

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

*Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are so glad that you are here!
Please take a minute to fill out the friendship pad in your pew and pass it along to others.*

WORSHIP TODAY

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Kay Goates in loving memory of Dean Goates and their son Ricky. **Flowers...**If you would like to donate flowers for the Sunday Worship Services, please sign your name on the flower chart calendar and complete the flower card, located by the bulletin boards in the hall. Please return the flower card to the church office or offering plate with your payment of **\$50.00**. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.

The Barnabas Cards are located in the pews. They are used like thinking-of-you cards. Fill out the person's name on the front and place it in the offering plate. A volunteer will address it and mail it for you.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Sue Miller; Jackie and Granville Sydnor; Norma Shepherd; David Askine; Bill McPhail; James Jackson; Jean Johnston; Edith Langdon; and Jackee Baggott.

Loss of loved one: Wells and Baswell Families

WORSHIP HELPS

Jesus said "Let the children come to me." Here at FPC we take those words to heart and believe that children learn the faith best by worshipping surrounded by an extended church family! We also acknowledge that children often learn and listen best when their hands are busy. Families with young children are invited to sit in the pews on the organ side of the sanctuary (if desired) to allow the children to do quiet activities using the tables and pillows in our new "pray ground". As always, our nursery (Room 1) is open for children 4 and younger following "Chancel Time with Children", should parents/grandparents choose that option.

Bibles and hearing enhancement devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Coffee, Wassail, and Cookies are available before and after worship in the fellowship hall.

Attendance: 11/26/17 - 105

FPC Event Calendar			
Today, December 3	Worship	10:30	am
	YGAC	12:00	pm
Monday December 4	PW Board Meeting	10:30	am
	YAH Moody Gardens	4:00	pm
	Church Officer Training	7:00	pm
Tuesday, December 5	PW VA Hospital	8:00	am
	Pilates	10:15	am
	Prayer Shawl	2:00	pm
	Deacon's Meeting	6:00	pm
	Yoga chair/standing	6:00	pm
	Yoga floor/mat	7:00	pm
Wednesday, December 6	Baywood Crossing	10:00	am
	Intercessory Prayer	11:00	am
	Brown Bag and Bible	12:00	pm
	Decluttering Group	6:00	pm
	Choir Practice	7:00	pm
	Thursday, December 7	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00
Pilates		10:15	am
Yoga chair/standing		6:00	pm
Girl Scout Leaders		6:30	pm
Spanish Bible Study		6:30	pm
Church Officer Training		7:00	pm
Men's Bible Study		7:00	pm
Yoga floor/mat	7:00	pm	
Friday, December 8	Book Group Christmas @ Brakebill's	7:00	pm
Sunday, December 10	Sunday School for all ages	9:00	am
	Worship - Good Tidings	10:30	am
	YGAC - Lunch	12:00	pm

FRIDGE NOTES December 3, 2017 ~ First Sunday of Advent

*“Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.”*

Glory to God Hymn #82

The Advent Season Begins Today. Come celebrate this season of anticipation and preparation each week at FPC as we journey towards Bethlehem. Today we light the first candle on the Advent wreath and begin singing special Advent hymns in worship. To add meaning to this season, Advent resources (including our annual FPC Advent Devotional Book) for families and adults are on the glass table in the narthex. Feel free to pick up yours today.

The Bethlehem Market the alternative gift market, is open in the narthex after worship services **TODAY** and next two weeks. You may donate by cash or check (written to F.P.C.) to your favorite mission in honor of someone, and you will be given a gift card to send to the person you are honoring. Stop by to shop and give a gift that will make a difference.

Finding Your Place to Call Home Each Sunday Morning at 9 - You are invited to find *your* place to be stretched, challenged and comforted in a Sunday School class each week at 9:00 a.m.. See the newsletter and/or first bulletin board for options and locations.

Youth Group After Church (YGAC) TODAY - Stay for lunch and choose your costume for the annual FPC ***Good Tidings***, followed by recreation a time of recreation until 2 p.m.. (Details below..)

Calling All Shepherds, Kings, Angels, and Holy Family - All children, youth, and adults are invited to stay after worship for one hour **TODAY** to prepare for this annual FPC tradition called “Good Tidings”. We’ll choose parts and costumes and walk through the narrated story. No lines to memorize, simply movements and music to tell the story of Jesus’ birth, which we will present in worship next Sunday, December 10. Come be part of the Good News of *Emmanuel...God with us!* (There will be a final rehearsal/costuming next Sunday during the Sunday School hour from 9-10. Mark your calendars.)

New Church Directory for 2018! Starting **TODAY** through December 31 look for the sign-up table in the narthex to schedule your photography appointment! **Photography dates are January 8, 9, and 10 from 2:30 - 8:45 pm.** Sign up today to get the most convenient time for you and your family!

Brown Bag Bible Study This Wednesday, December 6, from noon to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall with the book of Daniel. Bring your lunch & join the lively discussion.

Decluttering Group Meets Wednesday, December 6, from 6-7 p.m. in Room 11. All who are seeking simplicity in any way are invited to be part of this encouraging and fun group.

Yoga Classes, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Both 6 p.m. classes are now “chair/standing” yoga. The 7 p.m. classes will remain full mat yoga. Come grow in strength, flexibility and balance...and invite a friend.

The Brunch & Book Group Christmas Party is THIS Friday, December 8, at 7 p.m. at Connie & David Brakebill’s home. Please note the change in location! Maps and a sign-up for carpooling are on the first bulletin board near the narthex. See December Newsletter for details.

Welcome to our newest member Jackee Baggott! Jackee joined November 26, 2017.

Presbyterian Women Joint Circle Meeting and Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 12, 10:00 am. A short Bible study of Hebrews will be given followed by lunch **Please come**, bring a friend and a favorite dish! Night Circle meets at 7:00 pm. Imelda Carrillo will give the lesson.

Brothers and Sisters, **KAIROS** is on the move for February 15, 2018 at Jester Unit III. Please prepare letters, cookies (due 2/12/18), and the art work for place mats and cookie bags. The final part is money, we need your financial support. There are ways to support people who are looking for a better way than what got them where they are, that is where you come in, please help if you will.

C.L., Mark Corder