

First Presby's Weekly News

December 11, 2022

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m. on WCHS-580AM)

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MUSIC AT FIRST PRESBY 2023

While specific details are still being planned for next year's "Music at First Presby" Concert Series, you can expect a wide range of musical offerings, including cabaret nights, organ recitals, and concerts with full orchestra. Following the successful format of our 2022 series, each concert will be presented to the community without charge, with 100% of donations received at the events benefiting First Presby's mission partners. To help offset the cost of presenting these events, we will be implementing a patron and sponsorship program. For nine concert events in 2023, a total of \$43,000 will be needed to fully cover all production costs. You can expect more information about the 2023 series in the coming weeks, but if you would like to make a year-end gift to support next year's concert series, you may write a check payable to First Presbyterian Church, noting "Concert Series" on the memo line. Contact Jayson Keeton at jayson@firstpresby.com for more information or with any questions.

LIBRARY BY MAIL

Faith in Action recently launched a Library by Mail program available to the senior community at large. Older neighbors just need to call Faith in Action at 304-881-7253 to get established as a library patron. Faith in Action will mail you a full printed catalog of titles available. You can also view it online by visiting: [Jenbwagg's books](#) | [LibraryThing](#)

2023 PLEDGE CARDS

To those of you who have returned your pledge cards, the Finance and Generosity Committee would like to thank you. If you've not yet had the opportunity to return your pledge card, please consider doing so as soon as possible but no later than December 31, 2022. If you don't normally pledge, maybe 2023 presents that opportunity you've been waiting for. Pledges enable the Church to thoughtfully plan a budget for 2023 that promotes our vision for God's work in Charleston and beyond. As we enter this truly special and often busy Christmas season, may you and your family continue to be touched by God's blessings.

GREETERS NEEDED

The Worship and Music Committee is looking for people/families who would like to be Greeters at church. The job is to welcome people to the church and hand out bulletins. No experience necessary! Please fill out the tear sheet below and put it in the collection plate at the front of the sanctuary.

Yes, sign me up as a Greeter.

I will help about ___ times per year.

I will help whenever needed.

Name: -----

phone: -----

e-mail: -----

YOUTH BOWLING EVENT

The youth of First Presby (and siblings!) are invited to go bowling this afternoon at the newly remodeled River Alley Bowling Lanes at 6300 MacCorkle Avenue in St. Albans at 3pm. This event is at no cost to you, just bring your A-game! Please contact Taylor Raab at (304)-546-1820 if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We are looking for people who are interested in reading scripture for the Christmas Eve services at 10pm. Please contact Pastor Myers, if you would like to participate. Thank you.
pastormyers@firstpresby.com

WORSHIP GIFTS AND MEMORIAL FUNDS

Please fill out the information below and return or use an envelope in the pew rack to make a gift to our **“Worship Gifts and Memorials Fund”** in honor of those who are living and in memory of loved ones who are deceased. These names will be printed in a special insert for the worship bulletin for Sunday, December 18, and for worship services on Christmas Eve. The Worship Gifts & Memorials Fund has been used to purchase Easter flowers, Lenten materials, poinsettias, Advent materials, and worship-related supplies. The Fund has also been used to provide honorariums for guest preachers.
Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Our due date to receive the names of loved ones “in honor of” and/or “in memory of” is Sunday, December 11. Thank you for your kind attention.

WORSHIP GIFTS AND MEMORIALS FUND OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In Memory _____ OR In Honor _____ of: _____

By: _____

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for **“Worship Memorials Fund”**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

Discovery Class is back in the Rec Room. We finish our first half program with Rick Vorhees on December 18, leading a review of the Christmas stories as found in Matthew and Luke. Coffee, tea and a wonderful breakfast are always served. Please join us!

HOLLY JOLLY BRAWLEY TREE

Please keep those donations of gloves, hats and scarves coming, as the tree remains in place until the New Year. We are very low on donations and we expect it will need replenished every couple of days. To that end, if you are interested in assisting, please feel free to stop by the church and pick up some items to replenish! Make sure to take a stroll through Slack Plaza to see all the festive trees!

TIME FOR REFRESHMENT

Join Pastor Myers on Thursday afternoons at 4:30pm in the Ruffner Room for tea, shortbread/cookies, and conversation. We'll talk about life, faith, church, politics, maybe even church politics! Bring your opinions. Bring your questions. All are welcome.

Whatever is on your mind, we'll talk about it! You can come occasionally. You can come every week. Our only purpose is to enjoy the fellowship and get to know each other a little better. Please enter through the side ramp door. Can't make Thursdays at 4:30pm? You can always call Pastor Myers for an appointment. There may not be shortbread, but he's always happy to put on a pot of tea!



PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYERS

Each week we pray for other congregations in our presbytery, along with the Presbytery of West Virginia and other ministry partners. This week please pray for First Presbyterian Church - Whitesville and First Presbyterian Church - Williamson.

WORSHIP LIVE ON YOUTUBE

If you would like to worship with us on YouTube, tune into our YouTube Channel at 10:30am. The link to our YouTube channel is emailed with the worship bulletin, hymns and Green Sheet on Thursdays. (Check your Junk/Spam folder if you're not receiving an expected email.) This link is also available on our website (www.firstpresby.com) on the home page above the Green Sheet and Bulletin buttons. (If you tune into the YouTube stream a few minutes before 10:30am, the video might not be up yet. Please make sure you are on the "LIVE" tab) The First Presby morning worship service will also continue to be broadcast on the radio WCHS-580AM at 11:00am every Sunday. Please subscribe to the channel so that you will be notified when we go live! You can do that by following these steps:

Go to www.firstpresby.com

1. Click on the YouTube link at the bottom of the home page.
2. In the top right corner of the YouTube page, click the red SUBSCRIBE button. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, December 11

10:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM
11:30 AM Tableau Costume Fitting
3:00 pm Youth Bowling Event - River Alley Lanes

Monday, December 12

8:30 AM Aerobics - Dining Room
9:15 AM PEO Meeting - Ruffner Room
6:00 PM CCRA Basketball - Gym

Tuesday, December 13

10:00 AM Staff Meeting - Ruffner Rm.
10:30 AM PW Book Study - Edgewood Summit
6:30 PM Deacons Meeting - Dining Room
7:30 PM Troop 5 - Gym

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 AM Preschool Staff Meeting - Ruffner Room
8:30 AM Aerobics - Dining Room
11:00 AM Preschool Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:30 PM Session Meeting

Thursday, December 15

4:30 PM Time for Refreshment - Ruffner Room
5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00 PM CCRA Basketball - Gym
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Chapel

Friday, December 16

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec. Room

Saturday, December 17

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, December 11	John 3:22-30
Monday, December 12	Luke 22:39-53
Tuesday, December 13	Luke 22:54-69
Wednesday, December 14	Mark 1:1-8
Thursday, December 15	Matthew 3:1-12
Friday, December 16	Matthew 11:2-15
Saturday, December 17	Luke 3:1-9



JOIN US FOR
Christmas
at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday December 4th Advent Fair + Luncheon (after worship) RSVP by Nov. 30	Thursday December 22nd Preschool Worship Service 12:00pm	Saturday December 24th Tableau Service 5:00pm Lessons & Carols 8:00pm Communion Service 10:00pm
Sunday December 25th Christmas Day Communion 10:30am		

Sunday Worship at 10:30am **Sunday School at 9:15am**