

Weekly Worship

Every Sunday

9:00 Worship Service
 9:00 Facebook Video
 10:10 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Upcoming Events

Monday, Dec. 11

6:00 Ladies Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec. 12

1:00 Staff Meeting
 5:30 Soup Kitchen
 5:30 SPF Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 13

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Youth

Friday, Dec. 15

12:00-1:30 Healing Farms Jingle & Mingle

Sunday, Dec. 17

10:00 Service Only
 Christmas Cantata

Monday, Dec. 18

1:00 Prayers & Squares
 3:00 Visitation Ministry

Tuesday, Dec. 19

1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 20

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 6:00 Youth

Thursday, Dec. 21

11:30 Ladies Luncheon

Friday, Dec. 22

Office Closed

Saturday, Dec. 24

9:00 Worship Service
 11:00 Worship Service
 6:00 Christmas Eve Communion Service

Sunday, Dec. 26

Office Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 27

11:00 Prayer Ministry
 6:00 Youth

Sunday, Dec. 31

10:00 Service Only

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Timothy Scoonover

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A Note from Our Pastor

Coming Soon: A New Staff Position Part-Time Pastoral Assistant

It seems fitting that during Advent—a season of hopeful anticipation, we would announce our church’s plans to hire a new part-time position! God is good! At the November Session Meeting, the elders approved our 2024 budget. In that budget, they included the funds necessary to hire a pastor to help with our growing pastoral care and visitor hospitality needs.

In 2023, we have seen considerable growth. We have welcomed many new members. Our financial resources have also grown. Because of your generous response to the stewardship campaign in October, we are exploring some new possibilities for 2024. The Session appointed a small search team to put together a job description and interview pastors and commissioned elders to help with pastoral care, member connection, and visitor welcome. We are excited to start this process and will keep you posted as this journey develops. **For now, please be praying for this team and the person God is calling** to further our mission to make disciples here at FPC. We’re praying for discernment and faithfulness to the Spirit’s lead in this hopeful opportunity.

To guide you in praying, let me offer the following “breath prayer” from the Advent devotion I’m using this year. It’s from the Fuller Center for Spiritual Formation. If you’re unfamiliar with breath prayers, here’s some background. Breath prayers are six to eight-syllable prayers that fit easily into one inhale and exhale. These prayers are based on Scripture and invite the one praying to be aware of their bodies through slow breathing, speaking short Scriptures, and repetition. Here are the steps:

- Take a deep and slow breath in and pray the “Breathe In” prayer.
- Hold your breath for a few moments.
- Slowly exhale out the “Breathe Out” prayer.
- Repeat 8-10 times slowly and repetitively.

Scripture: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13

Breathe in: Our days are filled with longing.

Breathe out: You meet us with abundant hope.

If you’d like more prayers like this during Advent, check out FPC’s Facebook page where we have shared this resource – “Prepare Him Room: Breath Prayers for Advent.”

Hopeful times!

In Christ, Pastor Timothy



End of Year Giving

Your 2023 offerings must be received before midnight **December 31** to be included in your 2023 Offering Statement. If your check is mailed, it must be postmarked before Jan. 1, 2024. 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



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 Wednesday, December 13.**

Memory of: _____

Honor of : _____

From: _____

No. of Poinsettias _____ Amt. Paid: _____

Minutes in a Minute

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

- Opened with prayer led by Elder David Harris
- Examined and received the new class of officers:
 - Deacons: Matt Still, Margaret Huggins, and Russell Brown
 - Elders: Jerry McSwain, Richard Kizer, and Linda Heubach
- Approved the minutes from October 16 and 29 Session meetings and October 15 congregational meeting
- Approved baptism of Larry Davis for December 10 at 11a.m. with Commissioned Pastor Bo Hamilton to assist
- Approved combined 10 a.m. worship on December 17 for the Cantata
- Approved combined 10 a.m. worship on December 31
- Approved the budget for 2024
- Elected Doris Partlow, Don Brown, and Timothy Scoonover to serve as a search team for a new pastoral care assistant. They are authorized to write a job description and bring a potential candidate for that job to the Session for approval
- Called a Congregational meeting for January 7 at 10:45 a.m. to approve the terms of call for Rev. Scoonover
- Received updates and reports from all ministry teams and the pastor

Our next Session meeting will be Monday, January 15 at 6pm

Our Christmas Services

Sunday, December 17

An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

“Born that Man No More May Die”

One Combined Service at 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 24

9:00 and 11:00 Worship Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight
and Communion Service at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

10:00 a.m. Combined Service



Born that Man No More May Die ***Sunday, December 17 at 10:00 am.***

The Logos Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, and Worship Team will present an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, "Born that Man No More May Die", at our 10 a.m. combined worship service.

The lessons will include scripture readings from prophecies and the Christmas story as well as short meditations. The music will feature traditional carols as well as contemporary Christmas favorites such as "Christmastime," "Breath of Heaven," and "Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child."

Come prepared sing out with joy as we welcome the Newborn King!

Ladies' Christmas Party **Monday, December 11 at 6:00 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.



**You're Invited to the
Healing Farms Jingle and Mingle
Friday, December 15, 12 p.m.—1:30 pm.
At the Well (Gymnasium)**

We are looking forward to hosting another year of the Healing Farms Jingle and Mingle. We would love to have as many of you as possible to come and join us. This is a family event, so bring the children. Come and shop the Healing Farms gifts that give back.

Tron Severe, Healing Farms

Healing Farms at Charleston Southern



A group from Healing Farms attended a Charleston Southern Basketball game on Tuesday, November 14. Look at all the smiling faces.



Advent Festival 2023

Advent started on Sunday. Here are some pics of our Advent Festival held on Nov. 15. We made ornaments that highlight all of FPC's mission partners. Think of it as an "angel tree" for ministries. It's in the atrium. On Sunday check it out, pray for these partners, and consider giving. Lastly, we decorated delicious cookies.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful peace lily you sent to Momma's funeral. It was so thoughtful of you and meant so much to us! The cards, kind words, visits, and prayers were so special to our family. The meal following the funeral service was delicious and so welcomed. The ladies in the kitchen had known both of our parents and lovingly served our large group. We are so grateful to you all, as we've known many of you for years. Our parents joined this church in 1955, served in different roles and attended services almost every Sunday until their health started to fail. We will never forget the love and concern you've shown us. May God bless you always!

Love, Nancy Payne, Jan Tipton, and Charla Springer families



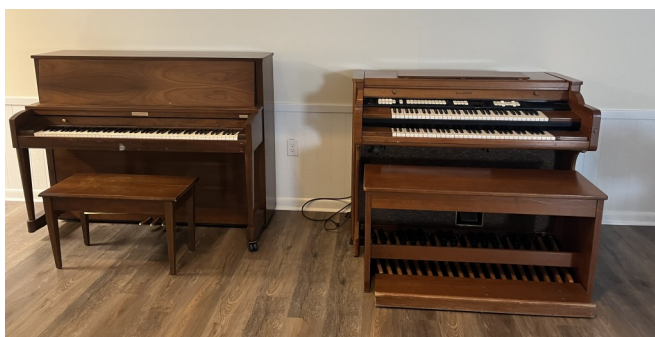
December Birthdays

- 2 Davie Baughn, Jr
- 2 Meredith Bell
- 2 David Ling
- 3 Jeff Baumann
- 3 Bryant Davis
- 3 Sheryl Gooch
- 3 Thomas Guerry
- 4 Elliott Millwood
- 5 Emily Matthews
- 6 Kathy Baumann
- 6 Patsy Hastings
- 6 Teresa Moore
- 8 Davis Weathers
- 8 Hampton Weathers
- 9 Connie Brinson
- 10 Martha Rose Brown
- 10 Birda Ferguson
- 10 Justin Robinette
- 11 Beau Patrick
- 11 Andy Ferez
- 12 Teresa Holeman
- 12 Charles Matthews
- 13 Richard Kizer
- 14 Kevin Wadford
- 15 Colleen Anderson
- 15 Micah Scoonover
- 16 Pam Brogdon
- 17 Alan Foster
- 17 Deidre Stehmeyer
- 17 Christopher Wilson
- 18 Elliott Millwood
- 18 Ella Mae Riley
- 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
- 28 Noah Williams
- 30 Arianna Baughn
- 31 Wren Millwood
- 31 Hugh Murchison
- 31 Don Saturday



Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon

All ladies of the church are invited. The luncheon is in the fellowship hall on **Thursday, Dec. 21 at 11:30 a.m.** This is a good time of fellowship and an opportunity to make new friends. Bring your lunch and we will provide the dessert. For more information, contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149.



The church has a piano and an electric organ that we would like to give to a deserving family. We can help with delivery. Please contact David Brown at (843) 834-8642, or fiddlindve.brown@gmail.com, if interested and to make arrangements.

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. Last year each bag contained enough food for several days. Our hope is to give out 130-140 bags this year. Call Jerry (843-509-9528) or Hugh (843-899-6420) for more information.

Commitment Report	Budget for 2023	
	Dec. 3	Year to Date
Budget Offering	\$ 21,882.15	\$ 489,514.54
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 9,522.76	\$ 467,635.24

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31 10:00 Combined Service 				Timothy Vacation		



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