



November 21, 2022



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANFORD

# First Word

*“To live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope.”*

### From the Pastor...

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

This is the season of Thanksgiving! I am thankful for friendships and relationships, generations of special people who have reached out with love and kindness and have always been there with me. Recently, I was talking with Ellen about our “growing-up” neighborhood and, as we’ve done for the past 55 years, the conversation continued beyond a few minutes. Because Ellen still lives on our same street in Charlotte, she knows all of the news about our mutual friends and she and I enjoy our conversations about Rick, Layne, Stuart, Kent, etc. Family and Friendships make our lives so much richer and I’m thankful to God for these growing-up friends as well as many others who I’ve known throughout the years. My prayer is for everyone to be surrounded by the love and care of friends who will always be there for us.

In a discussion about growing the church, a younger friend wrote the following wise suggestion:

If everyone in our church would invite at least one friend to visit First Presbyterian Church, consider prayerfully the difference this would make in our journey towards growth. Jesus Himself commissions us to “make disciples of the nations,” and, even before we reach out to the nations, we focus our attention on the friends who live in our backyard. Invite a friend to worship or Sunday school. Invite a friend to Bible study or Prayer Group. Invite a friend to serve in our outreach ministry programs. Invite a friend to youth group! Invite a friend to simply come and be a part of our family.



One other special update – Thank you our blanket ministry friends who continue to create blankets for many, many special people. I’ll always be grateful for the blankets that have been given to my foster children and to the children of the Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands in Wytheville, VA. In the photo below is Matthew who lived with me for 5 months and was very happy to receive his blanket in 2021. He injured his eye when he ran through the Harper Center and tripped on one of the boxes for the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. Falling into the stairs is not good for your health! Matthew continues to live happily with his grandmother in Fayetteville.

Peace and Love, Brad





11/25: *Gabriel Lemon*  
 11/26: *Jimmy Pearce*

Our Angels are here!!! Please come to the church office to adopt your Salvation Army Angel. Select yours, write your name and phone number next to your angel's number on the sign-out sheet, and help make the holidays brighter for a deserving child in Lee County. Angel gifts need to be returned no later than December 7th to the Upper School Room in the Harper Center. Please don't wrap your gifts, and make sure the angel tree tag is secured to the bags provided for your gifts.



Sign up to ring the Salvation Army bell at the Food Lion in Tramway on Friday, December 16th from 4-7pm! A sign-up sheet will be located in the Colonnade, or call Michele in the church office. It's so fun to know you're helping those in our community who are in need.

**November walking track volunteers:**

11/1-Charles LaRue, 11/2-Julie Lemon, 11/3-Don Wazenegger, 11/4-Joyce Kelly, 11/7-Gary Walker, 11/8-Jim and Laurie Lee, 11/9-Charlie Hicks, 11/10-Jim and Laurie Lee, 11/11-Don Wazenegger, 11/14-Jim and Laurie Lee, 11/15-Don Wazenegger, 11/16-Charles LaRue, 11/17-Gary Walker, 11/18-Joyce Kelly, 11/21-Joan Bland, 11/22-Sharon Parks, 11/23-Charlie Hicks, **11/24-11/25-CLOSED**, 11/28-Julie Lemon, 11/29-Gary Walker, 11/30-Don Wazenegger

**Interested in Learning to Play Handbells?** If you are interested or want to learn how to play the Handbells, contact Wanda Wazenegger (919-774-3775 or (C) 919-777-3855). We also need some replacement 3 pieces of foam 96"x30"x2") for the practice tables.



**OUR PRAYER LIST**

**Parkview:** Irma Autrey, Paul Kelly, Rexine Lloyd

**Universal Health Care/Lillington:** Betty Lou Bristow

**Home or with family:** Sonny Talbot; Jean Perry; Cathy Johnson; Don Suddarth; Bruce Benton; Ann Barkley

**Our Friends & Family:** Tiffany Scott Heron (Donna McClune's niece); Michael McClune (Donna McClune's son); James Cox; Billy Boaz; Jamey Allen (Harold James' sister); Phyllis Moore; Carolyn Herring (Bunny Paderick's niece); Greg Horrell (Bunny Paderick's brother-in-law); Richard Angel (Pat Angel's husband); Marci Hudzik; Dennis Parnell (friend of David Vann); Emily Heeseman (Samantha Morgan's friend and college roommate); Heather Wicker; Carla Bailey; Joanna Dempsey; Michelle Hendley Leonhardt (Daughter of Mike and Peggy Hendley)

**This Weeks Calendar**

**Monday 11/21: Circle Meetings**

**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track

**5:30 PM:** Contemporary Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 PM:** Traditional Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday 11/22:**

**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track

**10AM:** Bible Study

**6PM:** Yoga in the Harper Center

**7PM:** Finance Committee Meeting

**Wednesday 11/23: Submissions due for next newsletter and next bulletin**

**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track

**10AM:** CDC Devotion

**7PM:** No Prayer Group

**Thursday 11/24:**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**9AM-12PM: Church Office and Walking Track Closed**

**Friday 11/25:**

**9AM-12PM: Church Office and Walking Track Closed**

**Sunday 11/27:**

**9AM:** Contemporary Service

**11AM:** Traditional Service

**12PM:** Property Committee Meeting

**5-6:30PM: No Youth Meeting**

**Offering Counters Schedule - November 2022**

Week 1 (11/6) John Garris and Daryl Perry, Week 2 (11/13) Samantha Jeffries and Don Wazenegger, Week 3 (11/20) Rhonda and David Miller, Week 4 (11/27) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon

**The Lay Readers for November** are Michele Bullard for the 9am service and John Garris for the 11:00 am service.

# FPC Youth News

## Fall/Winter Youth Schedule

### November

20<sup>th</sup> – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm

27<sup>th</sup> – No Youth (Thanksgiving)

### December

4<sup>th</sup> – Dinner/Caroling 5-6:30pm

11<sup>th</sup> – Youth Christmas Party 5-6:30pm

18<sup>th</sup> – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm

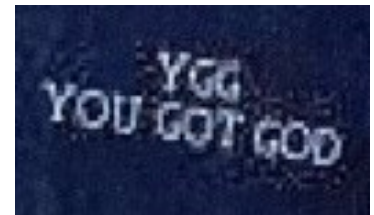
25<sup>th</sup> – No Youth (Christmas)

*\*If anyone needs a ride to any of our Youth Meetings, please let Michele know, 919-935-2089.*

At our Youth Meeting on Sunday, November 13th, the Youth designed an FPC Youth logo. I think they did a great job, and had so much fun working on it together! What do you think? Let Michele know your thoughts and share your encouragement with our youth.



For back of shirt



For shirt pocket (YGG)  
YOU GOT GOD

During both services we honored three women in our church with the Presbyterian Women Lifetime Membership Award. These well deserving ladies were Julianne McCracken, Rudine Miller, and Lois Yow.



There will be a First Presbyterian Church Adult Christmas Social on December 10, 2022 from 2-4pm in the Harper Center. Come enjoy Christmas sweets and special fellowship. Please wear holiday attire and childcare will be provided.

You are invited, once again, to participate in the collection for *Staff Christmas Bonuses*. Simply make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and write *Christmas Staff Bonus* on the memo line. Your generosity is always very much appreciated!

*-First Presbyterian Church Session*



**BREAKING NEWS:**

*Santa Claus*

IS COMING TO TOWN



On Sunday, December 11th, from 4-5pm Santa will be at First Presbyterian Church in the Harper Center!!! Come visit with Saint Nicholas, then stay for a reading of "The Christmas Story", make a fun craft, and enjoy light refreshments. We can't wait to see you! Ho! Ho! Ho!

The Holidays are approaching fast. Let the FPC Youth help you make life a little easier by ordering baked goods to have on hand for friends and family visiting this year! Please see below the items we are offering this year and make your selection. Items may be picked up on Sunday, December 18th after each worship service, just in time to be enjoyed by all! Thank you in advance for your support, and Merry Christmas!!

\_\_\_ Nana Bland's Chocolate Pie, \$12

\_\_\_ Lisa Kimble's Cinnamon Bread, \$12

\_\_\_ Michele's Butter Pecan Fudge, \$12/8 pieces

\_\_\_ Katrina's Russian Tea Mix, \$6/jar

\_\_\_ Cheese Straws, \$10/24

There may be more items added at a later date...

Deadline for orders is Monday, December 11th.



It's that time of year again...time to order your poinsettias! Just fill out and return the form to the church office, or place in the offering plate during worship service. Poinsettias are \$13 a piece. The deadline to order is Friday, December 9th.

In Honor/Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one)

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_