

**December 7, 2025**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*2nd Sunday of Advent*  
*Christmas Pageant*

## *We Gather in God's Name*

## Chiming of the Trinity

**Prelude** *The Friendly Beasts* arr. Thompson  
Fun Program Chimes

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

## *We Worship Together*

**\*Call to Worship** Bayley Hydrick  
The Lord is coming to his temple.  
**We watch and wait for his coming.**  
Prepare the way of the Lord!

**\*Hymn 119** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**                      The Cauthen & Creech Families

## Invitation to Confession

Saints, let us trust in God's love for us and confess our sin, confident in God's mercy.

## Prayer of Confession

**God of Grace, we confess that we are not ready for you to come into our world — not quite yet. We cling to the known and familiar, afraid of the transformation your grace will bring. Yet you are always a step ahead of us, a voice crying out in the wilderness, inviting us into to bold new ways of being disciples. Humble us, O God, and teach us to do the work of repentance so that, fully reliant on your grace, we may know the richness of restored relationship with you and one another. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Before we repent and change our ways, God's love has already claimed us as God's own. Proclaim with me the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!"**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

### \*Holy Interruption

**\*Gloria Patri**

## Announcements

## Pastoral Prayer & 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.**

**Offertory** *Jesus, Baby Jesus* Greg Sewell  
Charlotte Folger

**\*Doxology** *Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.* GLORIA

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine with your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**We Receive God's Word Through Our Children's  
Christmas Pageant**

*The First Christmas* Pooler/Baker

*Processional Angels We Have Heard on High* Sanctus Real

*O Come Let Us Adore Him* Traditional Latin

Speech Choir Thomas Barton & Boykin Tucker

*Fum, Fum, Fum* Traditional Catalanian  
Brylee Denham, Jem Morgan, & Sara Gavin, soloists; Layla Cole, finger  
cymbals; Knox Miller, djembe

*No Room!* Christopher Tucker, wood block Traditional

*Away in a Manger* 19<sup>th</sup> Century American  
Boykin, soloist; Lydia Fenters, wind chimes

*Glory to God* Pooler  
Annie McDiarmid, sanctus bells

*Il est né le divin enfant* French Traditional  
Alexi DeFord, Taedyn DeFord, Madelyn Tinsley, Katye Pelfrey, Hank Parker  
& Annie McDiarmid, soloists; Julia Fenters, triangle;  
Knox Miller, xylophone; Dylan Gilpin, xylophone

Speech Choir I Thomas Barton & Boykin Tucker

Speech Choir II Adeline Barton & Caroline Tinsley

Star of Bethlehem

John Watson Folger

*Night of Silence* Daniel Kantor  
Ella Morgan, Charlotte Folger & Anna Gavin, soloists; Grayson Gilpin,  
windchimes

**Hymn *Silent Night, Holy Night* (1 verse)** **STILLE NACHT**

***“SILENT NIGHT”***  
***Silent night, holy night,***  
***All is calm, all is bright;***  
***Round yon Virgin Mother and Child;***  
***Holy Infant so tender and mild,***  
***Sleep in heavenly peace;***  
***Sleep in heavenly peace.***

**Benediction** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella</i>	arr. Thompson
	Fun Program Ringers	

## CAST

Gabriel—Ella Morgan  
 Mary—Sara Gavin  
 Elizabeth—Lydia Fenters  
 Joseph—Knox Miller  
 Caesar Augustus—Dylan Gilpin  
 King Herod—Grayson Gilpin  
 Chief Priest—Madelyn Tinsley  
 Prophet #1—Anna Gavin  
 Prophet #2—Brylee Denham  
 Innkeeper #1—Julia Fenters  
 Innkeeper #2—Layla Cole  
 Innkeeper #3—Charlotte Folger  
 Shepherd #1—Adeline Barton  
 Shepherd #2—Caroline Tinsley  
 Shepherd #3—Charlotte Folger  
 Shepherd #4—Jem Morgan  
 Shepherd # 5—Eliza Chapman  
 Wiseman #1—Taedyn DeFord  
 Wiseman #2—Jem Morgan  
 Wiseman #3—Anna Gavin  
 Angel—Alexi DeFord  
 Angel—Annie McDiarmid  
 Angel—Katie Pelfrey  
 Cow—Boykin Tucker  
 Donkey—Thomas Barton  
 Sheep—Stevie Gavin  
 Dove—John Duncan McDiarmid  
 Narrator #1—Hank Parker  
 Narrator #2—Payden Watts  
 Narrator #3—Juliette Carroll  
 Narrator #4—Lauchlin McDiarmid  
 Star of Bethlehem—John Watson Folger  
 Baby Jesus—Luke Tillman  
 Choir I—Thomas Barton & Boykin Tucker  
 Choir II—Adeline Barton & Caroline Tinsley

Thanks to all parents and volunteers for your hard work with the Christmas Pageant.

\*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk.

The flowers are placed in the church today to the glory of God and in honor of Betty Davis’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.

The Church This Week (12/7/2025)	
Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Mon.	8:30 a.m. MMO
Wed.	8:30 a.m. MMO 3:15 p.m. Fun Program 5:30 p.m. White Christmas
Sun.	10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Cantata “For Unto Us a Child is Born”

Prayer List as of December 7, 2025

Gerry Rogers  
Bea Sloop  
Benny Moore  
Bobbie Jones  
For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses  
B.J. Moore  
Louise Carpenter  
Shirley Brock  
Edward Tinsley  
Ruth Jackson  
Marion Murphy  
Nadia Harris  
Lesley Jean Watson  
Rebecca Harris Ott  
Sherri (Ronald) Thurman, Ruby SC

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call, or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for October - December

Oct. 5	Heather Tucker
Oct. 12	Cathy Chapman
Oct. 19	Kelli Beck
Oct. 26	Jean Page Watson
Nov. 2	Maggie Barton
Nov. 9	Steve Cook
Nov. 16	Charlene Tillman
Nov. 23	Jessie Baker
Nov. 30	Laura Folger
Dec. 7	Mary Jane Evans
Dec. 14	Lainey Baker
Dec. 21	Kelli Beck
Dec. 28	Marietta Melton Burch

Chancel Choir Cantata

The Chancel Choir will present “For Unto Us a Child is Born,” on Sunday, December 14, at 4 p.m. This cantata will feature a string quartet, guest conductor, Dr. Jose Rivera, and soloists by members of our Chancel Choir. The service will be in the sanctuary, and we hope you will come and support our music ministry!

Congregational Meeting on December 14th: Immediately following our 11 AM Worship Service, we will have a called Congregational Meeting to elect our Class of 2028 Elders.

Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson	Mike Chapman
Avery Dickson	Andrew McLeod	Christie McLeod
Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips
Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce	Harold Watson

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Danielle Self, Secretary	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Gini Eddins, Director MMO
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	
Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	



Our Vision

Rooted by God’s Grace,  
Growing in the Spirit,  
Reaching Out with Christ’s Love

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