ADVENT HAPPENINGS

Sunday, November 29	Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal (9:00, Sanctuary) Hanging of the Greens Service (10:30)
Wednesday, December 2	Bob Glick presents *Handel and His Messiah* (5:30 pm, Alexander Hall)
Sunday, December 6	Congregational Christmas Party (4:00-6:00, Alexander Hall)
Wednesday, December 9	Sojourners Christmas Party (4:00-6:00, Tom & Betty Grantham's)
Saturday, December 12	May's Open House (5:00-8:00, Rick & Janice May's)
Sunday, December 13	PGS Winter Concert (6:00 pm, Sanctuary)
Sunday, December 20	Birthday Party for Jesus (9:30 am, Alexander Hall)
Thursday, December 24	Nativity Service Rehearsal (Readers 10:00; Children 10:30, Sanctuary) Church offices close at noon Nativity service (5:30, Sanctuary) Candlelight service of Lessons & Carols (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)
Friday, December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Monday, December 28	Church offices closed
Thursday, December 31	Church offices close at noon
Friday, January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!



November 29, 2026
10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Greenwood, SC

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Christie

Leader: There will be signs in the heavens
and distress among the nations.
People: When Christ returns in power and glory,
people will faint with fear.
Leader: But when you see these things, lift up your heads:
People: Our redemption is drawing near!
Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,
People: but the word of God will stand unshaken.
O come, let us worship.

(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 "Shine, Advent Candle, Shine!" Jean Anne Shafferman
SHinE Choir

ADVENT HANGING OF THE GREENS

ADVENT WREATH Isabelle Jenks

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING & RESPONSE Sally Anderson, Ellen Jenks, Lucy Jenks

Reader: What is Advent? Advent means coming! Who is coming?
Reader: On one hand, we celebrate the arrival of baby Jesus at Christmas.
On the other hand, we anticipate when Christ will come again.
Reader: Who is this Christ? From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Reader: Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Reader: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
All: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Reader: Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.
All: We will keep awake! Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine,
that we may be saved, our Potter, Creator, Restorer, & Light.
Reader: Light penetrates darkness and brings hope.
Reader: Today we light one purple candle – the candle of HOPE.
All: Let us be filled with hope today and always.

***CAROL** #384 "Soon and Very Soon" SOON AND VERY SOON
Stanza 1

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!
So, whether they are bumping, shuffling, whispering, or giggling,
they are welcome in worship!
And we also adore service dog rattles and sighs.

Sundays@9:30
Join one of the following:
Sojourners - Room 110, led by Lelion Elledge, Jukie Leary, Philip Bell, Bob Roddey, and others in the Henry Reynolds room across from the library. Coffee available.
FISH (Fellowship In Service to Him) – Room 205, led by David Gardner, Christopher Collins, Hood Souter, and others. Coffee available.
Youth – 3rd floor LOFT – 6th – 12th graders with adult volunteers facilitating. Goodies available.
Children (Basement Root Cellar) – K4 – 5th graders welcome in the basement area for a digital study and play. Adult volunteers welcome! Goodies available.
Nursery (Room 120) – infant – K3 in near the playground door.

YOUTH
Do you receive our Remind and Realm notices?
If not, contact Elise

Sundays @ 9:30 in the LOFT
with some of our favorite people – the Culbertsons, the Sanders, the Penneys, and Mrs. Elise! Goodies and coffee available!
Please note: 12/6 drop off at Starbucks at 9:20; bus to church
12/13 – drop off at Dunkin' at 9:20; bus to church
12/20 – Birthday Party for Jesus in AH

Sunday Night Youth at 5:30
Make-Your-Own-Pizza Night
12/6 – Congregational Christmas Party in AH 4-6
12/13 – support PGS at their concert

Youth Half-Day Christmas Party
12/16 – drop off after school. We'll take the bus to get lunch and to shop at the Hospice store for our white elephant gift exchange (bring money for both)
We'll come back and play games, watch a movie, and do our gift swap!

Youth EGGS & GRITS
12/10
7:00 EGGS at CFA by the mall
7:45 GRITS at 111 Pinecrest Dr. (white elephant gift exchange)

CHILDREN
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Wednesday 12/2
Ice Skating at the Splash Pad. $10

Sundays @ 9:30 in the Root Cellar

No SHinE in December

Sunday, November 29
9:00 a.m. - Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal (Sanc)
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
11:40 a.m. - Chancel Bells
5:30 p.m. - Youth (AH)
Monday, November 30
10:15 a.m. - Emerald Bells
4:30 p.m. - Committed Prayers (Chapel)
4:30 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
5:30 p.m. - PNC Training (BR)
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
Tuesday, December 1
10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.
10:30 a.m. - Circle #1 (WC)
10:30 a.m. - Circle #7
4:00 p.m. - Family Bible study (BR)
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
6:00 p.m. - Chorale Board (BR)
Wednesday, December 2
7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study & Break. (AH)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - Bob Glick (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday, December 3

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
Friday, December 4
5:00 p.m. - Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, December 5
9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Base/YR)
5:00 p.m. - Wedding

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to Lorraine Truesdale and her family on the passing of her husband, Foster Truesdale, on November 23, 2026. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

THORNWELL BELLS

Thornwell Bells are available on the Christmas tree in the lobby. Each tag has the QR Code or the URL that will take you right to the Thornwell Wish list on Amazon. You can choose to have your gift(s) delivered directly to Thornwell or to your home. If you choose to have them delivered to you, please bring your **UNWRAPPED** gift(s) to the church **by December 3rd.** If you picked a bell off the tree, feel free to write a note on the tag to leave with the gift. You can leave the bell attached or keep the bell as a reminder to pray for the child.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The Youth of FPC will be in the front lobby over the next several Sundays selling FPC Christmas ornaments. Cost is $20 each.

Christmas Caroling for All Ages
December 9th
Caroling & Dinner Out!
Meet at the church at 5:30

Bob Glick & Handel's *Messiah*
December 2nd in Alexander Hall.
5:30

Be sure to grab a copy of our Advent Devotional!

If you know someone who is blue this season, please let us know.
We have Blue Christmas bags to share.

Congregational Christmas Party
Sunday, December 6, 2026 from 4:00-6:00 in Alexander Hall. FPC Staff is hosting a Congregational Christmas party.
Join us for food and fellowship!

THE CRECHE — Kate Justesen

CAROL #114 — "Away in a Manger" — CRADLE SONG

PROCESSION OF THE CRECHE

WREATHS — Quay Justesen

Reader: With these words from Isaiah 53:2-5, let us confess our need for a Savior:
"He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

All: He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Reader: Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised,
and we held him in low esteem.
Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

All: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

CAROL — "The Holly and the Ivy" — Richard Shephard
Chancel Choir

HANGING OF THE WREATHS

POINSETTIAS — Mills Anderson

CAROL — "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" — MENDELSSOHN
Tim Walters

DRESSING OF THE POINSETTIAS

CHRISMON TREES — Bryson McCurry

CAROL — "O Come, All Ye Faithful" — ADESTE FIDELES
Tim Walters

DECORATING THE CHRISMON TREES
(Please accompany your child to hang a Chrismon ornament)

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS Rev. Christie

Call to Offering

Offertory "Sleepers, Wake! J. S. Bach
text: Hymn #349

***Doxology** (On Screens) REGENT SQUARE

***Prayer of Dedication**

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

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 13:24-37 Rev. Christie

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

SERMON "Look! In the Sky!"
Advent Series: Coming Soon!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *[The Apostles' Creed]*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN** #134 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Christie

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 one another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)

***POSTLUDE**

Hanging of the Greens Team:
Linsey Anderson, Michelle Barksdale, Becky Gardner,
Beth Justesen-Pruitt, Andrea Scott, and Rhetta Smith

Readers:
Mills Anderson, Isabelle Jenks, Quay Justesen, Kate Justesen, and Bryson McCurry

Advent Wreath:
Sally Anderson, Ellen Jenks, Lucy Jenks

The Creche Receivers:
Robbie & Lisa Sanders

Window & Pew Wreaths:
Joesph Beaudrot, Karen Couser, Dale Culberston, Mary Kay & Bob Davidson, Tom & Betty Grantham,
Dennis & Peggy Hammett, Roy & Lynn Hemphill, Cindy & Jukie Leary, Bryan & Roberta Sherard,
Craig Stuckey, Fred Williamson & Donna Thompson, Paul & Barb Zorzie

Garland:
Taylor, Cindy, and John Stokes

Poinsettias in Chancel:
Grant, Kameryn, Mason & Joanna Butler
Brice, Amelia, & Reece Miller
Emily Snyder & Don Elder
Hood, Caroline, William, & John Souter
Meredith & Jacob Rendall
Mark & Sharon Mulkey

Poinsettias in Windows:
Alex Bacot, Lyle Clark, Barrett Fleming, Margaret Fleming, Maryclaire Griffith, Ellie LaForge,
Bryson McCurry, Bryson Willard, Keaton Willard, Olivia Wright