

CHILDREN'S Opportunities

Sundays

Infants-K2
Nursery room 119 (8:45-12:15)

10:00
K3 – 5TH
Sundays@10 from 10 – 10:45
(Root Cellar)

11:00
K3-K5 are welcome in worship or may participate in extended session in room 120 if they like.

1st – 5th grade in worship until the sermon during which they may choose to adjourn to Children's Chapel and return following the sermon.

Youth

Sunday, January 12th – **Sunday School and Confirmation Class** from 10:00-10:45 in the youth room.

Sunday, January 12th – **Lunch at Panera** from 12:30 – 1:30.
Meet in the lobby after Worship to carpool.

Wednesday, January 15th – **WEY** from 5:30 – 7:30

Wednesday, January 15th – **RSVP Deadline for Bowling**
on Sunday, January 19th from 2:00 – 3:30.

Thursday, January 16th – **EGGS** at CFA by the mall at 7:00.
The bus leaves at 7:30 for Westview.

Friday, January 17th – **Confirmation Lock-in** from 8:00 pm – 10:00 am at FPC.

Sunday School Teacher(s) needed for our children.

Meets in the Root Cellar from 10:00 – 10:45 every Sunday during the school year.

**Find a partner and come shape little lives
in a big way!**

We need recommendations and applicants for **nursery workers**.
Please contact Elise Collins at dce@firstgreenwood.com.

Noah's Ark Enrollment

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will open Monday, January 13th, for current students, siblings and church members.
Open Registration for the public will begin on Monday, January 27th at 8:00 AM.
Enrollment Forms are available in the Noah's Ark office, the church office, or by printing the electronic copy on the website <https://firstgreenwood.com/ministries/noahs-ark/>. The enrollment form and the \$170 registration fee (\$140 for additional children) must be received to hold your child's spot for next school year. For additional information or to schedule a tour, please call the Noah's Ark Office at 864-229-0902.

Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
10:00 a.m. - Kaleidoscope (AH)
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
12:15 p.m. - Youth Team (Panera)
12:30 p.m. - Youth
12:15 p.m. - Music Team (BR)
4:30 p.m. - Chancel Bells
4:30 p.m. - Missions/Outreach (HR)
6:00 p.m. - Christian Ed Team (BR)

Monday, January 13

SPIRE DEADLINE
10:30 a.m. - Circle #3 (HR)
4:30 p.m. - PGS
5:15 p.m. - Buildings & Grounds (BR)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base.)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)

Tuesday, January 14

9:15 a.m. - Staff Mtg
12:30 p.m. - Circle #5 (AH)
5:00 p.m. - Admin Comm. (BR)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 a.m. - Mens Bible Study (Conf Rm)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner (AH)
6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
6:00 p.m. - Youth (YR)
6:00 p.m. - Adults (HR/FISH/Conf Rm)

Thursday, January 16

7:00 a.m. - EGGS (CFA)
10:00 a.m. - Emerald Bells
10:30 a.m. - Listening for God (BR)
11:00 a.m. - K-Group (WC)
5:30 p.m. - MOC (HR)
6:00 p.m. - MOC Social (Sports Break)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Friday, January 17

8:00 p.m. - Confirmation Lock-In

Saturday, January 18

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Buck & Charlotte Smith and Carl Stroud by Sarah Dickert.

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to Betsy Collins and her family on the passing of her brother, Gary Heeseman of Charlotte, on January 5, 2025. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

January 15th:

5:30 dinner (EGGSTRAVAGANZA:
Scrambled eggs, sausage and gravy biscuits, grits, fruit)
6:00 programming for all ages
(nursery available)
(\$5/children, \$10/youth & adults)
Check your Spire for details.

Kaleidoscope in January 2025

"Thin Spaces"

A Photography Exhibit in Alexander Hall
Featuring 38 Photos by The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain

Lectures at 10:00 a.m. during the consolidated Sunday School hour on January 12th, January 19th, and January 26th will examine three persons who exemplify finding the divine in the "thin spaces"—Francis of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, and Pope Francis.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

We will be holding a New Members Class beginning Sunday, January 19th, at 10:00 in the Barksdale Room (Room 122) and continuing on Sunday mornings, January 26th, and February 2nd. You will be received into church membership during the 11:00 service on February 2nd. If you would like to participate in this class or have any questions, please contact the front office (office@firstgreenwood.com or 229-5814) or talk with Dr. Brad Christie.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 12, 2025

11:00 am

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Visitors, we consider you to be our honored guest. Our staff members are happy to assist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a church dedicated to making a positive difference in our community and world by fulfilling our call to Worship, Serve, Educate, Evangelize, and Fellowship. -We offer a wide range of programs and ministries for all ages. Several times a year a New Members Class is offered for those considering membership at First Pres. You may talk with one of the staff members about this after the service. Please plan to worship with us again - you are always welcome.

Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Music Associate/Guitarist -- Stephan Botchie
Noah's Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham

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GATHERING MUSIC “O Jesus, I Have Promised” NYLAND

WELCOME AND GREETING

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. *Ps. 100:1–2*
People: *Worship the Lord with gladness.*

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

PRELUDE “Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken” LISTEN
(Hymn # 455)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Cain

Leader: As in the beginning the Creator God stirred the waters
 of darkness with Spirit,
People: *May the Creator God move in Spirit
 over our souls this hour.*
Leader: As in the beginning the Creator God spoke the word
 and brought light to dark waters,
People: *May the Creator God speak the word
 that will bring divine light
 wherever there is darkness in our lives.*

***OPENING HYMN** #13** “The Mighty God with Power Speaks” KINGSFOLD

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Cain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Ps. 29:1; Mark 1:7)*

God of all glory,
*you look from heaven
and see us as we are—
not worthy to kneel at your feet,
not ready to welcome your way.
Forgive us, gracious God.
In Christ, stoop down to save us;
loosen the ties that bind us to sin
and set us free to love and serve you;
in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
People: *Thanks be to God!*

RESPONSE Hymn #610 “Christ Speaks, and Listening” AZMON
Stanza 3

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Rev. Cain

Offertory “Speak, O Lord” Getty/Townend

***Doxology** (On Screens) OLD HUNDREDTH

***Dedication of the Offering**

*As we have received, so now we give.
As Jesus has shown us, so now we do unto others,
as God has so graciously done for us.
Thanks be to God!*

Rev. Cain

TIME WITH CHILDREN and CRADLE ROLL

Elise Collins

*Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel*

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1-3

Rev. Hite

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God!*

SERMON

“Listening to God”

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN #725** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” NYLAND

***BENEDICTION**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

*(At the conclusion of the service, please share the peace with another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)*

***POSTLUDE**

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are in the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated