

Prepare the way of the Lord



*Prepare the way
of the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

—Mark 1:3

ADVENT

Welcome Home!

You enter this church not as a stranger but as one who is intimately known by Jesus Christ, who desires to be your Savior and Friend. Come, then, with joy and thanksgiving into Christ's Presence, where you will discover peace and purpose. We are people committed to Jesus Christ and His works of grace, hope, and compassion in our community today. If you are seeking a Church Home, you are invited to join this church family by your profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you for being here!

We encourage you to come downstairs to our Fellowship Hall after the worship hour, for good food, good fellowship, good conversation. Also, Elders will be available to share information about church programs and volunteer opportunities. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, or to pass along a prayer request, or to request homebound Communion, please call the Church Office at 744-2333. Our office hours are 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, and there is voicemail, also.

Please use the ***Prayer Request Card*** (found in your pew) to write the names of those who are sick or have other concerns. You are encouraged to join us in the Parlor from 11:00 until noon on Friday mornings for a time of silent and spoken prayers, as we bring our concerns before God. If you cannot be with us in person, we ask you to remember the congregation in your prayers at that same time.

*Nursery is provided in our Care Room, located on Sanctuary Level, B Building.
Children through 5th grade may come forward during Time with Our Children.
And afterwards children through 2nd grade may leave with a Sunday Samaritan.*



Next Sunday Morning Worship

7th Annual **Festival of Lessons & Carols**

Featuring the *Presby Pealers Handbell Choir*

Please Invite Friends and neighbors!



Second Sunday of Advent

Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda
The Lord's Day December 4, 2011

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind!
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease!
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace!

Praise

Our Shared Ministry

*If you are new to the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, welcome!
Please sign the Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, and place in offering plate*

Choral Introit

"What Child is This?"

Men of Praise

Lighting the Second Candle

Doug Calderwood, Hayleigh Pugh, Vickie Young

Call to Worship

Reader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming Light of Jesus!

People: **We will walk today and every day in the Light of Jesus!**

Response

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

No. 9

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you

Please greet your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

Ministry of Music

"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

Women Chorus

Morning Prayer

The People of God in Unison

Almighty God, we live in a time that worships darkness and selfishness.

Heavy clouds of unease cover us. Prowling wolves of worry shadow us.

Dispatch a shaft of light from heaven to break the hold of self-absorption

And send us an angelic choir to sing of hope, mercy, and opportunities.

Loving God, show us the way to Bethlehem, that we may know salvation.

Allow us to take in the Savior and receive Him fully into our needy souls

And we shall return to our fields, with purpose and meaning for our days,

Glorifying and witnessing to our fresh hearts, our new lives in Christ.



*Night of Music
Special Children's Chorus
featuring children from
Piedmont Elementary School
and West Side Elementary School*



Tomorrow Night!
Monday, December 5
Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm

Menu

Prime Rib
Butter-Chive Potatoes, Carrots
Merry Christmas Jello Salad, Rolls, Variety Cake

Adults \$ 7.⁰⁰ Children \$ 3.⁰⁰

Lora Hayes will be our hostess for the excellent evening meal
Mark Hornbaker will present a very special Children's Chorus
Please call in your reservation to the church office (744-2333)

Invite friends and neighbors

Assemble Food Baskets

This Friday, 6:00 pm

You are invited to help assemble Christmas Food Baskets for 50 families of our community this **Friday, December 9, at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Food Baskets will be given out on Saturday, December 10, starting at 8:00 am. If you would like to help assemble and/or distribute the baskets, please join us as we share in the joy of giving this Christmas season!

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Christmas Basket missions project. Your support of Christmas Baskets through your generous time and financial contributions has allowed us to raise nearly \$3,000 this year. We especially want to thank all who signed up to provide Christmas presents for 30 children. As always, we could not do any of these things without your love and support. Thank you!

First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston website www.1stpresbyscww.com makes available Sunday morning worship bulletins, newsletters, Session information, and youth group video. Also, posted are the Announcements for the Month, as well as information about upcoming mission projects and many fellowship opportunities

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE

Family and Friends

Leigh Ann Adkins
Maxie Foster
Genevieve Halstead
Jimmy Halstead
Betty Heidenreich
Ray Holley
Elizabeth Isabella
Pat Kent
Cornelia McIlwain
Mark Nance
Myrle Richardson
Glenn Robinson
Marilyn Smith
Tom Sweeney
Sarabeth Wickert

Presbyterian

Child Development Center
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis Stuart
Bluestone Camp & Conference Center
Fort Liberté, Haiti
Presbytery of Nyeri, Kenya

Care Facilities

Jackie Anderson *Cedar Ridge*
Marilee Cyrus *Twin Lakes*
Carole Faulkes *Edgemont*
Carl Heidenreich *Teays Valley*
Annabelle Hoppe *Oak Ridge*
Joe Perry *Putnam Center*
Lois Poe *Sally Lewis, Milton*
Mary Ann Rapalee *Charleston Gardens*
John Starr *Pendleton Manor*
Grace Workman *Braxton County Center*

Armed Services

Michael Byer *grandson of the Byers*
Chris Field *son of the Fields*
Jay Harper *grandson of Jack Jones*
Rich Hayes *son of the Hayes'*
B.J. Jeffries *grandson of the Jeffries*
Randall Joering *nephew of the Eads*
Bret McCutcheon *grandson of Phyllis*



2011 Advent Season

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| <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> Reception of New Members | November 27 | 10:55 am |
| <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i> Sacrament of Holy Communion | December 4 | 10:55 am |
| <i>Monday</i> Christmas Dinner for All Children's Chorus | December 5 | 6:00 pm |
| <i>Friday</i> Christmas Basket Assembly | December 9 | 6:00 pm |
| <i>Saturday</i> Christmas Basket Distribution | December 10 | 8:00 am |
| <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i> Festival of Lessons & Carols Presby Pealers Handbells | December 11 | 10:55 am |
| <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i> Christmas Pageant Joy Gift Offering | December 18 | 10:55 am |
| <i>Saturday</i> Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship | December 24 | 7:00 pm |



Season Finale!

5:45 pm Dinner for All

\$ 7.00 Adults

\$ 3.00 Children

Catered Meal

Lasagna, salad, garlic bread
spumoni ice cream

6:30 pm MAD Wednesday

6:35 pm Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm Choir Practice

This Wednesday!

Christmas Caroling
to our Shut-Ins
and to our Community



All Ages are
invited
to join us **Sunday**
December 18th
Be at the church
at 4:00 pm

All are invited
come & make a joyful noise

THIS WEEK

Second Sunday in Advent

9:45 am Church School
10:55 am Holy Communion
12:05 pm Sunday Fellowship
12:30 pm Handbells
4:30 pm Youth Fellowship
7:00 pm Al-Anon

Monday

6:00 pm Dinner for All
7:00 pm Children's Chorus
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday

7:00 pm Committees

Wednesday

5:45 pm Dinner for All
6:30 pm MAD Wednesday
6:35 pm Adult Bible Study
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday

11:00 am Prayer Fellowship
6:00 pm Christmas Baskets

Saturday

8:00 am Christmas Baskets
10:00 am Haiti Pill-Packing

Festival of Lessons & Carols

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10:55 am Lesson & Carols
12:05 pm Fellowship
7:00 pm Al-Anon