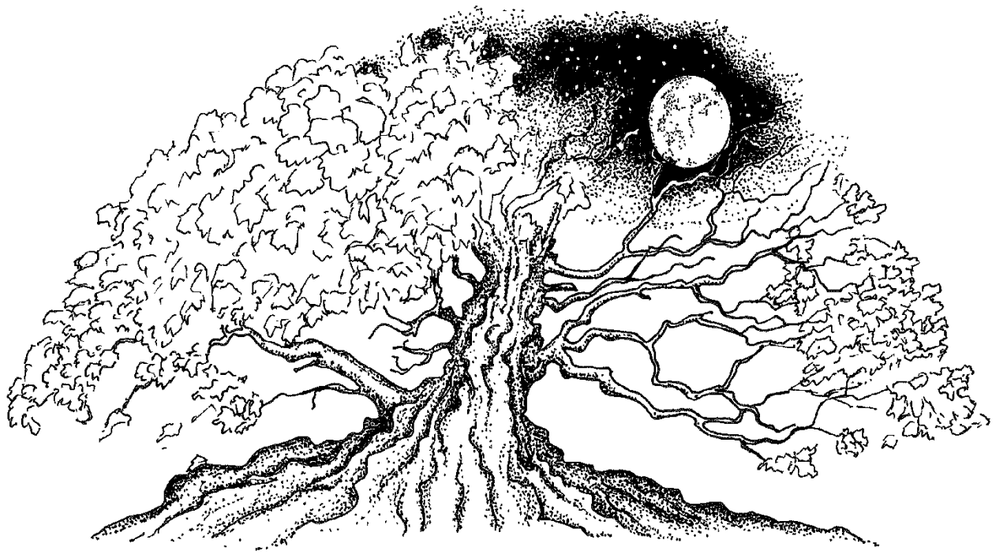
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Helping Hands Immediate Needs:
All canned vegetables, 1 lb. bags of rice, and spaghetti noodles.

Helping Hands Fan Drive:
"Share the Warmth" – Help share the warmth by donating a blanket. New blankets will be accepted throughout the winter months. Please drop blankets off in the education building or if you would like to make a monetary donation, you may drop it in the offering plate on Sunday designated: Helping Hands Blanket Drive.

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

"The Sky is Falling!"
1st Sunday of Advent
Reverend Deacon Pam Rhea
November 29, 2026

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