

# First Presbyterian

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## The Lighted Spire

December, 2023

### ADVENT 2023

**First Sunday in Advent - December 3 ~ A journey that begins today.**

Synergy, the Show Choir from Shelbyville High School, will grace us with their Christmas music during worship. There will be a free-will offering following the service to support their music program.

**Second Sunday in Advent - December 10**

The children will present their Christmas program, "Thoughts on Advent" during the 10:00am worship service.

Gretchen will also be at Walker Place at 1:00 for a worship service there.

**Third Sunday in Advent - December 17**

Our choir will share their Christmas Cantata, "Come Worship the King!" during the 10:00am worship service

**Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 24**

Our morning worship at 10:00 ~ Celebrating Peace with Luke's account of the Annunciation. Join us for a special service celebrating Mary's song and the Gift of Holy Communion.

**Christmas Eve - December 24**

Our traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service celebrating the season in scripture and song will be held at 8:00pm.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [FPCSHELBYVILLE.ORG](http://FPCSHELBYVILLE.ORG)

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Gretchen Schneider, Transitional Pastor

Max Muska, Associate Pastor

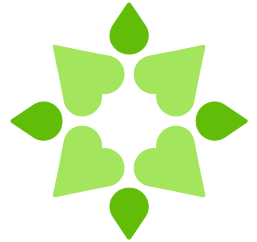
Cynthia Morningstar, Director of Music

Jane Runshe, Office Manager

Sara Roberts, Sunday School Coordinator

Dan Runshe, Sexton

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## Join us for Christmas Caroling

**Caroling, Cookies & Cocoa      Sunday, December 10**

Join us as we share the holiday spirit with those who can't get out and about as much this holiday season. We will meet in fellowship hall at the church at 4:00pm. We will take the church van and carpool to go caroling, then return to the church for cookies and hot cocoa. We will attempt to go as many places as we can, but if you know of someone who would enjoy our songs, please call the office and let Jane or Gretchen know.

### Christmas Poinsettias

As is our tradition, we will have memorial or honorary poinsettias as a part of our services for the Advent 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 after December 10. Before December 18, please call the church office or drop us a note listing the names the flowers are in memory of or in honor of and who gave the flowers. Please plan to take your poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Eve worship service.



## CCC Group

**Where Everyone is Welcome!**

On Friday, December 8, everyone is invited to join the CCC's for the Parks Department Breakfast at 9:30am. Cost for the breakfast is \$5. Following breakfast, plans are to go to the Grover Museum to walk through and see all the Christmas trees. Sheila needs to get a count so she can make reservations for the breakfast, so if you are planning to go, please talk to her as soon as possible.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Fourth Monday of each month 1:00pm**

**They will not meet in December and will meet on Monday, January 22**

This small, fun group knits and crochets prayer shawls and other items for those going through transitions in their lives.

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.



### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9:00am to 4:00pm

May be closed during lunch time  
Office will be closed on Fridays

### **Fall Sunday School**

The children go with Jon Orem and Sara Roberts for their lessons following the Children's Time in worship.



**Grades 6-12** Sarah Smith teaches our Middle and High School students at this same time. They meet in the Wall Room upstairs.

Nursery care is provided for **infants and toddlers** during worship.

If you would like to volunteer to help with Sunday School, please talk to Jon, Sarah, or Sara.

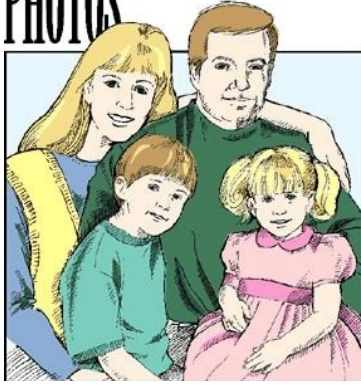
### **Walker Place 2216 North Riley Highway**

Pastor Gretchen and Pastor Max are leading worship services on the second Sunday of each month at 1:00pm at Walker Place. Please feel free to attend, or if you would be willing to help with one of these services, please talk to Gretchen or Max.

**Watch for details about upcoming events  
for Middle Schoolers.**



## PHOTOS



## Christmas Family Photos

A Christmas Photo Booth has been set up in the Apple Entry at the church so you can take family or individual pictures. This can be done before or after worship on Sundays or you can stop by during the week when the office is open.

We would like for you to share your family photos with the church. They can be e-mailed to Jane at [jane@fpcshelbyville.org](mailto:jane@fpcshelbyville.org) or get in touch with Sarah Smith.

## Prayer Requests

Betty Alexander	John & Jody Linton
Shane Appleton	Judy Mitchell
Jeanne Boback	Janet Orem
Shelby Bowers	Sharon Orem
Charline Brown	Bill & Joyce Runshe
Joanne Bubar	Jonita Smith
Marilyn Bushfield	Megan Smith & Dahlia
Vickie Butler	Kevin & Penny Springman
Woody Collins	Deloris Sorrell
Annette Craft	Eric Sorrell
Hugh Garner	Walter Stone
Becky Gattis	Marilyn VanCleve
Phil & Linda Howell	Wilma Weaver
Ron Kramer	Dawn Whitfield
	Nancy Wittekind

## Church family and friends

Matthew & Michael Berndt, Steven Binder, Elizabeth Bir, Mary Brown, Kristi Burton, Wyatt Cameron, Bill Collins, Betty Craft, Lida Craft, Cory, Dakota, Teri, Amber, Britney & Justin Douglass, Esther Gahimer, Julie Harris, Deloris Hassebroek, Vicki Hassebroek, Ashley Hedges, Hunter, Cammi Hooker, Jaxon, Betty Nichols, Chelsea Overhage, Lynn Pitts, Jon Ross, Mark Rowe, Darryl Runshe, Natalie Sargent, John Scudder, Chera Shaub, Shannon Trimnell, Peggy Trittipio, Brady Vanes, Cheryl White, Susan Woolledge

## Those in military service

Curtis Bridgewater	Alex Dillon
Rocky Iaria	Deacon Marshall
Adam Smith	Deryk 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.

## Next Session Meeting December 11 7:00pm Church Parlor

Please bring finger food  
appetizers or desserts  
to share!

## Volunteers needed

We are in need of people who would be willing to run the screens and/or sound during our worship services. If you would be interested in learning how to do this, please talk to Gretchen, Max, Jane or Mike Whitfield.

If you would like  
to come to wor-  
ship on Sunday  
mornings, but  
don't have a way



## Rides Available

to get there, Jon and Sharon Orem are offering to pick people up on their way to worship. Please call them by Saturday if you would like a ride so they can make plans.

For more information or to schedule a ride, call Sharon Orem (317-512-1842) or Jon Orem (317-517-1341)



**Wednesdays  
7:00pm  
Choir Room**



Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the choir room. Sunday warm up is at 9:30am in the sanctuary. Anyone who has a love for music is welcome to join the choir. This is a fun group who enjoy getting together.



### **Youth Group Christmas**

Members of the Youth Group will join at the bowling alley on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 for their Christmas gathering. Anyone in high school is welcome to attend.

This will be the only youth group meeting in December. Check with Max if you have questions.



### **Salvation Army Lunch**

Sunday, December 3, we will be serving lunch at the Salvation Army. If you would like to help out, please meet in fellowship hall that morning at 9:15 to pack the lunches. The food will be prepared, we just need to pack them for distribution. If you would like to help serve the lunches, go to the Salvation Army at 11:30. If you have any questions, please talk to Emily Campbell or Jon Orem.



**Statler Study Group**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Breakfast Served**

**Wednesdays at 8:00am**

Join for breakfast  
on Wednesday, January 3  
at 8:00am at  
Blue River Bistro  
39 Public Square

*New members & visitors always welcome!*

## **Life Line Screening**

On Monday, December 4, the church will be hosting screenings done by Life Line. This will be held in fellowship hall. Life Line offers a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings, enabling you to take charge of your health. Using ultrasound technology, they can now actually see inside your arteries for plaque buildup, one of the leading causes of stroke. Four screenings are available for a package price of \$149, or can be purchased separately.

Pre-registration through Life Line is required. To register for an appointment and to receive a special discount, please call 800-640-6307 or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC). Flyers are available at the church with more information.

## Backpack Update

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the backpacks and stayed following worship to fill them to be ready for delivery. Because of your generosity, we had enough donations to fill 24 backpacks to distribute locally and in Chicago. We also thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the many items they donated to make this mission a great success.







## *A Tradition of Giving*

The Warm Fuzzy Tree decorated with many ornaments is in the hall just outside the back of the sanctuary.

Ornaments are available for children in the community listing an article of clothing and the size needed. You are welcome to take as many ornaments as you want to purchase gifts for. The gifts must be returned wrapped with the ornament on the outside of the package by **Sunday, December 17**. When you take an ornament, please write your name beside the listed ornament(s) you take.

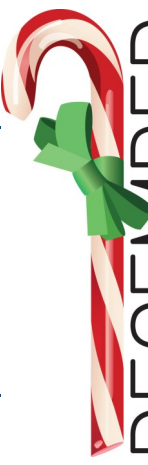


If you are not comfortable shopping but would like to help out, you can make a donation to the Deacons to help cover the purchasing of the gifts and paper for wrapping the gifts. You can make a check payable to the church and write *Warm Fuzzy Tree* or *Deacons* in the memo section or place cash in an envelope marked Warm Fuzzy Tree.

If you choose to shop for gifts, please remember to return the gifts purchased by **December 17** so that the packages can be sorted and delivered to the families in time for Christmas.



### **Church Hosting Head Start Event**

On Thursday, December 14, the church will serve as host for the Head Start childrens' annual Cookies and Milk with Santa. The event will start at 5:30 and will be over by 7:30. The students will come to the church to see Santa and listen to "Twas the Night Before Christmas" while they enjoy cookies and milk. Volunteers from the church are welcome to come and assist with reading the story, serving milk and cookies, and visiting with the children. If you are available to help, please talk to Jane to get more details.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <h1>DECEMBER</h1>		fh-fellowship hall p-parlor nar-Noah's Ark Room s-sanctuary cr-choir room k-kitchen <b>B-Birthdays</b> <b>A-Anniversaries</b>	1	2 <b>2:00 SCP Senior Performance-s</b>
3 <b>B-Adrienne Lingerfelt</b> <b>Sunday Schedule</b> Synergy from High School will perform during worship Salvation Army Lunch	4 8:00 - 5:00 - fh Life Line Screening 6:00 SCP-s	5 <b>B-Bob Thopy</b> 6:00 BRYC-s & p 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	6 <b>9:00 - 1:45 SCP performances-s &amp; fh</b> 6:00 HS Youth will meet at the bowling alley 7:00 Choir-cr	7 <b>9:00 - 1:45 SCP Performances -s &amp; fh</b>	8 <b>B-Debby McLeod</b> <b>B-Gretchen Schneider</b> 7:00 SCP Performance-s	9 <b>8:00 PEO-fh</b> <b>2:00 SCP Performance-s</b> <b>4:00 Put up sanctuary tree</b>
10 <b>Sunday Schedule</b> <b>Children's Program</b> 1:00 Walker Place Service - Gretchen 2:00 BRYC Concert-s 4:00 Caroling, Cocoa & Cookies - fh	11 <i>Jane will be on vacation this week</i> → 7:00 Session-p	12 6:30 BRYC party 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	13 <b>A-Adrienne &amp; Derek Lingerfelt</b> No Choir	14 5:30 Head Start - Cookies & Milk with Santa - s & p 6:30 Stone Craft Group - fh	15 <b>B-Mike Bunton</b> <b>B-Josh Orem</b>	16
17 <b>Sunday Schedule</b> <b>Choir Cantata</b>	18 <b>A-Linda &amp; Phil Howell</b>	19 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	20 7:00 Choir-cr	21 <b>Staff Christmas Luncheon</b>	22	23
24 <b>Sunday Schedule</b> <b>8:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b>	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 <b>Sunday Schedule</b> <b>Baptism</b> 	<div>OFFICE HOURS DURING THIS WEEK WILL VARY. PLEASE CALL TO SEE IF THE OFFICE IS OPEN BEFORE MAKING A TRIP TO THE CHURCH</div>					
		7:00 AA-fh	No Choir			



# Church Officers

## Session

### ***Christian Education/Nurture***

Becky Gattis  
Sara Roberts  
Sarah Smith

### ***Property/Finance***

Phil Howell  
Jim Marshall

### ***Worship/Evangelism/ Benevolence***

Sheila Palmer  
Pattie Stone  
Mike Whitfield

### ***Clerk of Session***

Dawn Whitfield

### ***Treasurer***

Phil Howell

## Deacons

Melody Skipton—Moderator  
Sharon Orem—Vice-Moderator  
Emily Campbell—Treasurer  
Carolyn Statler—Secretary

Jim Browning  
Linda Howell  
Debby McLeod  
Judy Mitchell  
Jon Orem

## Hospitality Team

Glen Hobbs  
Debby McLeod  
Sharon Orem

Becky Gattis  
Heather Muska  
Savanna Rowe

Shane Appleton  
Jim Browning  
Vickie Butler

### ***Alternates***

Ron Kramer  
Pattie Stone

***You do not need  
to be a member of  
the church to be  
on the Hospitality  
Team***

