

**December 28, 2025**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*First Sunday of Christmas  
Lessons and Carols*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Mary, Did You Know?* Greene  
(Cloie Tillman, soloist)

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship** Charlene Tillman  
We recount the gracious deeds of God, all the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us.

**Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.**  
Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation.

**Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ.**  
Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.

**God's glory shines in heaven and on earth.**  
Praise the Lord!

**OPENING HYMN** "Once in Royal David's City" GTG 140

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

**CAROL** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" GTG 121

**SECOND LESSON** Genesis 22:15-18

**CAROL** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" GTG 88

**THIRD LESSON** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**CAROL** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" GTG 123

**FOURTH LESSON** Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

**CAROL** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" GTG 129

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 1:26-35, 38

**CAROL** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" GTG 119

**SIXTH LESSON** Luke 2:1-7

**CAROL** "Away in a Manger" GTG 114

**SEVENTH LESSON** Luke 2:8-16

**CAROL** "Go Tell it On the Mountain" GTG 136

**EIGHTH LESSON** Matthew 2:1-11

**CAROL** "We Three Kings of Orient Are" GTG 151

**NINTH LESSON** John 1:1-14

**CAROL** "Still, Still, Still" GTG 124

**We Receive God's Word**

**Pastoral Prayers & 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.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* (Cloie Tillman, soloist)

Traditional

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

GLORIA

**Prayer of Dedication**

**In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** 134 "Joy to the World"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** *There's a Song in the Air* Holland

**\*Postlude** *Noël* Louis Claude Daquin

Please wait until the end of the Benediction Response before exiting.

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

**Acolytes:** Mari Burch & Ella Morgan

## The Church This Week (12/28/2025)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Mon. 8:30 a.m. MMO  
Wed. 8:30 a.m. MMO  
Thurs. Church Office Closed- Happy New Year!  
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

## **Prayer List as of December 28, 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  
Wyatt Smith

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	Alison Chapman
Dec. 28	Marietta Melton Burch

## **Session of First Presbyterian Church**

### Class of 2025

Kelli Beck  
Avery Dickson  
Mary Jane Evans  
Jean Page Watson

### Class of 2026

Mary Anderson  
Andrew McLeod  
Kristen Miller  
Richard Pierce

### Class of 2027

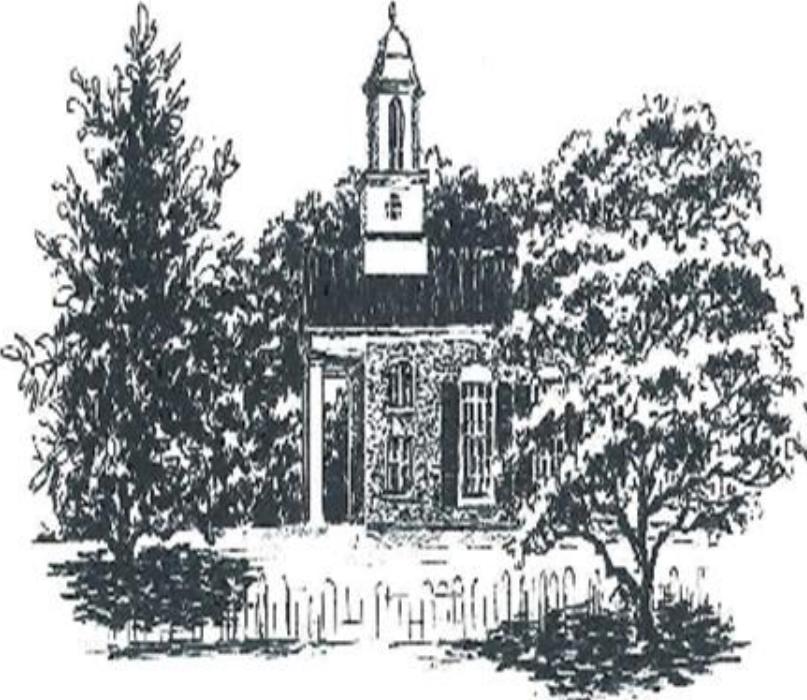
Mike Chapman  
Christie McLeod  
Tracie Phillips  
Harold Watson

## The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor  
Mrs. Danielle Self, Secretary  
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton  
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper  
Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE

Mrs. Gini Eddins, Director MMO



## **Our Vision**

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

## **Sunday, December 28, 2025**

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