

Weekly Worship

Every Sunday

9:00 Worship Service
 in the Sanctuary and
 Facebook Live

11:00 Facebook Video
 Available

11:00 Worship Service
 in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Monday, Dec. 6

1:00 Prayers and Squares
 6:00 Ladies Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 8

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 Kids' Church
 6:00 Youth

Tuesday, Dec. 14

2:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Dec. 15

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 Kids' Church
 6:00 Youth

Thursday, Dec. 16

5:30 SPF Ministry

Sunday, Dec. 19

11:00 Christmas Cantata
 1:00 Session Meeting

Monday, Dec. 20

1:00 Prayers & Squares
 3:00 Visitation Ministry

Wednesday, Dec. 22

11:00 Prayer Ministry

Friday, Dec. 24

6:00 Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec. 26

11:00 Worship Service Only
 (no 9:00 service)

Friday, Dec. 31

Office Closed

Pastor

Timothy Scoonover

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Angeline Brock

Editor Sally Harvey

A Note From Our Pastor

“...and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
 making peace by the blood of his cross.” -Colossians 1:20

Four years ago, I used this space to share about our family’s annual trip to the Mepkin Abbey Crèche Festival. I know I run the risk of repeating myself, but the experience is just so moving, that I’d like to share about it again this year.



Our family loves nativities. We’ve even started our own little crèche collection over the years. A couple are more traditional, some are more abstract. One, a friend brought back from a mission trip to Africa. Another, made out of a coconut, my brother gave us from his work in Haiti. So, you can image our delight in the annual Mepkin Abbey Festival. I’m sharing this display below because it spoke to me about **unity**.

I hope you can tell from the picture that entire nativity scene is presented from ONE solid piece of wood. If there’s a name for this type of continuous cut, I don’t know it. I do know enough about woodworking to truly admire it, though. (My grandfather was commissioned to carve an ornament for the Christmas tree at the White House!). I’m amazed at the precision of the artist. The risk—one wrong turn of the blade and a whole angel gets left out of the scene. So, every “character” in the scene was already present in the same log. Mary, Joseph, the Magi, and Jesus were all cut out of the same wood. All intact. All connected. Unity.

There’s so much that is splintering us apart right now. Our world seems just as fractured as ever. The trouble is, it’s not just the world that’s splintering. Division is even stoked within the church.

Along comes this log... the only one who can bring true and lasting unity is Jesus. The one who brings unity, depicted in a unified carving. To be clear, I don’t mean the “can’t we all just get along” kind of unity. That’s shallow and doesn’t do justice to the differences present in our diverse world. The gritty, lasting unity of Christ comes by way of another log—his cross. It’s a unity purchased by his suffering and sacrifice. In the words of Paul, Jesus’ reconciling peace comes by the blood of the cross.

You are likely to see a lot of nativities over the next four weeks. I hope they cause us pause and ponder. This Advent, may we see with fresh eyes Christ—the *One* who makes us *one*.

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

Advent and New Year Pastor's Book Study

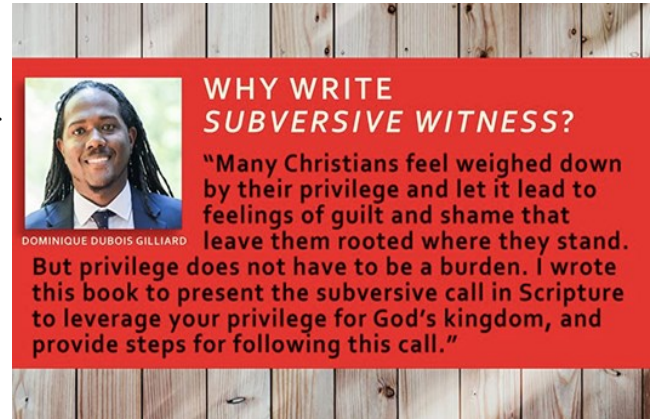
Subversive Witness

Wednesday, January 12-6pm in the Fellowship Hall

By your copy today, and begin reading during Advent. We will discuss the book in the new year. Our first discussion will on Wednesday, January 12 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Review from Latasha Morrison: "In a time where the church feels just as fractured as our nation, we need Christians who are equipped and compelled to repair the breach. In this book, Dominique Gilliard calls us back to biblical discipleship and shows the scriptural roots of some of the most divisive issues that impair our witness—privilege, systemic oppression, and racial justice. *Subversive Witness* is a gift to the church, offering us a new, faithful way forward amid the brokenness and polarity that abounds."



Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, November 15th the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer led by Timothy Scoonover
- Examined and received the new class of officers: Charlene Atkins and Mike Stasiak as deacons, and Don Brown (two-year term), Ed Stehmeyer, Rin Page, Jane Campbell as elders
- Approved the minutes from October Session and Congregational Meetings
- Welcomed Jimbo and Margaret High into membership by letter of transfer
- Approved communion for January 9 (rather than January 2)
- Received updates and reports from all ministry teams and the pastor
- Closed with pastoral prayer for the needs of church and community

Our next Session meeting will be Sunday, December 19 following the 11am worship service.



Officer's Retreat and College of Elders

Saturday, January 22

Officer's Retreat and College of Elders at the Well

9:00-11:00 Deacons and College of Elders

9:00-1:00 Active Elders

*Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 19 at 11:00am*

This year, we hope to incorporate more congregational singing into the program, so come prepared for a joyous song filled service. We'll be practicing the new songs in worship on Dec. 5th and Dec. 12th. Make sure you come then too, so you can learn your part!

We will have fellowship and refreshments after the cantata.



*Please mark you calendar for this special event
in the life of our church!*

No 9:00 Service

Christmas Communion
**CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE**

*December 24 at 6:00pm
(one service only)*

*Sunday, December 26,
there will be one service at 11:00am*

Christmas Poinsettias



If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by placing a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas, please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate or leave on the secretary's desk along with your check. Poinsettias are \$10 each and checks should be made payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designated *Poinsettias*. **Deadline is Sunday, December 19th.**

Memory of: _____

Honor of : _____

From: _____

No. of Poinsettias _____ Amt. Paid: _____



WOMEN'S
Christmas
EVENT

Women's Christmas Event

Monday, December 6 at 6:00pm

All women of the church are invited to a Christmas gathering in the fellowship hall.

Bring a finger food of your choice and a \$5 gift for the gift exchange.

Young girls are welcome to come with their mothers.

For more information, contact Mickey Smith at 843-899-6420



Christmas Food Boxes

Hugh Smith and Jerry Stuckey will be accepting donations for those that are less fortunate as they have done in previous years. We need your donations as early as possible due to shortages of certain items that sell out quickly at the stores. Last year each bag contained enough food for several days. Call Jerry (843-899-4477) or Hugh (843-899-6420) for more information.

Our Mission: Making disciples who reach UP to God, IN to one another, and OUT to the world!

Excitement in December

Wednesday, Dec. 8—Outing to the Santee Cooper Christmas Lights

Wednesday, Dec. 15 — Christmas Party

No Youth Group Dec. 22

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Youth Thanksgiving Party



We extend Christian sympathy to Roy D. Smith and his family. Roy's father, Roy E. Smith passed away on Thursday, November 4, 2021.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone that packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child. You helped spread God's love around the world. We shipped a total of 73 boxes.



Offering Statements will be mailed out shortly. Be on the look out for yours. After receiving, if you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thank you, Sally



Shout Out and Thank You to our team that assembles the newsletter each month and prepares it for mailing. You are the best! I can always depend on you. You make my job so much easier and less stressful.









Thank you, Sally

- 1 David Baruch
- 1 David Baughn, Jr
- 2 Meredith Bell
- 3 Jeff Baumann
- 3 Bryant Davis
- 3 Rica Gause
- 3 Sheryl Gooch
- 3 Thomas Guerry
- 4 Saylor Ussery
- 5 Emily Matthews
- 6 Kathy Baumann
- 6 Chris Ollic
- 8 Davis Weathers
- 8 Hampton Weathers
- 9 Connie Brinson
- 10 Martha Rose Brown
- 10 Justin Robinette
- 11 Andy Ferez
- 12 Charles Matthews
- 13 Eric Buitenhuis
- 14 Kevin Wadford
- 15 Micah Scoonover
- 16 Pam Brogdon
- 17 Alan Foster
- 17 Deidre Stehmeyer
- 17 Christopher Wilson
- 18 Elliott Millwood
- 19 Nancy Stuckey
- 21 Lillian Baughn
- 21 Cadie Gooch
- 22 Melissa Anne Primm
- 23 Cyndy Britt
- 23 Arthur Devereux
- 23 Jackie Gooch
- 27 Salena Dunlap
- 31 Arianna Baughn
- 31 Wren Millwood
- 31 Hugh Murchison

Commitment Report	Budget for 2021	\$443,620.00
	<u>Nov. 28</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 5,268.58	\$356,178.85
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,531.00	\$383,695.00

December 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Every Sunday</u> 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service</p>		<p>1 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 Kids' Church 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	
<p>5 <i>communion</i> </p>	<p>6 1:00 Prayers & Squares Ministry 6:00 Ladies Christmas Party </p>	<p>7 11:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>8 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 Kids' Church 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 11:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>15 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 Kids' Church 6:00 Youth</p>	<p>16 5:30 SPF Ministry</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18  4:00 Ray/Jackson Wedding</p>
<p>19 Christmas Cantata 11:00 Service Only Refreshments after the Service </p>	<p>20 1:00 Prayers & Squares Ministry 3:00 Visitation Ministry</p>	<p>21 11:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>22 11:00 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve (Office Closed)  6:00 Christmas Eve Communion Service</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day </p>
<p>26 11:00 Combined Worship Service (no 9:00 Service)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 11:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>29 11:00 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 </p>	
Pastor Timothy Vacation						



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Sunday, Dec. 19 at 11:00am*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec. 24 at 6:00pm*

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