

# Creed and Deed

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December 2022

# Weekly Worship

Every Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 9:00 Facebook Video

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# **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, Dec. 5** 1:00 Prayers & Squares

**Tuesday, Dec. 6** 1:00 Staff Ministry 5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, Dec. 7 1:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth

Sunday, Dec. 11 10:00 Christmas Cantata

Monday, Dec. 12 6:00 Women's Christmas Party

**Tuesday, Dec. 13** 1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 14
11:00 Prayer Ministry
3:00 LOGOS
6:00 Youth

Sunday, Dec. 18
Session Meeting After
the 11:00 Service

Monday, Dec. 19 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry

Tuesday, Dec. 20 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Dec. 21
1:00 Prayer Ministry

Friday, Dec. 23
Office Closed

**Saturday, Dec. 24** 6:00 Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec. 25 10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Office Closed

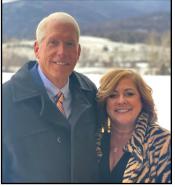
Wednesday, Dec. 28
11:00 Prayer Ministry

Pastor
Timothy Scoonover
Director of Spiritual
Formation
Angeline Brock
Editor Sally Harvey

# **Meet More of Our New Members**

These are some of our new members that did not get in the November issue and we wanted you to meet them. We are a family, and our family is growing. Take a moment to recognize them and learn about them. They were each asked the same questions and their responses are unique.

What most excites you about what God is doing at FPC? What's your favorite ice cream? What do you like to do for fun? Who's your hero? What's your favorite scripture and why?



# Jim and LeAnn Coleman

We love how much outreach FPC is doing in the community and how much the congregation is growing as a result.

Our favorite ice cream is chocolate.

We both love to camp and travel! Jim loves to golf and I love to shop! Our hero is both our mothers. They have always been the foundation of both our families

Our favorite verse is Philippians 4:13: I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



### John Keller

What I love most about FPC is how the church is bringing the community together in Christ.

My favorite ice cream is chocolate.

What I like to do for fun is spend time with my wife and our children, boating and time spent in Clemson.

My hero would be my Daddy, Stump Keller.

My favorite verse is John 3:16.



### **Carson and Lauren Orvin**

What most excites us about God's movement at FPC is the calling he placed on us to hear his word and to serve our community here.

Our favorite thing to do is spend time hiking and camping around state parks and the Pisgah National Forest.

Our family verse is John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." We want to be grace and truth to one another so we can step out into the world to do the same.

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## **Chris and Ellie Hawley**

Chris and Ellie also joined our family. They were married on November 19. Ellie is the granddaughter of Jerry and Nancy Stuckey. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hawley.

# **Minutes in a Minute**

On Monday, November 21 the session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer led by Timothy Scoonover
- Examined and received the new class of officers:
  - o Deacons: Jarrid Wood, Jennifer Worten, Mary Majestic and Ken Coffey (two-year term)
  - o Elders: Mike Stasiak, Sarah Brown and Jesse Cannon
- Approved the minutes from October Session
- Welcomed Carson and Lauren Orvin into membership by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, La.
- Approved communion for January 8 (rather than January 1)
- Approved combined 10 a.m. worship on December 11 for the Cantata
- Approved updates to the Child Protection Policy
- Elected Elder Rin Page to serve as Commissioner to the Dec. 13 Presbytery Meeting in Hilton Head
- 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, Dec. 18 following the 11 a.m. worship service.

# 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 \$15 each and checks should be made payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designated *Poinsettias*. Deadline is Sunday, December 11.

Sunday, December 11.			
Memory of:		 	
   Honor of :		 	
From:			
No. of Poinsettias	Amt. Paid:		





# Lessons and Carols 'Born to Die, Born to Rise' December 11 at 10 a.m.

Despite all appearances, Christmas is not the most important day on the Christian calendar. Christmas is incomplete without Good Friday and Easter. It is not simply the end of Advent. It is also the beginning of Christ's passion.

There is something safe about Christmas without the cross. Who doesn't like a story about a baby in a manger? Especially in a time of uncertainty and fear, the world needs more than a sentimental story, it needs a Savior. So this service is a bit of a time warp, collapsing Advent and Lent, Christmas and Easter. We will read scriptures and sing songs which describe Christ's birth, death, resurrection and eternal reign. We will celebrate Christmas by proclaiming the Easter gospel: "Christ has died, Christ is raised and Christ will come again!"



# Women's Christmas Party Monday, December 12 at 6 p.m.

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.



# **Christmas Food Boxes**

As they have done in previous years, Hugh Smith and Jerry Stuckey are accepting donations for those who are less fortunate. Donate as early as possible due to shortages of certain items, which sell out quickly at stores.

Last year each bag contained enough food for several days. Call Jerry (843-899-4477) or Hugh (843-899-6420) for more information.



# **Miracle League Field**

A wonderful night for our community. The Miracle League Field had all kinds of Presbyterian support! Too many to name but we'll try: Ryan (who hit a home run), Maya, Travis (Haven Gooch's brother), the Kizers, Don and Angelia Cribb, Marie Bowles, Mason Salisbury, Rebecca Riley, the Severes, and Matt Hoffer (who sang the National Anthem, by the way!).



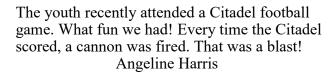
# **Love Feast**

We had a Community Love Feast for the St. Francis Community in partnership with Moncks Corner AME Chrch. They taught us about the tradition of a love feast the day before communion. It was a delight to learn and serve with our Christian brothers and sisters.



# **PYG At The Citadel**







# **Advent Festival 2022**

Advent started on Sunday. Here are some pics of our Advent Festival held on Nov. 9. First, we made ornaments which highlight all FPC's mission partners. Think of it as an "angel tree" for ministries we support. It's in the atrium. So on Sunday check it out, pray for these partners, and consider giving. Then, we made "Missional Advent Calendars." Lastly, we decorated delicious cookies.



Christian sympathy to Ronnie and Elaine Hewitt and their family. Ronnie's daughter, Kathy Reynolds, passed away on Tuesday, November 15.

Christian sympathy to the family of Faye Landis. Faye passed away on Friday, November 18.

Christian sympathy to William Peagler and his family. William's mother, Norma Collins, passed away on Sunday, November 27.

Dear Church Congregation, My family and I want to thank our loving church family for all your support, cards, and kind words during this time of grief, ad a special thanks to the prayer team for all the cards that you sent to my mom during the past couple of years. My Mom really enjoyed the wonderful words and expressions of love. The last few weeks and the passing of my mom has been a time of deep, painful grief; however, at the same time, it has been a time of joy knowing that mom was a faithful servant of our Lord, and that she has passed from this temporary life into an eternal life with Christ and other Saints and heavenly Love, David Harris beings.

Dear Church Family, Thank you very much for all the cards, warm thoughts, and prayers concerning my recent surgery. As in 2014, I can feel the love and it has helped tremendously to sustain me. Sincerely, Jay Jackson

Dear First Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers over the last two years! I so appreciate your ministry and know that it blesses so many people! Thank You, Liddy Lawson

Dear Church Family, We want to thank everyone for the cards, thoughts, and prayers when our daughter Kathy passed. Also thank you to those who called and responded on Facebook. We are so thankful for a loving and caring church family. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will give us the strength and courage to move forward. May God bless you all. Love, Ronnie and Elaine Hewitt

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the cards, food and prayers you have shared with me and my family after the passing of my brother, Glenn Fincher. I am so thankful for my church family. Love, Betty Wood

Offering Statements will be mailed out soon to show your giving through November 2022. Be on the lookout for yours. After receiving, if you have any questions, please give me a call.

End of Year Giving—Your 2022 offerings must be received before midnight December 30 to be included in your 2022 Offering Statement. If your check is mailed, it must be postmarked before Jan. 1, 2023. Thank you for understanding as we seek to comply with federal tax law. Most of all, thank you for your generosity and partnership in God's mission in the world.

Thank You, Sally

Commitment Report	Budget for 2022	\$463,144.00
Budget Offering Weekly Budget Requirements	November 27 \$ 5,856.79 \$ 6,644.72	<u>Year to Date</u> \$ 382,882.39 \$ 411,842.16



- 1 David Baruch
- 2 David Baughn, Jr
- 2 Meredith Bell
- 3 Jeff Baumann
- 3 Bryant Davis
- 3 Rica Gause
- 3 Sheryl Gooch
- 3 Thomas Guerry
- 4 Sayler Ussery
- 5 Emily Matthews
- 6 Kathy Baumann
- 6 Patricia Hastings
- 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
- 13 Richard Kizer
- 14 Kevin Wadford
- 15 Coleen Anderson
- 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
- 27 Salena Dunlap
- 30 Arianna Baughn
- 31 Wren Millwood
- 31 Hugh Murchison

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