

## Weekly Sunday Worship

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

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, Jan. 10**  
5:00 Journey

**Sunday, Jan. 12**  
10:00 Service  
Celebration Sunday  
Fellowship Dinner

**Monday, Jan. 13**  
10:00 Ladies Bible Study  
at the church  
4:00 Circle 2 home of  
Neva Peagler

**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
8:00 Home School  
11:00 Prayer Ministry  
1:00 Staff Meeting  
5:30 Soup Kitchen

**Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
3:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Youth

**Thursday, Jan. 16**  
11:30 Ladies Luncheon

**Monday, Jan. 20**  
1:00 Wildcat Bible Study  
1:00 Prayers & Squares  
1:00 Prayers & Granny Squares  
6:00 Session Meeting

**Tuesday, Jan. 21**  
8:00 Home School  
11:00 Prayer Ministry  
1:00 Staff Meeting  
6:00 Hospitality Team

**Wednesday, Jan. 22**  
3:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Youth  
6:00 Men's Open Prayer

**Thursday, Jan. 23**  
6:30 Hello-Goodbye  
Women's Workshop

**Tuesday, Jan. 28**  
8:00 Home School  
11:00 Prayer Ministry  
1:00 Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, Jan. 29**  
3:00 LOGOS  
6:00 Youth

**Friday, Jan. 31**  
11:30 Spiritual Formation  
3:30 Fuller Formation

## A Note From Our Pastor

Renowned author and pastor, Frederick Buechner, preached a sermon called "The Church." In it, he expounds on Jesus' calling of the twelve disciples in Matthew 10. Buechner's words serve as a fitting introduction for FPC's latest crop of leaders,

He [Jesus] didn't so much call them out of their ordinary lives as he called them out of believing that ordinary life is ordinary. He called them to see that no matter how ordinary it may seem to us as we live it, life is extraordinary. "The Kingdom of God is at hand" is the way he put it to them, and the way he told them to put it to others.

Join me in welcoming and praying for these new leaders, that they may announce the extraordinary good news: The Kingdom of God is at Hand!

## Meet Your Class of 2027 Elders

### Eric Gladman, Elder



**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** Matthew 6:9-15, The Lord's Prayer is absolutely my all time favorite set of Bible verses followed by Luke 5:10—"...Then Jesus said to Simon, don't be afraid, from now on you will fish for people. The Lord's Prayer is so powerful and rooted in praise, glory, trust, humility, and hope with a divine connection for all of us and the foundation of our faith.

**What most excites you about serving God?** I am truly honored and humbled to have this opportunity to serve God at First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner, this community, this nation, and to be a fisher of people of all ages and walks of life.

**What is your prayer for our church in 2025?** My prayer for this church for 2025 is that FPC continues to be the beacon of God's light through God's love, grace, mercy and hope for all by abiding with Jesus, becoming more like Jesus, and to do as He did, through the practice of discipleship.

### Pam Pound, Elder



**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** My favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 43:2; "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." This verse is a constant and comforting reminder that God is always with me.

**What most excites you about serving God?** I find great joy in being the hands and feet of God. No matter how insignificant my action may be, God can magnify it to His glory.

**What is your prayer for our church in 2025?** I pray that this year brings us as individuals and as a congregation closer to becoming followers/disciples of Jesus Christ.

## John O. Williams, Elder



### **What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?**

Phillipians 2:3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." This reminds me that the Lord provides for my every need, which frees me to focus my actions, words, and thoughts towards the best interests of others.

**What most excites you about serving God?** Drawing closer to Him while experiencing His will being done.

**What is your prayer for our church in 2025?** That our church will focus on growing closer to Christ, so that we will become more like Christ, and we will do the things that Christ would do.

## Suzie Wilson, Elder



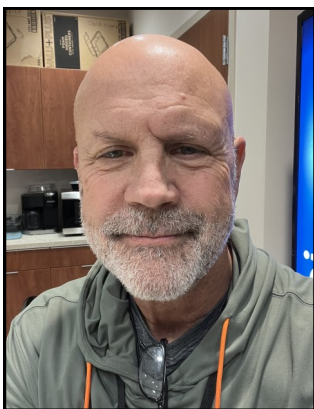
**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** One of my favorite Bible quotes is "Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom." Proverbs 11:2.

**What most excites you about serving God?** What always excites me about serving God is the unexpected ways He shows up. You can feel it when he pushes someone or something forward; conversely, He can redirect a mission just as quickly.

**What is your prayer for our church in 2025?** My prayers for our church revolve around creating an environment where "Sunday only" worship is rare. I pray for our ability to hear God's will and to be faithful servants. I pray we are, and create, disciples.

## Meet Your Class of 2027 Deacons

## Russ Siciliano, Deacon



**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** My favorite Bible verse is Acts 18:9, "And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent." For too long I was afraid to speak about my faith. I read this verse, and I realized the importance of reaching out to others and sharing the good word. These words guide me every day of my life, and I try, through my actions, to be more like Jesus and walk like Him.

**What most excites you about serving God?** What excites me about serving God is the sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for those in need, lost and oppressed. Fulfilling the scripture to help anyone in need wherever I can and by being available to help when called upon.

**What is your prayer for our church in 2025?** My prayer for our church is that we continue to spread God's love and grace. Help those in need whenever we can. Continue to follow God's direction for our church, making disciples out of every member.

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

## Deidre Stehmeyer, Deacon



**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** Psalm 121:1-1, “I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.” This entire Psalm is very meaningful for me, but these first two verses became a daily recitation during a time of overwhelming grief and mourning.

**What most excites you about serving God?** I get excited when a skill or talent that I felt was important is brought into a new light by God, and I am shown how to use it to bless others.

**What is your prayer for our church in 2025?** I pray that our sense of community continues to strengthen and grow.

## William Tanner, Deacon



**What is one of your favorite Bible verses and why?** John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” It tells us of God’s greatness, of His character, and of His love.

**What most excites you about serving God?** Serving God is of eternal and lasting significance, and is operating in goodness and righteousness. I can think of nothing better than serving the Lord.

**What is your prayer for our church in 2025?** My prayer is that we will see the Kingdom of God in our congregation and that it will extend out of our walls and in to our community.

## **Women’s Workshop Hello - Goodbye Workshop Reflecting on 2024 & Preparing for 2025 Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

**We’ll be reflecting on 2024 and preparing for 2025.  
Join us as we gather around the table in community to laugh,  
eat desserts and do the important work of reviewing  
and reflecting on 2024.**

**We’ll release 2024 into God’s loving care.  
God is walking with us into 2025.  
There’s a sign-up sheet in the atrium.**

**For more information,  
contact Lana McSwain at [ledmcswain@gmail.com](mailto:ledmcswain@gmail.com)**

## **Calling the Men of the Church to Prayer Wednesday, January 22 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

All the men of the church are invited to a time of prayer. We will specifically focus on covering the Hello-Goodbye Workshop — praying over each chair, each participant, the leadership, and the space. Contact Pastor Timothy with any questions.



Hugh Smith, Jeremiah, & Joshua McHoney



Russ Siciliano, Joshua, Michael, Jeremiah McHoney, & Jerry Stuckey



Berkeley County Sheriffs

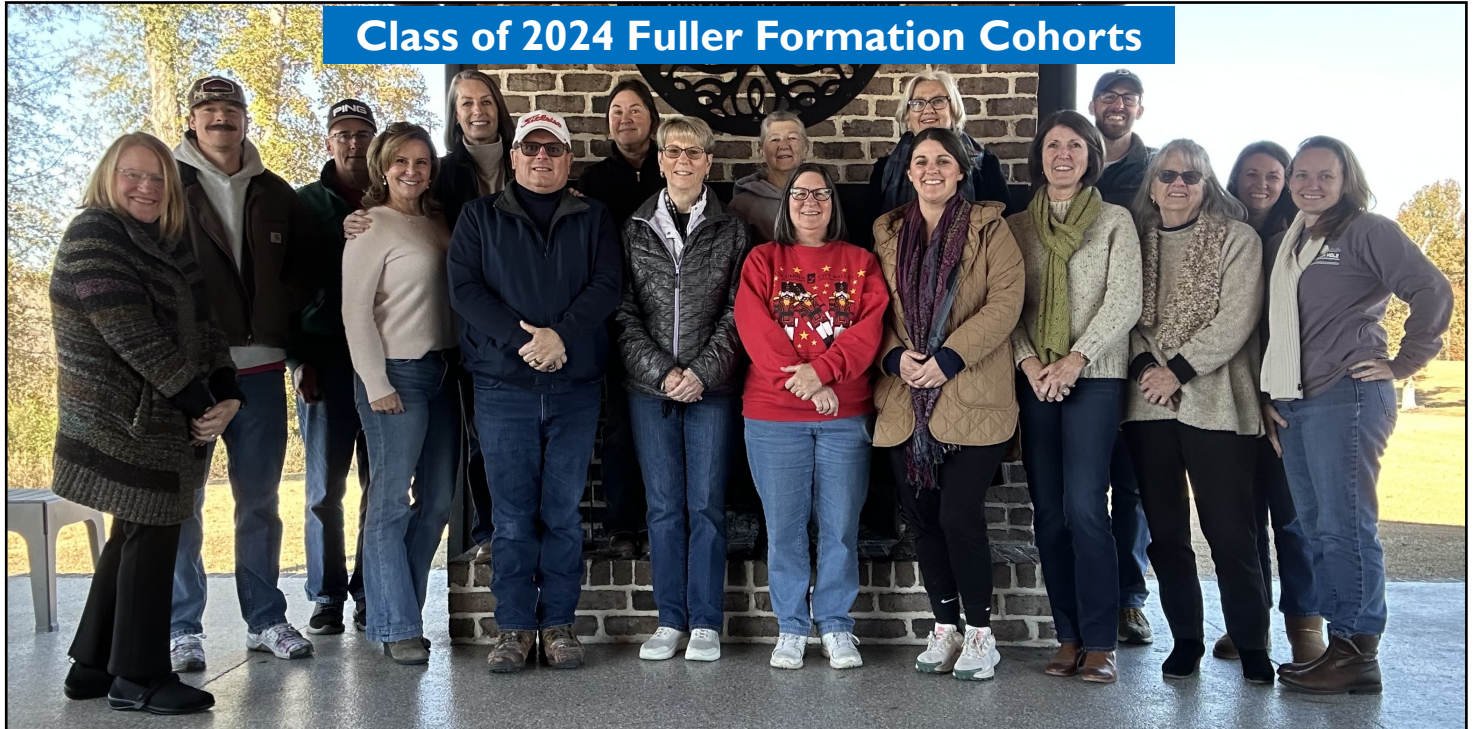
## Christmas Food for the Needy

Once again, our congregation was generous with donations that enabled us to distribute 154 bags of food for needy families in our area. In addition to our established locations in Alvin and St. Stephen, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office reached into the Cross and Huger areas. Bags were also distributed to the Berkeley Seniors. Thank you for your generosity and helping us to reach out into the world and feed God's children.

## Hurricane Relief Trip to Valdosta, Georgia

Mike Nelms is organizing another trip to help with the destruction from Hurricane Helene. This mission trip will be to Valdosta, Georgia from January 19-25. We will be partnering with Samaritan's Purse. Contact Mike to participate at 252-903-6994. Please keep this mission trip in your prayers.

## Class of 2024 Fuller Formation Cohorts



Left to right: Linda Heubach, Russell Brown, Scott Shepherd, Suzie Wilson, Diane Kizer, Eric Gladman, Jo Livingston, Charlene Atkins, Rin Page, Sandy Felkel, Lana McSwain, Blair Still, Pam Pound, Timothy Scoonover, Susan Ford, Angeline Brock, and Lauren Orvin. Not pictured is Dana Russell, Kim Hoffer, Tedd Pounds, and Larry Davis.

Commitment Report	Budget for 2024	\$576,231.00
	<u>Dec. 29, 2024</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 9,598.64	\$ 592,175.06
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 11,081.37	\$ 576,241.21

# PYG

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP

**Our Mission:**

**Making disciples of the next generation who reach UP to God,  
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## **Youth Christmas Party with a White Elephant Gift Exchange**



**William Murray in his Christmas attire.  
Cooper Scoonover wearing his white  
elephant gift and Mr. Sam dropped by  
wearing a goofy hat.**



**Barbara White read the LOGOS  
children a Christmas story.  
Then they made "snow" and a snowman.**

Christian sympathy to Rebecca Riley and her family. Her beloved husband, David, passed away on Wednesday, November 27.

Christian sympathy to Matt Hoffer and his family. Matt's beloved father, Robert Riley Hoffer, passed away on Friday, December 6.

Dear Church Family,

You all are the most wonderful congregation!! The outpouring of love shown to us through cards, the beautiful peace lily, and donations was most appreciated by my entire family. The meal during the week and after Ronnie's service were delicious and sustained us for days. Thank you for your out pouring of Christian Love!

Yours in Christ, Peggy Bennett

Dear Church Visitation Ministry,

Thank you for remembering me with cards and phone calls. I so appreciate your thinking of me. What a wonderful ministry you have!

Love to all of you, Ellen Berry

This is our Visitation Ministry Ellen Berry referenced in her thank you. They send out hundreds of cards throughout the year and visit shut-ins.



Left to right: Pastor Bo, Tony Dunlap, Sally Harvey, Marilyn Dingle, Lisa Kelly, Pastor Timothy, and Angeline Brock

The staff Christmas Party was at Top Golf. What an experience! We laughed at ourselves, played golf, ate good food and had fun. Thank you Pastor Timothy for our first team building activity.



- 1 Jerry Emick
- 1 Lisa Kelly
- 1 Michael Matthews
- 5 Presley Hoffer
- 5 Shirley Rivera-Hicks
- 6 William Devereux
- 6 Tedd Pounds
- 7 Rachel Gallager
- 7 Scott Shepherd
- 9 Anita Shuler
- 10 Jennifer Coffey
- 10 Nicholas Ferez
- 10 Baxter Orvin
- 11 Burt Causey
- 12 Tim Dunlap
- 15 Sal Lackey
- 15 Shelly Rucker
- 15 Jane Williams
- 16 Emma Williams
- 17 Brantley Brewer
- 18 Trinity Baughn
- 19 Laurie Lusk
- 20 Chris Hawley
- 21 Doug Bowles
- 21 Marcy Erhard
- 23 Grace Cannon
- 24 Chris Wilson
- 25 Adah Brewer
- 25 LeCroy Montgomery
- 25 Anna Propst
- 25 Norma Stever
- 26 Joy Matthews
- 27 Len Graham
- 27 Neva Peagler
- 27 Georgia Spencer
- 29 Janet Lucas
- 29 Roy Smith
- 31 Rose Jones

- **Ladies' Bible Study**, Monday, January 13 at 10 a.m. at the church.
- **Ladies' Circle 2**, Monday, January 13 at 4 p.m. at the home of Neva Peagler.
- **Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon**, Thursday, January 16 at 11:30 a.m.

### Food Pantry for January






Please bring canned fruit and pork and beans.

Thank you all for your generous donations to the food closet in 2024.

With your help, we assisted 85 families with food.

The Food Closet Committee—Doris Partlow, Janet Lucas, Sue Cook, Pearl Miller and Bob Partlow

# January 2025 First Presbyterian

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service			1 Office Closed	2	3	4
Timothy Vacation						
5 <i>communion</i> 10:00 Combined Service	6 1:00 Wildcat Bible Study 1:00 Prayers & Squares 1:00 Prayers & Granny Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry	7 11:00 Prayer Ministry 1:00 Staff Meeting	8 Observance of New Year's Day  3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth	9 12:00 Mission and Evangelism	10 5:00 Journey	11
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## Medical Missionaries are Returning to Roatan, Honduras



John and Teresa Holeman are headed back to Honduras to serve as medical missionaries at the clinic in Roatan on February 28. We are asking for donations from the congregation to assist those less fortunate. Over-the-counter medications are either not available or too costly for the people to afford. Below is a list of items needed. There's a large white cabinet with pull out drawers in the hallway by the office to place your donations.

Silvadene cream (for burns)	Liquid Benadryl for children
Vaseline	Benadryl tablets for adults
Excedrin	Lidocaine patches
Tylenol	Tums
Aspirin 81 mg	Eye drops
Midol	Cough drops
Prenatal Vitamins	Gas X
Ferrous sulfate (Iron pills)	Imodium
Folic Acid	Hemorrhoid ointment
Saline nasal spray	Arthritis cream
Fluconazole nasal spray	Lotrimin cream



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