

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)

Wednesdays!
5:30 – 7:00 WNF & SHinE

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 19th – **Sunday School and Confirmation Class** from 10:00-10:45 in the youth room.

Sunday, January 19th – **Bowling at Expo 300** from 2:00 – 3:30

Wednesday, January 22nd – **WEY GOTE at Mig's** from 5:30 – 7:00

Wednesday, January 22nd – **High School Night at Sonic** from 7:00 – 8:00

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.

Mark your calendars early!

Camp Fellowship Worship & Picnic will be May 18th!

Festivities already being planned – got ideas?

Contact Elise or anyone on CE.

Noah's Ark Enrollment

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open 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 19

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)

10:00 a.m. - Kaleidoscope (AH)

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class (YR)

10:00 a.m. - New Members Class (BR)

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)

2:00 p.m. - Youth (Bowling)

4:15 p.m. - Chancel Bells

5:30 p.m. - Diaconate (HR)

7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Choir Rm)

Monday, January 20

Office Closed

4:30 p.m. - PGS

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, January 21

9:15 a.m. - Staff Mtg

4:00 p.m. - Family BS (BR)

5:30 p.m. - Worship Comm. (BR)

7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

Wednesday, January 22

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 (GOTE)

6:00 p.m. - Adults (HR/FISH/Conf Rm)

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 23

10:00 a.m. - Emerald Bells

Friday, January 24

Ladies Retreat

Saturday, January 25

Ladies Retreat

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by Bill & Bonnie Harper to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Imojean & Plug Lawrence and Pat & Charlie Harper.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

January 22nd:

5:30 dinner (Chicken stew, broccoli, cornbread)

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.

January 19, 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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NEW MEMBERS CLASS

We will be holding a New Members Class beginning this morning 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.

GATHERING

MUSIC

CONFESSION

PROCLAMATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Cain

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 16:1-15

Rev. Hite

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

GREETING and ANNOUCEMENTS

Rev. Hite

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Compassionate God,
like Hagar in the wilderness,
we come before you with our struggles and burdens.
You are the God who sees us, who hears our cries,
and who answers our prayers.
Forgive us for the times we have acted out of fear and desperation,
forgetting your promises to us.
Just as you spoke to Hagar in her distress,
we ask that you speak to us now in our need.
Open our hearts to your voice,
and grant us the courage to follow where you lead.

SERMON

“The God Who Sees Us”

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it;
People: the world, and those who live in it.

Ps. 24:1

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.

(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”
Chancel Choir

LISTEN

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

***CLOSING HYMN #29** “O God, You Search Me” O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME
Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Cain

RESPONSE Hymn #628 “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord” (stanza 1)
JE LOUERA L’ÉTERNAL
We share this song of praise with our 9:00 congregation.

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Hite

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

Leader: The God of Hagar,
who sees and hears our affliction,
calls us to worship.

People: In you, Lord, we find our hope,
our strength, and our future.

Leader: Just as Hagar was heard in her distress,
God listens to our cries and knows our needs.

People: Let us open our hearts to the God who meets us
in our moments of trial and triumph.

Leader: O Lord, we come to worship you,
our refuge and our rock.

People: With hearts full of faith,
let us worship the Lord together.

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering Rev. Cain

Offertory “Kum Ba Yah” arr. Paul Sjolund

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

***Dedication of the Offering** Rev. Cain

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!

*(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**

***OPENING HYMN** #410** “God is Calling through the Whisper”
W ŻLOBIE LEŻY

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Elise Collins

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

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