

LARGE PRINT



# Hanging of the Greens

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

# NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR BULLETIN

Our bulletin looks a little different today. Here is what you might notice:

In an effort to include our early and non-readers in worship participation, we have added icons next to each part of the service. We invite you to point these out to children you may be worshipping with and help engage them in the worship service.

These are the symbols and what they indicate:



PRAYER



SPEAKING



BIBLE



MUSIC



OFFERING



BAPTISM



COMMUNION

In addition, we have added QR Codes to the bulletin. Most smartphones can scan QR Codes with the camera on the phone. Once scanned, the code can take you directly to the webpage the code denotes. We hope these codes will help you better access our online resources.



FOR ONLINE GIVING



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# WELCOME

November 28, 2021

8:30 am & 11:00 am

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIGNIFICANCE AND CHIMING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE                      *Hornpipe Humoresque*                      ARR. NOEL RAWSTHORNE

SIGNIFICANCE OF SYMBOLS AND THE MEANING OF ADVENT



\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

Many: **Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.**

One: As we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child,

Many: **let us worship God!**



\*OPENING PRAYER



\*OPENING HYMN 107

REJOICE, REJOICE

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PARAMENTS AND CANDLES

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)*

Children are always welcome in worship! They are an important part of our church community and we would love for them to stay for the whole service. Wiggles and giggles will not bother us; tears and fears remind us we're human. There is a nursery available downstairs (just ask an usher) if you would prefer. We are so glad you are here.

Significance of the Paraments

8:30am:

Susie & Tom Conard

11:00 am: Al Steenwyk & Gary Tucker

Significance of Candles

8:30 am: Vida & Clinton Wann

11:00 am: Katie & Neal Davis

*\*Those who are able, please stand*



KYRIE *Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.* HOPSON  
*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.*  
*Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent Jesus into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Many: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**



\*HYMN 581

*Glory Be To The Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*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, amen.*

### SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

#### LIGHT THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE



#### RESPONSIVE READING

One: In Childhood, Christ is a magical Christmas gift.

Many: **Let us accept the gift of Jesus' birth and remember the joy and freshness of Christmas as a child.**

One: In adulthood, Christ is a role model and teacher who answers our questions.

Many: **Let us follow Jesus as our teacher and remember the foundation of our faith when our beliefs are shaken.**

One: In old age, Christ gives us hope for the future.

Many: **Let us live our lives with calm assurance and rejoice as we remember our lives. Christ was with us at every turn and every struggle. Christ will be with us in eternity.**

### SIGNIFICANCE OF GARLAND, WREATHS, AND SANCTUARY GREENS

Significance of the  
Advent Wreath

8:30 am: Bobbie  
O'Farrell & Ryann  
Bulger

11:00 am: Maggie  
Thompson & Hudson  
Cornelius

Significance of  
Garland

8:30 am: Allyson  
Gudeman & Robin  
Monroe

11:00 am: Karen  
Madison & Ginger  
Bryant

*\*Those who are  
able, please stand*

## Chancel Choir

*Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin birth:  
Let ev'ry age adoring fall,  
Such birth befits the God of all  
Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,*

*And darkness glow with newborn light,  
No more shall night extinguish day,  
Where love's bright beams their power display.  
O Jesu, virgin born to thee, eternal praise and glory be,  
When the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.*

Significance of the  
Chrismons

Children and Youth

## SIGNIFICANCE AND PRESENTATION OF THE CHRISMONS



## SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Significance of the  
Poinsettias

8:30 am: Marilyn  
McCorkle, Barbara  
Rahrer, Sandra Vallely  
& Susan Lewis

11:00 am: Harriet  
Bibb, Joanne Horn,  
Patty Conley &  
Frances Byrd

## HOMILY



## \*HYMN 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

## SIGNIFICANCE OF POINSETTIAS

*\*Those who are  
able, please stand*



## OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*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.*

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Tara W.  
Bulger, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Brett  
Gudeman, Associate  
Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,  
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,  
Pianist/Organist

Chancel Choir

Mary Peck, violin

Devin Lacey, oboe

Ushers:

8:30 am- Susie & Tom  
Conard, Marilyn  
McCorkle

11:00 am- Sheila  
Fogle, Ally Gudeman,  
Karen & Doug  
Madison

Video and Sound:  
Tom Stroud,  
Brian Bulger, Dave  
Young



\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

\*HYMN 347

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

PICARDY



BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

One: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor does one light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God, who is in heaven.  
Many: **Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. As we leave this place may the spirit of Christ lead us to share with others the joy we have felt and the good news we have heard. May we leave this place filled with light and radiance, for we have been in the presence of God. May our souls be peaceful, for we have been cleansed by the healing power of God. May we leave this place empowered and strengthened, may we leave this place having worshiped God, and having our hearts and souls mended by the blood of Christ, who was born to set us free. Glory to God in the highest! Savior of the nations, Come!**

\*POSTLUDE

*Jerusalem*

C. HUBERT PARRY

### Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Great

EXPECTATIONS

DECEMBER 5	CHRISTMAS CANTATA
DECEMBER 12	THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 19	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

# THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

## November 28-December 5

### Sunday, November 28, 2021

8:30 am Worship Service Hanging of the Greens SAN  
9:30 - 10:30 am Charles Danner Seminar Zoom & LIB  
9:30 - 10:30 am Comrades Sunday School Class Room 106  
9:30 - 10:30 am Connect 4th & 5th Room 012  
9:30 - 10:30 am Genesis JAH  
9:30 - 10:30 am Godly Play K & 1st Room 009  
9:30 - 10:30 am LEAD Youth GBH Youth Room  
9:30 - 10:30 am Peepers Sunday School Room 110/111  
9:30 - 10:30 am Spark 2nd & 3rd Room 010  
11:00 am Worship Service Hanging of the Greens SAN  
5:00 - 7:00 pm PYC All Ages Offsite

### Monday, November 29, 2021

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool

### Tuesday, November 30, 2021

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool

12:00 - 1:00 pm Advent Study LIB

6:30 - 8:30 pm Huntsville Master Chorale Rehearsal JAH/CH

### Wednesday, December 1, 2021

7:00 - 8:00 am Men's Bible Study FH

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool

1:30 - 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry LIB

6:30 - 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal CR

### Thursday, December 2, 2021

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Prayer Group Zoom

5:30 pm Worship Service JAH

### Friday, December 3, 2021

9:00 am - 1:00 pm First Friends Preschool

### Sunday, December 5, 2021

8:30 am Worship Service Christmas Cantata SAN

9:30 - 10:30 am Advent Workshop for Families FH

9:30 - 10:30 am Charles Danner Seminar Zoom & LIB

9:30 - 10:30 am Comrades Sunday School Class Room 106

9:30 - 10:30 am Genesis JAH

9:30 - 10:30 am LEAD Youth GBH Youth Room

11:00 am Worship Service Christmas Cantata SAN

12:00 - 2:00 pm First Sunday Fellowship at Stovehouse

5:00 - 6:00 pm PYC Middle School GBH

6:30 - 7:30 pm PYC High School GBH

### Calendar Legend:

**BR** - Bell Room

**CH** - Carriage House (GBH)

**CER** - Christian Ed Resource upstairs

**CR** - Choir Room

**FH** - Fellowship Hall

**GBH** - Gideon Blackburn House

**HR** - Historical Room

**JAH** - John Allan Hall (GBH)

**LIB** - Library

**SAN** - Sanctuary

**SMR** - Stephen Ministry Room (GBH)

**Green** - Children's program

**Yellow** - Youth program

**Red** - Adult program

**Blue** - Music





First Presbyterian is a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

We welcome you as a participant in worship today. We pray that you will find this service meaningful. Worship is but one of the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

**FLOWER GUILD HONORS AND MEMORIALS**

*The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Cornelia Faust by Joanne Horn.*



Worship of the Living God is not confined to one place or time. We encourage you to take this bulletin home and use it to guide you in private moments of worship for the next week.

Discuss: How do you prepare for Christmas?

Read:

Monday- Matthew 21:1-11

Tuesday- Matthew 21:12-22

Wednesday- Matthew 21:23-32

Thursday- Matthew 21:33-46

Friday- Matthew 22:1-14

Saturday- Matthew 22:15-22

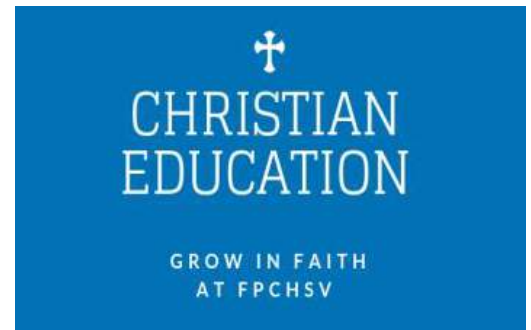
Prayer: Gracious God, as we prepare for Christmas, may we prepare too our hearts for the gift of Christ. Amen.



Many thanks to Mary Peck, violin, and Devin Lacy, oboe, for playing this morning

Join us on **December 5** for a Christmas Cantata. The Chancel Choir, along with a chamber orchestra, will present “What Sweeter Music” by John Leavitt.

You are invited at “Christmas on the Mountain” a Christmas concert presented by the Huntsville Master Chorale. **Sunday, December 12** at 3:00 p.m. at Monte Sano Methodist Church.



Needed: Secret prayer partners for our confirmation youth. Contact Kathy if you are interested!

**Save the Dates!**

- December 5, 9:30 - 10:30 am- Advent Workshop
- December 11, Live Nativity! 4:00 - 4:45 pm Walk-Thru, 5:15 - 6:00 pm Drive-Thru



- Nov 28: PYC at Galaxy of Lights Walking Tour (Dinner at FPC)



### **Update on our November Mission of the Month**

Bring your Santa for Seniors gifts in **by this Sunday, November 28**. Gifts should be WRAPPED and placed in a large gift bag with the name of the senior attached to the bag. Thank you to everyone who has participated!

### **Update on the October Mission of the Month**

On November 6, church members traveled to the Presbyterian Home for Children to deliver gifts prepared in October at an intergenerational mission night. While there, they worked on several needed maintenance projects.

### **The Huntsville Hospital Foundation**

The foundation reached out to us back in September asking for community help in showing hospital staff how much they were appreciated after such a difficult eighteen months. The committee agreed to spend \$1000 of non-designated money to provide 100 workers with Walmart gift cards. Individual letters of thanks were written to the employees to accompany these cards.

### **Update on our 2021 Mission of the Year**

There is an ongoing need for food supplies. Please purchase and drop off any of the following:

- Juice boxes- 100% juice, 6.75 oz
- Fruit cups- 4 oz
- Breakfast cereal- single-serve boxes
- Shelf-stable milk- single-serve boxes
- Single-serve pop-top entrees
  - Macaroni and cheese
  - Chicken and rice with vegetables
  - Beefaroni
  - Beef ravioli (Chef Boyardee)

If you have questions, contact Karen Madison at [karenmadison@comcast.net](mailto:karenmadison@comcast.net).

# PRAYER LIST

To add a prayer request, please visit our website

To remove a prayer request, please email [communications@fpchsv.org](mailto:communications@fpchsv.org)

New prayer requests are in bold print

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Bulger at 256-655-1818

## **Church Members:**

Peggy McClure  
Dr. Joe Sparks  
Tim Grey  
Reba Paludan  
Mickey Childers  
Ginny Bouldin  
Barbara (Bonny) Morris  
Cay Lambert  
Mary Lou Danner

## **Friends and Family:**

**Tina Hester- mother of Anne Peters**

**Connor Alexander and family- friends of Kelsey and  
Kyler Worley**

Grover Weaver Family - friends of the Hudsons and  
Weems  
Jane and Doug Spurlin- friend of Ellen DeAngelo  
Chuck Snead and family- friends of Eleanor and George  
Harsh  
Kevin McKeon- father of Kelsey Worley  
Wayne Suchman- friend of Houston Matthews  
Kyle Bitzer- family friend of Dave and Peggy Galloway  
Gary Galloway- son of Dave and Peggy Galloway  
Erika Holt- friend of Stephanie Hyatt  
Willis Atwater- friend of the Howards and the Wermuths  
Melinda Thompson- Sister of Mary Hart Brown  
Mary Edith Thompson- Mother of Mary Hart Brown  
Christy Martin- Friend of Mary Hart Brown  
Jeff and Sue Mazer- Friends of Tom and Sharon Hudson  
Lewis Family- friends of Janice Fowler  
Hugh Nicholson- Brother of Francis Byrd  
Linda Edwards-Hamlett – friend of Marilyn Schild  
Kristi Herbert - friend of Sharon Hudson  
Friend of Lisa Stephens  
Lively Family  
Shirley Forbes  
Josh Saliba - nephew of Donna and John Basore  
Marcos Servin - brother-in-law of Patricia Hacker  
Caitlin Greiner - granddaughter of Cay Lambert  
Pat Richeson - friend of Glen Adams  
Stella Fair - sister of David Galloway  
Beverlee Leo - mother of Lori Smith  
Scott Sedlitz - stepson of Annewhite Fuller

Leigh Vincent - friend of Linda and Woodward Howard  
Paige Olmo -daughter of Paula Weider  
Sean Larkin - friend of Linda Howard and Bryce Connor  
Dylan Greiner - son of Cay Lambert  
Dale Brown - brother of Doug Brown  
Nell Pike - mother of Charlie Pike  
Rachel Beard - friend of Tam Bevel

## **Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:**

Kathleen Perry (Valley View)  
Dolly Shuey (WBC @ Magnolia Trace)  
Jean Walker (Regency)

## **The Church:**

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger and her family  
The Rev. Brett Gudeman and his family  
First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the Board of  
Deacons, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the  
church staff  
NAP seminary student Joe Lundy (First, Huntsville).

## **Military & International:**

All those serving in the armed forces; particularly ENS  
Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Flight School

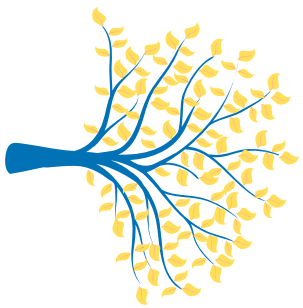
**Our Nation:** President Biden, Vice President Harris, and  
all who govern our nation

## **First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries:**

Appalachia Service Project (ASP)  
Good Samaritans  
International Missionary Fellowship (HaitiHospital.org)  
The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center  
The Presbyterian Home for Children  
Second Mile Preschool  
The CUP program  
Camp Maranatha  
Mission Aviation Fellowship

## **Other Prayers:**

Let us pray for all those struggling with health and  
economic hardship during this pandemic. Let us also  
pray for communities as they express the deep hurt  
they feel, as well as for safety and peace for all.



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