



Dear First Presb Friends,

Presby News



NOVEMBER 2025 First Presbyterian Church Cheraw, SC

Happy November, y'all! It has been a busy and joyous season in the life of our church, as well as in Jenny's and my life. As we look ahead this month, I have a few announcements about upcoming events that I would like to bring to your attention, as there is much to be excited about!

First, our fundraisers did great things this month and were able to support excellent causes! Our Mission Team was able to raise close to \$500 in profit that will go straight towards our Summer Mission Trip to Asheville, NC! As of right now, if we took a group of the same size that we did last year (26) then we are looking at a total need to raise between \$5,640 to \$9,640 (this is with the request for two 15 Passenger vans) for the trip to be able to support this group of ours to go and be the hands and feet of God in the world. There is a long way to go until June 2026, so please continue to come out and support this group when you can, and if you are interested in going, then please let us know!

Also, right around the corner are a few big changes to my family's life outside the church, because Luke arrived much sooner than either Jenny or I anticipated on November 2nd! I will be away for two weeks to help get things even the slightest bit settled before we roll right into the Advent Season. Rev. Dr. Dan Sansbury has agreed to fill the pulpit for November 9th and November 16th, with the plan for me to return to preach on November 23rd. What an exciting (and messy!) time! Luke and Jenny are healthy, and we thank everyone for your continued support as we get adjusted to this new life of ours and our new family member!

Blessings,



Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Sunday School Classes

Parlor Class—This month the Parlor Class will begin the Advent series of *Feasting on the Word*. Adults will explore the hopeful & peaceful future prophesied by Isaiah and express confidence that God is leading them into that day. Be sure to join them each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the parlor!

Fellowship Class—The Fellowship Class meets on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Please join us! We are enjoying our new study, *Feasting on the Word*, published by the PCUSA and follows the lectionary calendar. We read and discuss a scripture passage each Sunday. If you aren't currently attending Sunday School, please come join us. You will enjoy the fellowship, and we have excellent coffee!

Youth Class—Our Youth Class will continue studying the 12-month curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*. This month our Youth will imagine ways to counter the prejudices of the human heart, explore dimensions of fear, embrace the positive effects of gratitude, explore community relationships & accountability, and engage strategies to promote each other's good. Our Advent series begins this month-- *Living in God's Light*. Youth will open themselves to God's transforming vision of hope and peace for their lives and the world. All 6th-12th graders are welcome!

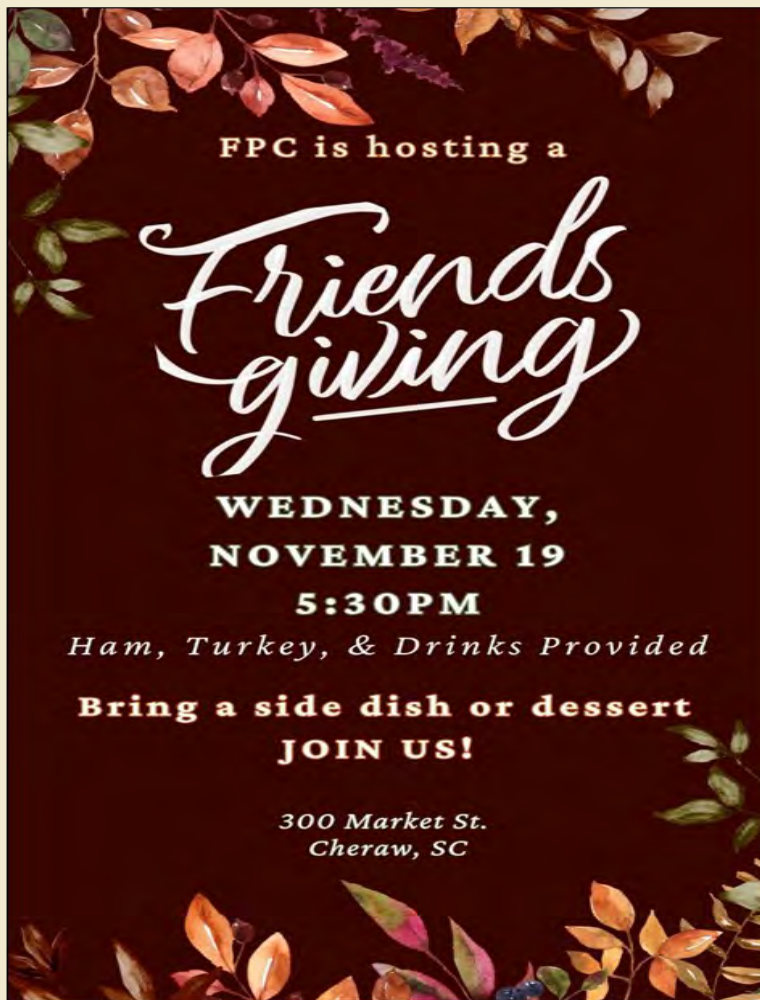
Children's Class—Our Children's class, ages K-5th grade, will continue studying *Feasting on the Word*. This month our lessons include *Zaccheus*, *The Coming of Jesus Christ*, *Do What is Right*, & *The Promise of a Righteous King*. At the end of the month, we will begin our Advent series, *Peace and Light*. Children will celebrate by identifying God's vision of peace from Isaiah 2. Stay tuned for some new improvements we are making to the classroom with new paint and whiteboards! Special thanks to those who have helped with this exciting project!

Preschool Class—(ages 3-4) will meet downstairs in the Louise Carpenter room and will also be studying *Feasting on the Word*. This month they will begin their Advent lesson, *God's Peaceful World*. Preschoolers will hear Isaiah's message of peace and identify ways to live in God's peace. Come join us for FUN activities this month!

Nursery always available (downstairs)

Christian Education & Music Ministry Fall Schedule

- * **Wednesday, Nov. 19**—Friendsgiving Meal at 5:30 p.m. Bring a side dish or dessert and join us!
- * **Sunday, Nov. 23**—5-6p.m. Pageant Costume fitting; 6-7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- * **Wednesday, Nov. 26**—NO Fun Program; No Chancel Choir (Happy Thanksgiving!)
- * **Sunday, Nov. 30**—Youth Bells to ring during the 11 a.m. service (Advent I)
- * **Saturday, Dec. 6** —10:00-11:30 a.m.—Christmas Pageant Rehearsal with pizza afterwards
- * **Sunday, Dec. 7** —11a.m. Children present “The First Christmas” (children to ring & sing)
- * **Saturday, Dec. 13**—10 a.m. Chancel Choir Cantata Rehearsal with Dr. Jose Rivera, guest conductor
- * **Sunday, Dec. 14**—Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata 4 p.m.
- * **Wednesday, Dec. 24**—Christmas Eve Service with Communion at 5:30 p.m.
- * **Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, Jan. 7**-- NO FUN PROGRAM/ MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- * **Wednesday, Jan. 14**—Fun Program & Chancel Choir Resume



FPC is hosting a

Friends giving

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 19
5:30PM

Ham, Turkey, & Drinks Provided

**Bring a side dish or dessert
JOIN US!**

300 Market St.
Cheraw, SC



Save the Date!

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 14 4 p.m.

THE CHILDREN OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
PRESENT



The First Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
11:00 AM

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

300 MARKET ST. CHERAW, SC
Cherawfpc.org



It's time to order our Christmas poinsettias!

If you would like to honor or remember someone please place your order by Sunday, November 16th. Poinsettias will be red with green wrappers.

The prices are:

small: 6 1/2 inch - \$12.00

large: 8 inch - \$17.00

Forms are located in the Narthex.

Please place your money and requests in the offertory plate in an envelope or drop it off at the church office.

Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church.

Include all money and requests in an envelope and label: ATTN: Karen Tillman



November 2 - Communion
Tracie and Calvin Phillips

November 16 - Youth Supper
Cathy Chapman, Beth Witherspoon





November 16—Membership Meeting

After church in the Library.



Fellowship Committee News

November 19- Friendsgiving

Fellowship Committee will provide ham, turkey and drinks for this meal.

We are asking everyone to bring their favorite Thanksgiving side dish.

This meal will begin at 5:30.

This is a wonderful way to share your friendship and gratitude with your church family.



December 10- White Christmas Cover Dish Meal

We will be taking up monetary donations for Pee Dee Coalition.



We have also heard from a very reliable source that we will have a very special guest.



So, parents bring your cameras and kids bring your Santa list!



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

**Mrs. Bea Sloop and family in the death of her husband
Mr. Frank Gray Sloop.**

**The Coggeshall family upon the death of
Mrs. Ina Aven Coggeshall.**



Prayer Changes Things

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

Kity G. Grubb-niece of Brother Davis

Nadia Harris

Robby & Clytie Roddy

Stasa Petros

Rebecca Harris Ott

Lesley Jean Watson

TO ALL THOSE BORN IN
NOVEMBER
Happy Birthday



4- Lynn Smith

5- B J Moore

8- John Joyce

10-Dru Penny

12-Charlotte Folger, James Morgan

13-Grace Tillman

15-Emily Beck

16-Steve Cook, Emma Smith

18-Susan Gainey

19-Nancy Newsom

20-Blair Driggers, Kane Driggers, Alice McLeod

21-Fred Harris

22-Maggie Lloyd

24-Dan Driggers

26-David Brabham

27-Ruth Jackson

28-Becky Childers, Debbie McCall

29-Sloan Baker

30-Andrew Boykin Tucker



November 2025

2	10:00 am	Sunday School			
	11:00 am	Worship	25	8:30 am	MMO
	1:00 pm	Chancel Choir Cantata		6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
3	8:30 am	MMO	26	Church Office Closed	
4	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study	27	Church Office Closed -	
5	8:30 am	MMO		Happy Thanksgiving	
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study	28	Church Office Closed	
	3:15 pm	Fun Program	30	10:00 am	Sunday School
	5:30 pm	Mission Meeting		11:00 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir			
9	10:00 am	Sunday School			
	11:00 am	Worship			
10	8:30 am	MMO			
11	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study			
12	8:30 am	MMO			
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study			
	3:15 pm	Fun Program			
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir			
16	10:00 am	Sunday School			
	11:00 am	Worship			
17	8:30 am	MMO			
18	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study			
19	8:30 am	MMO			
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study			
	3:15 pm	Fun Program			
	5:30 pm	Friendsgiving Meal			
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir			
23	10:00 am	Sunday School			
	11:00 am	Worship			
	5:00 pm	Pageant Costume Fitting			

