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The Lighted Spire

December, 2025

Youth and Children's Christmas Program

On December 7, the children and youth presented their program, "Rehearsal for Christmas Eve" during worship. They did a fabulous job. Many thanks to Sarah Smith, the Sunday School teachers, Kim Livingston, Pastor Gretchen, the parents, the youth and children, and everyone who pitched in and helped to make it possible for them to share their story of Christmas with us.



Join us this Sunday, December 14, as we celebrate Advent in Song during the meditation as the choir shares the story of Christmas in song and readings.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
of Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2025 7:00pm



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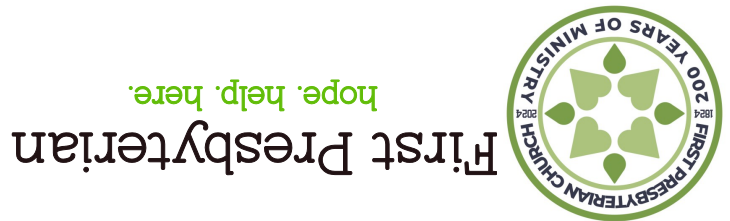
Gretchen Schneider, Pastor

Kim Livingston, Director of Music

Jane Runshe, Office Manager

Sara Roberts, Sunday School Coordinator

Dan Runshe, Sexton



A message from Tyler Orem in Chicago!

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville,

You went all out in creating blessing bags this year, and they indeed have been a blessing! It is hard to believe that we only have five bags remaining after seeing my car bursting at the seams with all the bags you filled with so much love!

Abdul, Vima, and I have been blessed to be able to deliver blessing bags this year. I say that we have been blessed because we feel such a profound sense of joy in being able to share God's love in this way. I imagine that you felt that same way when you gathered the items and filled the bags!

This year, blessing bags have made their way to precious children of God on street corners, at intersections, in parking lots, and in tent encampments that have popped up under overpasses and in the city's parks. Recipients have been children, adults, and older adults. Some have spoken English with us. Some have spoken Spanish with us. All have lit up with joy.

Thank you for being a blessing to so many at a time when so many are in need! Thank you for giving the gift of God's love in this Advent season!

God bless you, Tyler



Ways We Are Reaching Out

The Warm Fuzzy Tree is a yearly way that we reach out to help during the Christmas Season. All the ornaments for the Warm Fuzzy Tree have been taken. Please purchase only what is on the ornament. Wrap the present and loosely place the ornament on the outside of the package. Bring the wrapped presents back to the church and place them under the tree in the sanctuary before December 15.



Youth Group Helps Serve at Salvation Army

Members of the Youth Group traveled to the Salvation Army on December 7 to help the Deacons serve lunch at the Salvation Army. What a great group of kids!



As is our tradition, we will have memorial or honorary poinsettias as a part of our services for the Advent/Christmas season. You may purchase your flowers from the place of your choice and have them delivered or drop them off at the church any time during the week of December 15. Before December 15, please call the church office or drop us a note listing the names of your loved ones' memory and/or those whom you are honoring. Please include your name as the donor. Thank you. We would like for the poinsettias to remain at the church through the Christmas season.



Session Meeting

Elders are reminded of their regular Session Meeting on Monday, December 15 at 7:00pm in the parlor. Please let Sarah Smith or Pastor Gretchen know if you are unable to attend.



Christmas Cards

When you are sending out your Christmas cards this year, please send one to the church. We will display the cards on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary (where the bulletin board Warm Fuzzy Tree was) to share Christmas love with our church family.

Offering Envelopes

If you would like to use offering envelopes for your contributions to the church, the new ones for 2026 are on the table in the hallway between the choir room doors. Please take a box of envelopes and write your name on the list beside the number on your envelope box.



**Change
of date**

Caroling and Cocoa

Join us Sunday, December 21. We will meet at the church at 3:00pm and take the shuttle to go caroling. Following caroling we will return to the church for cocoa and pizza.



Ride to Worship on Sunday Mornings

Call
Jon (317-517-1341) or
Sharon (317-512-1842)

by Saturday to arrange a ride.



2026 Stewardship Campaign

On Sunday, December 21, we will dedicate our gifts toward First Presbyterian. Please join us for this special worship celebration of hope and faith as we bring our gifts of time, talent and treasure. The 2026 Pledge Card is your gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure. Your gifts will be used to further the work of Christ within and beyond our walls. Please prayerfully consider whatever you may be able to give. If you did not receive a pledge card or misplaced yours, there are more available in the sanctuary or we can mail one to you. Please bring your card to worship with you on the 21st. Feel free to place it in an envelope to ensure privacy. They may also be mailed to the church. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

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| Betty Alexander | Janet Orem |
| Shelby Bowers | Sheila Palmer |
| Joanne Bubar | Bill & Joyce Runshe |
| Tom Bubar | Kip Schnaiter |
| Marilyn Bushfield | Peggy Sethman |
| Harry Campbell | Natalie Simpson |
| Ray Craft | Deloris Sorrell |
| Burt & Irene Curry | Marilyn VanCleve |
| Hugh Garner | Wilma Weaver |
| Wayne Hassebrook | Mike & Dawn Whitfield |
| Phil Howell | Nancy Wittekind |
| Will & Judy Mitchell | |

Church family and friends

Hunter, Jaxon, Betty Nichols, Darryl Runshe,
Shannon Trimnell, Brady Vanes

Those in military service

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| Rocky Iaria | |
| Deacon Marshall | Blake McIntire |
| Adam Smith | Brett Walburn |

If the situation for any of these people has changed or someone needs to be added to our list, please let the church office know.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Will not meet in December

Looking forward to January 19

Guests are always welcome to come and join this ministry. If you like to knit or crochet, come and check out this group. Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet, they will be glad to teach you and get you started. This group is open to men and women. Even if you don't want to knit or crochet, you can always just come and enjoy the company. Talk to Nancy Wittekind if you have questions.



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00am to 4:00pm
May be closed during lunch time
Office will be closed on Fridays

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Statler
Study
Group

Wednesdays

8:00am






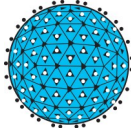

Fellowship Hall

Light Breakfast Served

The group just finished their
Advent Study.

Watch for a new study after
the first of the year.

New members & visitors
always welcome!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Sunday Schedule 9:15 Choir Warm up 10:00 Worship - on-line and in sanctuary Following children's moment: Children's and Youth Sunday School 11:15 Time of fellowship | 1 B-Emma Lingerfelt | 2 B-Leighton Ward 7:00 AA-fh | 3 B-Adrienne Lingerfelt 8:00 Statler Group-fh 6:30 Wednesday Group 7:00 Choir | 4 6:00 Grief Share-p | 5 B-Bob Thopy Office Closed | 6 |
| 7 B-Betsy Roberts  Children's Program Sunday Schedule Salvation Army Lunch Youth Group | 8 B-Debby McLeod B-Pastor Gretchen | 9 10:00 Home Extension Meeting and Lunch-fh 7:00 AA-fh | 10 8:00 Statler Group-fh 6:30 Wednesday Group -fh 7:00 Choir-cr | 11 6:30 Craft Group Stone - fh | 12 Office Closed | 13 A-Adrienne and Derek Lingerfelt 8:00-PEO-fh |
| 14 Sunday Schedule  Choir ~ Advent In Song  | 15 B-Mike Bunton B-Josh Orem 7:00 Session meeting-p | 16 7:00 AA-fh | 17 5:00 Head Start Cookies with Santa 6:30 Wednesday Group -fh 7:00 Choir-cr | 18 A-Linda and Phil Howell | 19 Office Closed | 20 A-Melissa and Blake Johnston 12:00 Craft Family Christmas - fh |
| 21 Sunday Schedule 12:00 Youth Group 3:00 Caroling with Cocoa & Pizza  | 22 NO Prayer Shawl Ministry | 23 7:00 AA-fh | 24 Office Closed Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols 7:00pm | 25  Christ is Born! | 26 Office Closed | 27 |
| 28 Sunday Schedule <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i> | 29 | 30 7:00 AA-fh | 31 Office Closed  <i>New Year's Eve</i> |  | | |
| | | | | | B-Birthdays | A-Anniversaries |