

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- ♦ **Chapter Challenge** for December 13th: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female, he created them." *Genesis 1:27*
- ♦ **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 in the Fellowship Hall!

Fuel Youth Events: www.fuelfortherevolution.com

- ♦ **2010 Ski Trip:** Come hit the slopes with us! January 22nd - 24th, Snowshoe, WV. Registration is \$350 until 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:** Tonight, 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!

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 hospitality area in the back of the sanctuary.

Babies' Crying Room is available for parents that need to leave the worship service with their child. This special room is equipped with a live video feed of the service and is located adjacent to the women's restroom, in the hall behind the pulpit.

Sunday, December 13, 2009 Third Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC
- 5:00 PM TOT's
- 5:30 PM Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party

Monday, December 14, 2009

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 10:00 AM Circle #4: Price CR
- 5:45 PM Children's Subcommittee
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:30 PM Korean Bible Study: Price CR

Tuesday, December 15, 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
- 3:00 PM Girl Scouts: Above Scout Room
- 4:30 PM Girl's Ensemble
- 8:00 PM Basketball Game Team 17 & Under at Ebenezer

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 5:30 PM Congregational Caroling followed by soup
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:30 PM Basketball Practice 14 & Under and 17 & Under Teams

Thursday, December 17, 2009

- Christmas Food Box Deliveries
- 7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home
- 10:00 AM Salvation Army Bell Ringing at New Walmart
- 5:30 PM Basketball Practice 10 & Under Teams
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room
- 6:30 PM Basketball Practice 12 & Under Team
- 7:00 PM Basketball Game Team 14 at Ebenezer

Friday, December 18, 2009

- Mother's Morning Out CLOSED
- 10:00 AM Salvation Army Bell Ringing at New Walmart
- 5:00 PM Basketball Practice 8 & Under Teams

Saturday, December 19, 2009

- 11:00 AM Basketball Game Team 8A at Ebenezer
- 12:00 PM Basketball Game Team 8B at Ebenezer
- 1:00 PM Basketball Game Team 10B at Ebenezer
- 2:00 PM Basketball Game Team 10A at Ebenezer

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11:00 am

December 13, 2009



Growing UPWARD
worshipping and praising

Growing INWARD
becoming more like Christ

Growing OUTWARD
sharing the good news

*Third Sunday
of Advent*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Oh, Come, Little Children

IHR KINDERLEIN KOMMET
Traditional German Carol
setting by Burkhardt

GREETINGS

Rev. Handley

INTROIT

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Chancel Handbell Choir

John Francis Wade
arr. Sandra Eithun

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

No. 740

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

No. 189
REGENT SQUARE

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Mary Courtney Rogers, Powers and Thomas

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

located in pew rack

*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

God of mercy, during this Advent season we will hear once again that You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We have heard the message, but we do not understand. We confess that at times we do not feel lost and wonder why we need to be "saved." Forgive us, Lord, for a shallow faith that can call You Lord without seriously considering what that means. Help us to grasp the significance of Your life, death, and resurrection during this Advent season. We pray in the name of Him who is the Alpha and the Omega, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

ANTHEM

Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come

Chancel Choir
Girl's Ensemble

K. Lee Scott

Arise, shine; for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is risen on you. Darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord shall arise upon you, and his glory shall appear upon you. Alleluia! Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Arise, shine; for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is risen on you. Alleluia. Isaiah 60:1-3

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HEYWARD LYNWOOD HANNA
born February 10, 2009
son of Mark and Anne Hanna

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

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

No. 191

CAROL

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Once In Royal David's City

Henry J. Gauntlett
arr. Cynthia Dominski

Chancel Handbell Choir

*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

ORGAN INTERLUDE

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES
16th century English Melody

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, WORK AND WORLD

SERMON

"The Glory of God"

Luke 2:8-14

Dr. Jenkins

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Angels We Have Heard On High

No. 188
GLORIA

*CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

People, Look East

Besançon carol melody
arr. Archer

Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look East, and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way. Eleanor Farjeon

*POSTLUDE

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

ES IST DAS HEIL
Etlich Christlich lider, 1524
Stephen P. Johnson

*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

Elder Greeters for this morning's service are Mike Nunn and Mary Caroline Vaught.

Ushers Volunteers: If you would like to help usher during the worship service in the month of December, please contact the church office at 662-2583.

Youth Basketball League: Come support our seven First Pres teams! Our next games are Tuesday, December 15th at 8PM (Team 17&U), Thursday, December 17th at 7PM (Team 14&U) followed by games on December 19th. Check our website for a complete schedule. All games are played at Ebenezer Baptist.

Congregational Caroling: Join in the fun! Wednesday evening, Dec. 16th at 5:30 PM, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall, carol throughout the community, and then enjoy a hot soup dinner when we return.

Manna House Toy Collection: Help make Christmas special for a child in need this year! Please bring an **unwrapped, new toy** for a child, infant -17, to the Fellowship Hall stage and place it under the Christmas Tree. The donated toys will be part of the annual Christmas celebration that The Manna House sponsors on December 21st.

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. At both Candlelight Services, the offering that is received will be used to assist families in need throughout the year. Also, 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.

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; study guides are also available there for a discounted price.

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!

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!