

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Prodigal God: On January 3rd, First Presbyterian will kick off an exciting 6 week study of the Parable of the Prodigal in Luke 15. Together we will study the parable through a sermon series, coupled with weekly small group gatherings. This campaign is inspired by a book and discussion guide by Dr. Tim Keller called *The Prodigal God*. If you are not a member of a weekly small group, you may sign up for one at the Prodigal God display in the Fellowship Hall. Books and study guides are also available there for a discounted price.

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.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: This Christmas Eve, we will hold our traditional Candlelight/Communion Services at 5:00 & 7:00 PM. Our 5:00 Service will include an extended children's message.

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.

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. 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 December 6th: "For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke of God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." *2 Peter 1:21*
- ◆ **Living Nativity:** This afternoon at 4:00-7:30 PM Dress Rehearsal and Cast Party.
- ◆ **Parent's Night Out:** December 12th, 4:00-9:00 PM. Please contact Jessica at jwood@florencefirst.org if your kids will be attending.
- ◆ **Children's Christmas Art Gallery:** December 24th, 4:00-8:30 PM, location tba. Children are welcome to paint, draw, color and/or design their version of the Nativity Scene to be included in the gallery. Please have artwork to Miss Jessica no later than noon on Christmas Eve!
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:** December 24th at 5:00 & 7:00 PM. At both Candlelight Services, the children are asked to bring canned goods for a special offering during our children's sermon which will benefit our local residents who are in need this winter.
- ◆ **Christmas Heifer:** The Children's department is working to raise money to buy a Christmas Heifer for an overseas village in need. Look for our Christmas Heifer display near the Preschool area!

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.
- ◆ **Taste & See:** Join us from 7 AM - 8 AM Monday morning before school in the Lounge for breakfast and some time in the Word.
- ◆ **Progressive Dinner Christmas Party:** Sunday, December 13th from 5:30-9:00 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!

Sunday, December 6, 2009 Second Sunday in Advent Manna House Sunday

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Living Nativity Dress Rehearsal:FH
- 4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC
- 5:30 PM Living Nativity Cast Party

Monday, December 7, 2009 Prayer Week

- 6:00 AM **Advent Prayer Vigil**
- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 10:00 AM Circle #4: Price CR
- 11:00 AM MMO Christmas Program
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:30 PM Korean Bible Study: Price CR
- 7:30 PM Handel's *Messiah*: Civic Center

Tuesday, December 8, 2009 PW Circles

- 6:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast: GS Rm
- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group in Parlor
- 10:00 AM Circle 6 GS Room
- 10:15 AM Manna House Lunch Crew
- 11:00 AM Young Mothers' Ensemble
- 12:00 PM Circle 5 GS Room
- 12:00 PM Afternoon Prayer
- 3:00 PM Circle 9 GS Room
- 4:30 PM Girl's Ensemble
- 7:00 PM Living Nativity Presentation

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

- 6:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 12:00 PM Afternoon Prayer
- 3:00 PM PW Christmas Party at Presbyterian Comm.
- 4:30 PM Youth Handbells
- 5:00 PM Adult Handbells
- 5:30 PM Family Supper
- 7:00 PM Living Nativity Presentation
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 10, 2009

- 6:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home
- 12:00 PM Afternoon Prayer
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room

Friday, December 11, 2009

- 6:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 12:00 PM Afternoon Prayer

Saturday, December 12, 2009

- 1:30 PM Keenagers to Brookgreen Gardens
- 4:00 PM Parent's Night Out

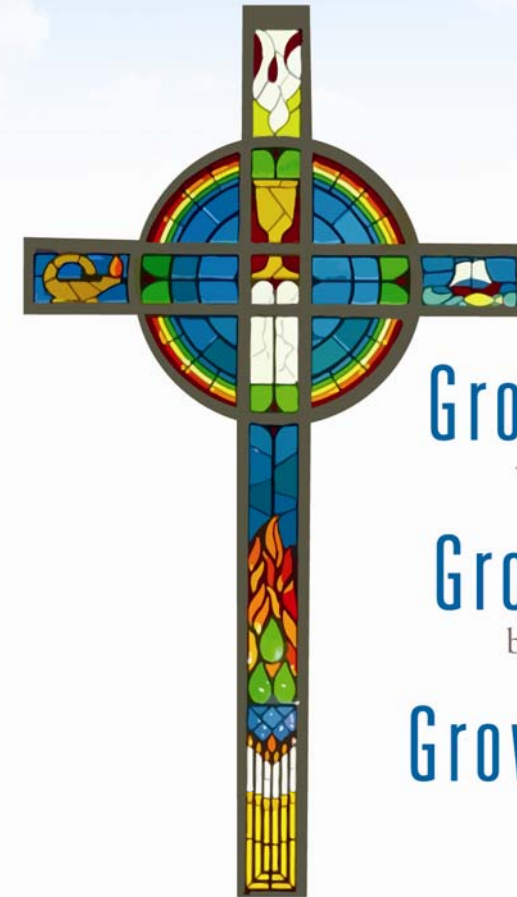


First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11:00 am

December 6, 2009



Growing UPWARD
worshipping and praising

Growing INWARD
becoming more like Christ

Growing OUTWARD
sharing the good news

*Second Sunday
of Advent*

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