



First Presbyterian

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The Lighted Spire

January & February, 2026



Adults: If you would like to be a Kindness Cupid, we will have a sign up sheet on Sunday. It's a very simple assignment, but one that will bring joy to you and the children and Youth of the congregation. On **JANUARY 18**, you may draw a child's/youth's name. We are asking that you send this young person a note or a card with a clue to who you are. The kids will have "mailboxes" on the bulletin board in the main hallway, you will put their name on the card and we will put them in

their mailboxes (actually envelopes). They will NOT know the name of their Cupid until reveal Sunday, February 15th. We are asking that you send notes for the 18th, 25th, 1st, 8th, and 15th. You can bring them by the church office, mail them, or ask Gretchen to come get them...:) The idea is to share a part of your journey with them. If you get one of our Middle School youth, suggestions include: where did you live when you were their age or fun, unknown facts about you. Also, please print or type the notes, most of our youth and children cannot read cursive. Questions? See Pastor Gretchen, Lindsey Hodges, or Carolyn Statler.

Parents: If your child did not get signed up on the 11th, you can sign them up before worship on the 18th or you can call the church office and ask us to add them to the list. We only need their name and age.

Please mark your calendars for February 15th to be at Worship and Fellowship. Also, if you can't be here on the 18th when we draw names, let Pastor Gretchen know and she will draw one for you.



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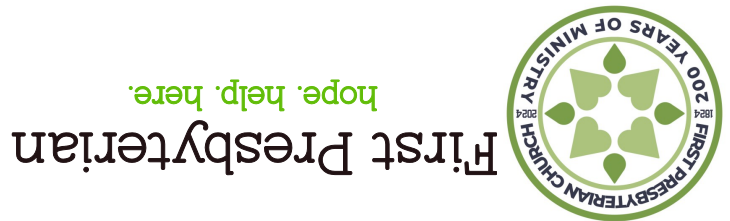
Gretchen Schneider, Pastor

Kim Livingston, Director of Music

Jane Runshe, Office Manager

Sara Roberts, Sunday School Coordinator

Dan Runshe, Sexton



Ways We Are Reaching Out



**Exciting news about the
Souper Bowl of Caring**

**GOAL ~ 1000 items by
March 1**

During the months of January and February, we will be collecting canned goods, paper products, non-perishable food items and hygiene products for our donation to the Souper Bowl of Caring. We will report our total collection to the national Souper Bowl, but all items collected will be given to the people of Shelby County through the Shelby County Pantry Pals.

More details about our friendly competition this year will be announced during worship, but the main goal is to join together to collect at least 200 items per week. Please place all donations in the shopping carts outside the sanctuary. Each week they will be counted and placed at the front of the sanctuary for all to see. Items may also be dropped off on week days during normal business hours.

If you have any questions, please talk to Jon Orem.

Session Meeting

Elders are reminded that their first meeting of the year will be on Sunday, January 18 at 11:20am in the church parlor. The group is trying a different time and date to see if it is more convenient for our Elders. Please let Pastor Gretchen or Sarah Smith know if you will not be able to attend.

Offering Envelopes

If you would like to use offering envelopes for your contributions to the church, the new ones for 2026 are available in Jane's office. Please take a box of envelopes and write your name on the list beside the number on your envelope box.

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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Ride to Worship on Sunday Mornings

Call Jon (317-517-1341) or Sharon (317-512-1842)
by Saturday to arrange a ride.



A Day to Celebrate our Gifts

On Sunday, February 22, 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 22nd. Feel free to place it in an envelope to ensure privacy. They may also be mailed to the church. Thank you!

Annual Meeting Of the Congregation

To continue to celebrate our gifts, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation this year will also be held on February 22 following worship. Our plan is to have the reports printed so that they may be picked up on February 15. If you are part of a group or a committee, please have your reports turned in to Jane by Monday, January 26. If you need a copy of your report from last year, please talk to Jane.

Prayer Requests

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 Hassebroek	Mike & Dawn
Phil Howell	Whitfield
Will & Judy Mitchell	

Church family and friends

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

Those in military service

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.



Join the Choir - Join the Fun!

The choir invites anyone with a love for music to come and join this fun group!

There are no auditions!
Wednesday Rehearsals
7:00pm
in the choir room



Prayer Shawl Ministry

January 19, 2026 1:30pm
at Ashford Place

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.

small group news



Statler
Study Group
Wednesdays
8:00am
Fellowship Hall

Light Breakfast Served

New Study:
Soul of Civility

The group will meet for a
"Back to Study" Breakfast
at Cow Palace at 8:00am
On Wednesday, January 21

New members & visitors
always welcome!

Fellowship and Game Day

On January 25, join us in fellowship hall after worship for Fellowship and Game Day. We'll have Bingo, Euchre, Jenga and more. Hot dogs will be served for lunch and you are welcome to bring something to pitch in to go with them. Let's brush off the January blues with fun and fellowship for everyone!



The Pinnacle

Gretchen sends out an email called *The Pinnacle* which includes a range of information about what has happened and what is happening around the church. If you do not receive this email, please include your email address when you sign the Ritual of Friendship on Sunday morning or make sure to get it to Gretchen or Jane so we can include you on the list.

Many thanks to everyone who stayed to "de-Grinch" the church on January 4. Lots of help made the work go fast and we had fun as well!

Per Capita ~ \$46.02

Every year the local church sends in a per capita on each of our church members. The amount for this year of \$46.02 per individual member is set by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is used by General Assembly, the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the Presbytery to help cover the costs of running the denomination. Some members in our church elect to pay their own per capita to help offset our church budget. If you would like to do this, please make your check payable to our church and mark "per capita" in the memo section.



Ages 3-5th grade go with Jon Orem or Sara Roberts for their lessons following the Children's Time in worship.

Our middle and high schoolers go with

Sarah Smith at this same time and meet in the Wall Room upstairs. Nursery care with Aimee Tillison is provided for **infants and toddlers** during worship services. If you would like to volunteer to help with Sunday School, please talk to Sara, Sarah or Jon.










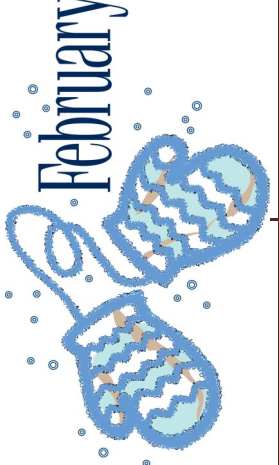
CCC's ~ Fun for Everyone

The **CCC's** are looking for ideas for things to do ~ go out to eat, go some place interesting, or just get together at the church.

The office will gladly help with reminding people of dates, time and places. The shuttle will also be available if traveling out of town.

Please talk to Pastor Gretchen or Jane if you have any ideas or if you are willing to help with this.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 9:30 Choir warm up 10:00 Worship - on-line and in sanctuary Following children's Moment~Children and Middle & High School Sunday School 11:15 Time of fellowship	B-Birthdays A-Anniversaries fh-fellowship hall p-parlor nar-Noah's Ark Room s-sanctuary cr-choir room k-kitchen		 JANUARY	1 	2 Office Closed	3
4 B-Sheila Palmer Sunday Schedule 11:15 "De-Grinch" Church	5 B-Dave Wheeler	6  Epiphany 7:00 AA-fh	7 6:30 AA-Wednesday Group-fh 7:00 Choir-cr	8 6:30 Stone Craft Group-fh	9 Office Closed	10 B-Jesse Hodges 8:30 PEO-p
11 B-Melody Skipton Sunday Schedule 11:25 Deacons 	12	13 B-Elle Teal 7:00 AA-fh	14 6:30 AA-Wednesday Group-fh 7:00 Choir-cr	15 B-Tom Crouch	16 Office Closed	17 5:00 Radio Club Dinner - fh
18 Sunday Schedule Draw names for Kindness Cupids during worship 11:20 Session 3:00 Youth	19 Office Closed  Martin Luther King, Jr Day	20 7:00 AA-fh	21 8:00 Statler Group-Beginning Study Breakfast at Cow Palace 6:30 AA-Wednesday Group-fh 7:00 Choir-cr	22	23 Office Closed	24
25 Sunday Schedule 11:15 Fellowship/Game Day	26 1:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry - Ashford Place	27 7:00 AA-fh	28 B-Blake Johnston 8:00 Statler Group-fh 6:30 AA-Wednesday Group-fh 7:00 Choir-cr	29	30 Office Closed	31 B-Kip Schnaiter

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1 Sunday Schedule 11:15 Youth	2 B-Ann McDaniel  Groundhog Day	3 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	4 8:00 Statler Group-fh 6:30 AA-Wednesday Group-fh 7:00 Choir-cr	5 6:30 Stone Craft Group-fh	6 Office Closed	7 
8 B-Joyce Runshe B-Nancy Stamm Sunday Schedule  SALVATION ARMY LUNCH	9 B-Kennedy Ward	10 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	11 A-Tyler & Vima Orem 8:00 Statler Group-fh 6:30 AA-Wednesday Group-fh 7:00 Choir-cr	12 6:30 Stone Craft Group-fh	13 Office Closed	14 8:30 PEO-p 
15 Sunday Schedule Kindness Cupids Reveal Day  Transformation of the Lord	16 B-Patty Shuler B-Elizabeth Runshe B-Carolyn Bowers Office Closed 	17 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	18 B-Lyndsey Skipton 8:00 Statler Group-fh  7:00 Choir-cr	19 6:30 Stone Craft Group-fh	20 A-Craig and Shelby Runshe Office Closed	21 
22 First Sunday B-Jessica Tucker B-Cheryl Miller Sunday Schedule Annual Meeting of the Congregation following worship	23 B-Ron Sethman 1:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry - Ashford Place	24 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	25 B-Steve Leahy 8:00 Statler Group-fh 6:30 AA-Wednesday Group-fh 7:00 Choir-cr	26 6:30 Stone Craft Group-fh	27 A-Dick & Patty Shuler Office Closed	28 
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