

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Church Office Volunteer Opportunity: If you have some free time Monday afternoons and find yourself twiddling your thumbs, twiddle them here! We are looking for a phone volunteer from noon-5:00 pm on Mondays. If this sparks your interest, please call Shelby at 662-2583.

Living Nativity: In keeping with tradition at First Presbyterian, the 5th & 6th graders will present the Living Nativity on December 8th and 9th at 7:00 PM. The Presbyterian Playhouse Choirs (3K-4th grade) will serve as choir angels. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite friends and family to enjoy this Children's Ministry Presentation!

Christian Life Conference 2010: Make your summer plans now for Christian Life Conference 2010! First Presbyterian Church, along with Darlington and Bishopville churches, will host the Christian Life Conference 2010 in Montreat, NC. A hosting team that consists of at least 20 adults will be needed from First Presbyterian to help plan and organize various aspects of the conference. It's a big job! Please consider joining our team, led by Martha Chastain and Joe Koenig. This year's conference speakers are Dale Bruner and Jim Singleton. Please contact the church office if you want to get involved!

Children's Ministry: Kids in A.C.T.I.O.N.

- ♦ **Chapter Challenge** for November 15th: "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." *Hebrews 4:13*
- ♦ **Turkey Banks:** This month we will be collecting a special offering for Thornwell Home for Children. Turkey banks will be collected Sunday, November 22nd.
- ♦ **Living Nativity Practices:** This afternoon at 4:00-5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM in the CLC. 5th & 6th graders. Drinks and snacks provided.
- ♦ **Operation Christmas Child Service Day:** Saturday, November 21st, 1:00-2:30 PM we will be packing shoeboxes in the Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ **Parent's Night Out:** December 12th, 4:00-9:00 PM. Please contact Jessica at jwood@florencefirst.org if your kids will be attending. A great opportunity for Christmas shopping!

Fuel Youth Events: www.fuelfortherevolution.com

- ♦ **See For Yourself:** During Sunday Morning Shift, we are doing a five-week study, learning an approach to meeting with God and experiencing a relationship with Him through His Word. Bring your Bible and join us. 9:45 AM in the Garage. Jr. & Sr. High.
- ♦ **Fuel Cafe:** Wednesday Nights, 5:45-7:30 PM. Come hang out with us in the Lounge until 6:10, then join us in the Garage for music, a game and a talk followed by small group discussions.
- ♦ **Fall Road Trip:** November 20th - 22nd. We're heading up to Black Mountain, NC to have fun and draw closer to Jesus. Come join us! Registration fee is \$100.
- ♦ **Jacob Tedder at Aroma Underground:** Friday, November 27th at 8:00 PM.

The Presbyterian Coffee Project: Calling all Coffee Lovers! Warm up with Organic Coffee, Tea, and Hot Cocoa. Drop by the Fellowship Hall after services and stock up! Remember, for each pound of coffee, tea and cocoa purchased through the project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the Presbyterian Small Farmer Fund.

Special Prayer Needs: We encourage you to note your prayer requests on the *Request for Prayer* cards in the pew racks and then place them in the offering plate. Your requests are referred to the Pastors.

Hearing Assisted Devices are available in the sanctuary. Please see an usher to receive one. The devices are wireless so you may sit anywhere you wish and adjust the volume.

Sunday, November 15, 2009

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Living Nativity Practice:FH
- 4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC

Monday, November 16, 2009

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 10:00 AM Circle #4 Price CR
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:30 PM Korean Bible Study: Price CR

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast: GS Rm
- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group in Parlor
- 10:15 AM Manna House Lunch Crew
- 11:00 AM Young Mothers' Ensemble
- 12:00 PM Circle #5: GS Room
- 4:30 PM Girl's Ensemble
- 6:30 PM Board of Deacons
- 7:00 PM FMCS: LR Chapel

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 9:00 AM Women's Beth Moore Bible Study: GS Room
- 4:30 PM Youth Handbells
- 5:00 PM Adult Handbells
- 5:30 PM Family Supper
- 6:00 PM Youth Small Groups: Fuel Café
- 6:00 PM Adult Electives
- 6:15 PM Presbyterian Playhouse
- 6:30 PM Living Nativity Practice: CLC
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Keenagers Lake City Concert Series: BUS

- 7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home
- 12:00 PM Women's Daniel Bible Study: GS Room
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room

Friday, November 20, 2009 **Newsletter Deadline**

- Youth to Black Mountain, NC
- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out

Saturday, November 21, 2009

- 11:00 AM Turkey Open Golf Tournament at Traces
- 1:00 PM Children's Ministry Service Day:FH
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Day

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11:00 am

November 15, 2009



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lord Jesus, Who Does Love Me

O WELT ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN
Heinrich Isaac
setting by Rotermund

Claire Compton, oboe

GREETINGS

INTROIT

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON
arr. Dobrinski

Chancel Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

No. 740

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

O Worship the King

No. 2
LYONS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

No. 734

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that where You have loved us with an extravagant love, we have not loved You. Or we have barely loved You. Our hearts are torn between loving You and loving something else. Forgive us Lord! Grow in us a heart that is fully engaged in a love relationship with You. You are our Creator and our Redeemer. All of who we are... is bound up in You. And so, to You and You alone we give our lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

American Folk Hymn
melody from Southern Harmony, 1835
arr. Wilberg

Margaret Jones, flute
Claire Compton, oboe

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

Psalm 23

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Following the Message for Young Disciples, children in 3K through 1st Grade are invited to go with a worship caregiver to attend *Children in Worship*. If this is your child's first visit to Children's Church, we encourage you to walk with them. A nursery is provided for 2K children and below.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

The Lord's My Shepberd, I'll Not Want

No. 86
CRIMOND

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory
Deep River

Spiritual
arr. Morris

Chancel Handbell Choir
Claire Compton, oboe

***The Doxology**

No. 34
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

Andante

Claire Compton, oboe

Ennio Morricone

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, WORK AND WORLD

SERMON

"The Suffering Church"

Revelation 3:7-12

Rev. Handley

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

I Need Thee Every Hour

No. 476
NEED

***CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen

***POSTLUDE**

I Will Magnify The Lord

Mark L. Williams

*Congregation is invited to stand.

Pastor will dismiss children to leave with their worship care-giver.

This morning's worship is led by
Rev. Chris Handley, Associate Pastor,
Dr. Barry Jenkins, Senior Pastor and
Mrs. Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music



CHANCEL HANDBELL CHOIR

Curt Boswell Margaret Hobson Lee Nunn
Elizabeth Braswell Daniel Hubbs Karen Porter
Carol Dawson Susan Ingram Lalla Saleeby
Kathleen Gelzer Margaret Jones Genia Tyson
Mary Lynn van Witzenburg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers for the services today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Smith by his wife, Janis, and their family.

A rose has been placed on the chancel this morning in honor of Mark Liam Brand, born November 6, 2009, son of Kendall Brand.

Elder Greeters for this morning's service are David Banner and Alice Caldwell.

Ushers Volunteers: If you would like to help usher during the worship service in the month of November, please contact Ellen Pearson at 669-0781.

Youth Basketball Signups End Today for boys and girls, ages 6-17! Sign up in the breezeway between services. Practices will begin the week of Nov. 16th-21st. If you are interested in coaching, please contact John Scott (673-9156; jscott@turnerpadget.com) or David Banner (992-3637; jdb@aikenbridges.com). Cost is \$30.


Scholastic Book Fair: Today is the last day of our Mother's Morning Out Program's Scholastic Book Fair in the Fellowship Hall, this morning 8:00 AM - Noon. This book fair is open to all and we encourage you to attend and help us celebrate our theme, Being Thankful for Books!

Thanksgiving Dinner: Wednesday, November 18th will be our last Wednesday night for November. Our menu has changed from what was printed in the November *Reminder*. Join us for Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans and Brownies.

Operation Christmas Child: Share the Good News of God's love with hurting, poor and orphaned children through the simplest of gifts - shoe boxes! To get involved, please pick up a brochure from the display in the Fellowship Hall. The boxes can be dropped off at our front reception area **on or before Sunday, November 20th**. Please contact Jessica Wood with any questions.

Christmas Greenery: Honor someone special this season, or the memory of loved ones who have passed, by sponsoring Christmas Greenery for decorating the Sanctuary. Acknowledgements will be printed in the Christmas Eve Bulletins. Cost is \$10 and **must be in by Nov. 27th**. Please check the Reminder for the form, print one online, or come by the church office.

Hanging of the Greens: Monday, November 30th at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to participate! To volunteer, please contact Joyce Dalsbo, 662-4145 or Carol Banner, 665-1337.

 **Welcome New Members**
who joined our church family November 8, 2009
Amy Brown
Mark Fountain