



First Presbyterian Church

Tullahoma, Tennessee

26th Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 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 us worship God. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Invocation

Liturgist

****Hymn No. 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

****Call to Confession**

Liturgist

****Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Led by Liturgist

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess those times we have not lived up to our calling. We can be timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our wandering ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ’s way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

****Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

****Choral Response, No. 581**

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.

Story Time with Young Christians

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

Found on page 244 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Mark 13:1-8

Found on page 50 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: An Advance Guard

**Affirmation of Faith (unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Hymn No. 658

God Is So Good

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

Offertory

**Doxology, No. 607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen***

**Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

****Hymn No. 716**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
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
Mickey Hall, Liturgist

Announcements for November 17, 2024

Sunday, November 17

9:00 Sunday school for adults
10:30 Worship service
11:30 Finance Committee meeting in the church parlor

Monday, November 18

8:30 Learning Place Preschool
7:00 p.m. Tullahoma Soccer Association Board meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 19

8:30 Learning Place Preschool
12:00 p.m. Deadline for articles and information for the **December 2024/January
2025 Newsletter**
1:00 p.m. Chair yoga in Williams Family Center

Wednesday, November 20

8:30 Learning Place Preschool
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids for children Pre-K – 5th grade
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection 1 for middle school students
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection 2 for high school students

Announcements continued on the back page

Thursday, November 21

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner at Casa Mexico (See green insert to sign up.)

Next Sunday, November 24

9:00 Sunday school for adults

10:30 Worship service

Advent Study begins on November 24 - The Adult Discussion Class that meets at 9:00 on Sunday mornings will be doing a four-week Advent study on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Dickens' classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge is a wonderful story of redemption and hope – perfect for a study in Advent. The discussion guide incorporates the story itself with study of Scripture and thought-provoking discussion starters. The class will begin the study on November 24. We'd love to have you join our class!

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.



Food and Fellowship at Casa Mexico!

The Family Activities and Outreach Committee invites the congregation to a time of food and fellowship at Casa Mexico in Tullahoma on **Thursday, November 21, from 6:00-?**

Casa Mexico's menu includes a range of Tex-Mex offerings such as traditional Tex-Mex favorites plus healthier options, quick bites, appetizers and vegetarian options. As a reminder, you are responsible for your own food and drink tab.

For planning purposes, please let us know you will be there or contact the church office by November 19.

I will be at Casa Mexico!

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____



**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.

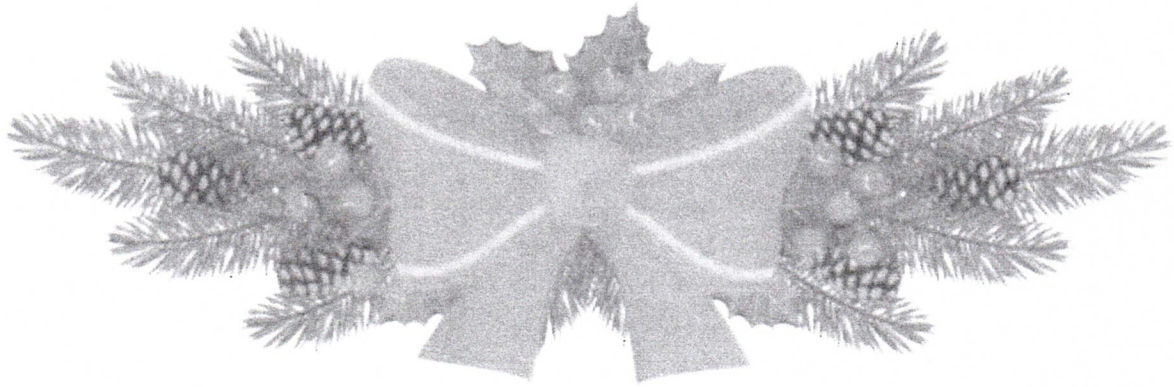
For planning purposes, please reserve your spot today or contact the church office by December 4th.

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-~~7~~⁵80-8384
or you may leave a message 931-455-5549

