



# First Presbyterian Church

Tullahoma, Tennessee

Thanksgiving Sunday November 24, 2024

Vision Statement:

Worshipping God, growing together, serving others, and welcoming all

Service for the Worship of God – 10:30 a.m.

## Welcome and Announcements

*If you are visiting with us and would like to leave your contact information, please, fill out the “Welcome” card (located in the pew rack) and put it in the offering plate.*

## Prelude

*Still your heart and prepare to worship God.  
Water is poured into the baptismal font calling us to remember our baptism.  
The acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.*

## Call to Worship (responsively)

Led by Liturgist

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, O God, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

## Invocation

Liturgist

## \*\*Hymn No. 15

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

## \*\*Call to Confession

Liturgist

## \*\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Led by Liturgist

**Gracious God, we confess that we have sometimes taken your blessings for granted. We have not always trusted in your goodness or providence. Rather than rely on you, we have sought our security in other places and in other locations. Instead of finding our peace in you, we have searched for it in the things of life, which are fleeting and temporal. So renew our faith in you, O God. Help us to trust in your care and provision so we might live ever more freely for you and your purposes. Amen.**

## \*\*Choral Response, No. 575 (2 times)

*Lord, Have Mercy upon Us*

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## \*\*Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

**Choral Response, No. 437**

*You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!*

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

**Story Time with Young Christians**

**Special Music**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Psalm 133:1-3 (NRSV)

*(The oral readings are from the Contemporary English Bible)*

Found on page 575 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson:** Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

Found on page 192 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** “Please watch out for each other.”

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn No. 37**

*Let All Things Now Living*

**Prayers of the People** (Leader) and **The Lord’s Prayer** (unison): **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Presentation of Ourselves and of our Gifts**

Call to Offering

Liturgist

*Contributions can also be made online at [www.fpctullahoma.org](http://www.fpctullahoma.org)*

Offertory

**\*\*Doxology, No. 609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

**\*\*Hymn No. 36**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

*Acolytes take the light out of the service, symbolizing that worshippers  
are to take the light of Christ into the world where our service begins.*

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\*All who are able are invited to stand.**

Ministers – Our entire congregation

Stephen G. Yates, Pastor

David Hiebert, Organist

Katie Prasser, Minister to Children

Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth

Robert Wright, Choir Director

Tim Behrendorff, Liturgist

### **Announcements for November 24, 2024**

#### **Sunday, November 24**

9:00 Sunday school for adults

10:30 Worship service

#### **Tuesday, November 26**

1:00 p.m. Chair yoga in Williams Family Center

**Wednesday, November 27** - Church office closed

**Thursday, November 28** –Thanksgiving Day - Church office closed

#### **Next Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent**

10:30 Worship Service – **Hanging of the Greens**

**Kingdom Kids Christmas program practice** following the worship service.

11:30 Session meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Volunteers requested** - There are openings for liturgists and for hosts for Fellowship Time after the worship service. Check the lists on the lectern in the narthex to see the open dates for both. Please sign up if you are willing to serve.

**Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive** – First Presbyterian Church is participating on **Saturday, December 14**, at Wal-Mart from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet on the lectern in the narthex.



**The Story of Christmas  
presented by FPC's Kingdom Kids Program**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 5:30 P.M**

This year, we are drawing inspiration from the *Deep Blue Bible Storybook Christmas*, a special edition of the curriculum we use in Kingdom Kids. The book features eight nativity stories retold for children, and throughout our program, we'll share five of them:

- *Gabriel's Message* (Luke 1:26-38)
- *Joseph's Story* (Matthew 1:18-25)
- *Jesus is Born* (Luke 2:1-7)
- *Joyous News* (Luke 2:8-20)
- *Follow the Star* (Matthew 2:1-12)

Each story invites you to experience the wonder of the people and events that shaped history. Throughout the program, you'll hear scripture, short songs that complement the stories, a prayer litany, and performances of two traditional Christmas hymns, as well as a contemporary Christmas song written especially for children.

The children have worked hard over the past several weeks to learn their parts and songs, and they are eager to share *The Story of Christmas* with you. Following the program, we invite you to join us for a light reception to celebrate the season.

We hope you will be able to join us on **December 11** to celebrate the birth of our Savior through the voices and talents of these amazing kids.



**Help decorate the church  
for Christmas  
by ordering a poinsettia  
or  
by giving a gift for supplies**

In keeping with our tradition at First Presbyterian Church we will decorate the church with poinsettias, greenery, and a Christmas tree. We look forward to the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the beauty of the season. You can honor someone by purchasing a poinsettia or making a monetary contribution to refresh our Christmas decorating supplies. Memorials and poinsettias will be acknowledged in the church bulletin. Please fill out the form below to place your order.

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**Your name** as you want it to be printed in the church bulletin:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) at \$12.00 each.

I want a poinsettia placed in memory or in honor of (please circle one)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am making a contribution to the Christmas fund to purchase supplies needed for decoration. Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please designate my contribution in memory or in honor of (please circle one)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate Flower Fund.*

**Orders must be received by November 26.**



## Advent Festival and Holiday Tasting

The Mission and Christian Education Committees invite the congregation to a time of food and fellowship following worship on **December 8th.**

Please bring a favorite holiday dish to share. Both sweet and savory items are welcome, so plan on bringing your favorite casserole, Christmas cookie, special family dessert, wintertime soup, etc. Festive drinks will be provided.

There will be an Advent litany during lunch followed by time for everyone to participate in a number of Advent/Christmas themed activities as well as time for you to browse and support the displayed alternative giving opportunities.

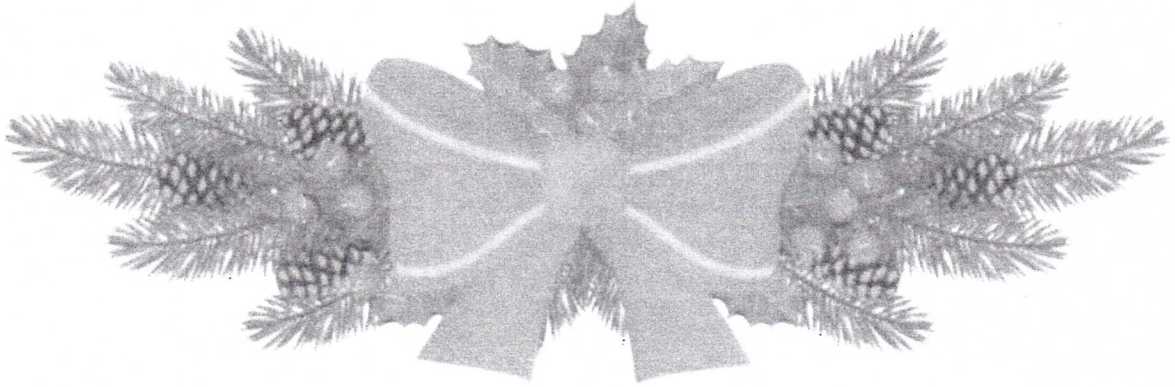
For planning purposes, please reserve your spot today or contact the church office by December 4th.

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I will be at the Advent Festival and Holiday Tasting!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Presbyterian Women  
Annual Christmas Luncheon  
All women of the church are invited**



**Monday, December 2, 2024, 12:00**

**Fellowship Hall**

**\$12.00**

**FOOD, CRAZY DAISIES**

**FUN, FELLOWSHIP**

Please RSVP no later than November 27  
to Dot Gilfillan 931-380-8384  
or you may leave a message 931-455-5549

