

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: This Christmas Eve, we will hold our traditional Candlelight/Communion Services at 5:00 & 7:00 PM. Our children's choir will be singing at the 5:00 PM service, which will include an extended children's message, while the 7:00 PM service will feature our Chancel Choir.

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.

Haiti Mission 2010 is scheduled for March 4th-11th. We are planning to help stucco the school, work on drip irrigation and canals, and build bookshelves in addition to ministering to the Haitian people. Please contact Chris Handley if you are interested in going!

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 22th: "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'" *Mark 10:27*
- ◆ **Turkey Banks:** This morning we will be collecting a special offering for Thornwell Home for Children. Turkey banks will be collected today.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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

- ◆ **2010 Ski Trip:** Come hit the slopes with us! January 22nd - 24th, Snowshoe, WV. Registration is \$325 if paid by Dec. 6th and \$350 from Dec. 7th 'til the December 20th deadline.
- ◆ **Sunday Morning Shift:** Each Sunday morning the Youth Ministry meets upstairs in the Garage at 9:45 AM for fun through games and teaching from Scripture.
- ◆ **Jacob Tedder and Kayley Green at Aroma Underground:** Friday, November 27th at 8:00 PM.
- ◆ **Progressive Dinner Christmas Party:** Sunday, December 13th from 5:30-9 PM. Join us for an evening of good food, fun, gifts, and fellowship. Dress is semi-formal. Bring a gift for the "White Elephant" game!

The Presbyterian Coffee Project: Calling all Coffee Lovers! Warm up with Organic Coffee this winter. Drop by the Fellowship Hall after services and stock up! Remember, for each pound of coffee 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.

Visitors Welcome: If you are a guest with us today, we want to give you a special "welcome" gift. Make sure, as you leave today, to pick up a bag from our

Sunday, November 22, 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
4:00 PM Small Group Leaders Meeting: LR Chapel
4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC

Monday, November 23, 2009

9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
7:30 PM Korean Bible Study

Tuesday, November 24, 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 Young Men's Lunch
4:30 PM Girl's Ensemble
7:00 PM Session: LR Chapel

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

Mother's Morning Out CLOSED
No Wednesday Night Activities
9:00 AM Women's Beth Moore Bible Study: GS Room
6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, November 26, 2009

Church Office Closed
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27, 2009

Church Office Closed
MMO Closed

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11:00 am

November 22, 2009



Growing UPWARD
worshipping and praising

Growing INWARD
becoming more like Christ

Growing OUTWARD
sharing the good news



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Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
from Cantata No. 79

Johann Sebastian Bach

GREETINGS

Rev. Handley

INTROIT

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN
Johann Steurlein, 1581
setting by Willan

Chancel Choir

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise! By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love. By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase; He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace. Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save. Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet ye fall, and with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.

J.S.B. Monsell

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

No. 740

*HYMN OF PRAISE

We Gather Together

No. 81

KREMSER

*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

Merciful and loving God, we are a people of unclean lips and unclean hearts. We find it easy to make promises, and easier still to wriggle out of them. We slip into gossip, in the guise of sharing necessary information. We count our many blessings and then find it difficult to share those blessings. Help us, Lord, to understand more fully what it means to be a follower of Christ, so that each of our lives might bring glory and honor to You. We come this morning with grateful hearts and we ask all of this in the name of our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

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

For the Fruit of All Creation

No. 723

AR HYD Y NOS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Thanksgiving Prelude

THE ASH GROVE

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

Charles Callahan

Welsh Folk Tune

G. J. Elvey, 1816-93

Margaret Jones, flute

*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

ANTHEM

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Benedictus Dominus: Lord, we thank you for all creation, we worship you, we honour you, we bless your Holy Name forever. Lord, you were there before the hills and mountains, You formed the earth, you made the sea and sky; You are God, our strength and our salvation through a thousand ages passing by. The earth is yours, and all that is within it, You gave it life and ev'ry gift so fair; In the wealth and wonder of creation you were there, Lord, you were there. Lord, we are called as servants in your kingdom to do your work, and not to seek for rest, share each load, and bear each other's burdens, that our lives may be forever blest. Lord, you are there in gentleness and goodness, in kindly thoughts and quiet words of prayer: In the love which binds us all together You are there, Lord, you are there. Lord, who can tell the greatness of your glory, or who can sing the fullness of your praise? You are God immortal and eternal; Grant us strength to serve you all our days. Through all the years your goodness never failed us: In times of joy and days of dark despair You were there, the One who never changes; You were there, Lord, You are still are there, Lord; You will be there, Lord, you always will be there.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, WORK AND WORLD

SERMON

“Grumbling in the Presence of God”

Exodus 15:22-16:11

Dr. Jenkins

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

No. 721

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

*CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

arr. Davis

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing with glad adoration, a song let us raise; Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg– Elert

*Congregation is invited to stand.

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sylvia Price and Dr. and Mrs. Julian P. Price by Julian H. Price.

A rose has been placed on the chancel this morning in honor of Elizabeth Dorothy Weishuhn, born November 14, 2009, daughter of Will and Margaret Linn Weishuhn.

Elder Greeters for this morning's service are Zip Vassy and Ken Lowry.

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.

Thornwell Offering: Offering Hope. Changing Lives. Your prayers and support help Thornwell offer the children in their care hope, love, faith and guidance, and the childhood they long for. Please help us in supporting this ministry through a special offering this morning.

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.

Handbell Concert: The Chancel Handbell Choir will ring in the Advent Season with a sacred Concert on Wednesday Night, December 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy this holiday tradition at First Presbyterian.

Advent Prayer Vigil: Monday, December 7th from 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM. This Advent season we reflect on the two advents, or arrivals of Christ. Let us use this time of prayer & preparation for the celebration of His First Coming to especially prepare our hearts and lives for His Second Coming.

Messiah Performance: Our Chancel Choir and combined choirs will join the Florence Symphony in presenting Handel's *Messiah* on Monday, December 7th at 7:30 PM at the Florence Civic Center. Come be a part of this inspiring musical tradition.

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!

Food Box Ministry: Experience the joy of Christmas giving! A team is beginning to coordinate our Food Box Ministry. We are in need of volunteers to help deliver the boxes as well as financial donations to help cover the cost of the food. For donations, please mail your check to the church office marked "Food Boxes". We will prepare and deliver the boxes on Thursday, December 17th. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer, 662-2583.