

# First Presby's Weekly News

## November 26, 2023



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

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### CHRISTMAS EVE READERS

Christmas is right around the corner and planning is underway! We will need a few readers for the 8pm and 10pm services on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in reading scripture that night, please contact Diana at the front office. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS PARADE

First Presby Preschool and Church are teaming up to create a float for the Charleston Christmas Parade Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We are looking for someone to drive the truck/trailer in the parade, if you are interested, please call the front office. If you want to walk with us, meet on Kanawha Blvd at Greenbrier Street starting at 5:30pm and wear something festive, or just come and watch the parade on Capital Street or Summer Street.

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Worship Committee is planning to begin the annual "Hanging of the Greens" this afternoon after worship to prepare the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. If you can spare some time, we would love your help!

### HALLWAY JOLLY BRAWLEY TREE - First Presby's Version

We are collecting Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Mittens, Socks and Hand Warmers to be given to many of our neighbors, both sheltered and unsheltered during this winter season. Please hang your donations on the tree in the hallway or leave them in the baskets underneath. Thank you so much!!!

### KNITTERS SEEKING DONATED YARN

The knitting group is asking if members of the congregations might be willing to donate old yarns that are no longer needed to our volunteers. We especially appreciate medium weight acrylic yarns, which can be easily washed. These yarns might be left in the church office. Many thanks!

### ADVENT FAIR

Waiting, waiting, waiting! That's what it's all about! We hope you will ALL join us for an Advent Fair after church on December 3 to help us appreciate the wait. We will have centers where you make crafty reminders of the season, a light lunch, storytelling and fellowship. No need to RSVP, just show up ready to celebrate the season!

**YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS EVENT**

Join us for Light The Night!!! - Charleston's biggest and best Winter light fest. Experience more than 2 million lights, a choreographed lights and music show, themed areas, holiday shopping, great food, Santa Claus, ice skating, and so much more! The Youth Group is invited on Sunday Dec. 10 from 5-7:30pm. Friends and siblings are encouraged! RSVP's are also encouraged as this is a ticketed event. Tickets, refreshments, and skate rental are all included. Any questions and RSVPs can be directed to Taylor Raab @ 304-546-1820

**PRESCHOOL DIAPER DRIVE**

The Preschool is collecting diapers and pull ups for Covenant House and Gabriel Project this Christmas season. If this mission speaks to you, please leave your donations in the main church hallway.

**WEST SIDE NEEDS HELP**

If you have been asking how we can help our neighbors without gas on the West Side, look no further. The WV Health Right Clinic at 515 Central Ave are accepting items such as heated blankets, air fryers, electric cooktops and space heaters. Residents also need just basic hygiene items to be able to wash up in the showers provided as well as blankets and hand warmers. Please drop your donations off at WV Health Right clinic on 515 Central Ave on the West Side.

**WORSHIP MEMORIAL FUND**

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 17, 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 10.** 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”**.

## 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 Riverlawn Presbyterian Church in St. Albans and Village Chapel Presbyterian Church in Charleston.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

#### Sunday, November 26

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM  
11:30 AM Hanging of the Greens  
11:30 AM Hope Village

#### Monday, November 27

8:30 AM Aerobics

#### Tuesday, November 28

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 29

8:30 AM Aerobics  
10:30 AM Orchard Manor

#### Thursday, November 30

10:00 AM Hope Village  
11:15 AM Preschool Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
4:30 PM Time for Refreshment - Ruffner Room  
5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal

#### Friday, December 1

8:30 AM Aerobics  
10:00 AM Hope Village

#### Saturday, December 2

10:00 AM Hope Village

### HOPE VILLAGE DATES

Activities Building (Bud Francis Room)

Nov. 12 12pm - 3pm  
Nov. 16,17,18 10am - 3pm  
Nov. 19, 24 12pm - 3pm  
Nov. 25 10am - 3pm  
Nov. 26 12pm - 3pm  
Nov. 30 10am - 3pm  
Dec. 1,2 10am - 3pm  
Dec. 3 12pm - 3pm

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday, November 26** Luke 19:11-27  
**Monday, November 27** Matthew 19:1-12  
**Tuesday, November 28** Matthew 19:13-22  
**Wednesday, November 29** Matthew 19:23-30  
**Thursday, November 30** Matthew 20:1-16  
**Friday, December 1** Matthew 20:17-28  
**Saturday, December 2** Matthew 20:29-34

### DISCOVERY CLASS | 9:15AM DINING ROOM

11.26 – NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Weekend  
12.3 – “The cultural & religious significance of the #12” – Rick Vorhees  
12.10 – “TBD” - John Nesius  
12.17 – “ A Christmas Story” – Dave Nolan  
12.24 – NO CLASS  
12.31 – NO CLASS