

ADVENT

Hope



*W*e light this candle
as a symbol of
Christ our Hope.

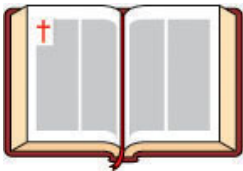
Welcome Home!

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.*



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Mizpah Room, 6:35 pm

Ten Events that Changed the World

What would it take to change your life?

Lydia's Discovery Acts 16



First Sunday of Advent

Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda
The Lord's Day November 28, 2010

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus!
Born to set Thy people free!
From our fears and sins release us!
Let us find our rest in Thee!

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

“Waiting for a King”

Adult Choir

*Waiting for a King, when will He come? Waiting for a King, God's Holy One.
Is His advent near? Waiting for a King, when will He appear?*

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Bill & Marsha and Sarah Miller

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!**

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“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you

Please greet your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

Morning Prayer

The People of God in Unison

**Lord Jesus, straighten the winding ways of our hearts.
Smooth the paths made rough by our foolish selfishness.
We confess that we have been too busy to watch for You.
And so too often we have missed your Presence among us.**

**Help us this morning to take a deep breath and rest,
That we may wait together for your coming as Savior;
That we may wait with music and words from the past,
for You to come into our lives fully and unconditionally.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Time With Our Children

Gathering Our Tithes and Gifts

Scripture

Luke 2: 12

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**This will be a sign for you: you will find a babe
wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger**

Lesson

“A Stable Environment”

Gary McGrew

Ministry of Music

“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”

Adult Choir

*Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, help me cradle the Child divine.
God reward thee and all that's thine in Paradise, so prays the mother Mary.*

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*You are invited to remember your own baptism
And the life-giving sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord*

Blessing

Dedication

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

No. 36

Gary McGrew, *Pastor*

Dot Thomas, *Director of Music Ministry*

Youth Fellowship, *Greeters*

Lisa Calderwood, *Sunday Samaritan*

Jim Lowe, *Assisting Elder*

Mark Hornbaker, *Choral Director*

Youth Fellowship, *Ushers*

Pie Sunday, *Church Chat Fellowship*

We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Caroline Halstead and **Stephen Halstead Jr.**
children of God and children of Stephen & Hillary Halstead

Raymond Halstead Jr.
child of God and child of Ray & Angela Halstead
Great grandparents of these children are Jim & Genevieve Halstead

Flowers in the Sanctuary are placed this morning by **George & Hersha Brown**
to the glory of God and in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary

A Red Rose on the Communion Table announces the birth of **Dylan Hawkins**,
child of Eric & Shawn Hawkins, and brother to Aston and Cade.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow! You have the opportunity to recommit your life, time, talents, and financial resources to the Lord Jesus Christ and to share His Work in the world through the ministry of the His Church. We give thanks to God for abundant life and the promise of eternal life in; and we desire to share our blessings. Please fill out an Estimate of Giving Card and place it in the Offering Plate. Only the Office Manager will see the amount. The total pledged will assist us in creating a 2011 budget. Thank you!

Night of Music!
George Washington High School Chorus

Monday, December 6
Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm

Menu

Cornish Hen with Rice a la Harris, Carrots
Fruited Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Pie

Adults \$ 7.⁰⁰ Children \$ 3.⁰⁰



Lora Hayes will be our hostess for the evening meal
Mark Hornbaker will present the George Washington High School Chorus
Please call in your reservation to the church office (744-2333)

Poinsettia Flowers ***Memorials & Honorariums***

Poinsettia flowers are \$ 15.⁰⁰ Deadline for ordering is December 12

Given in Memory of _____

Given in Honor of _____

Given by _____

Please include payment with this form

Christmas Gifts for Davis-Stuart School

The Presbyterian Women are doing Christmas gift bags again this year for the girls at Davis-Stuart, located in Lewisburg, WV. Davis-Stuart is a Presbyterian home for displaced children. Below is a list of items the girls would love for Christmas. We are making gift bags for 15 girls this year.

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| Make-up | Colored Pencils, Pens | Jewelry |
| Perfume | Nail Polish | Stationery |
| Stuffed Animals | Purses | Craft Kits |
| Hats | Gloves, Mittens | Socks |
| Barrettes | Head Bands | Scarves |

There is a box in the Mizpah Room for your donations. The girls are so excited with each gift, from the nail polish to their stuffed animals and cozy blankets. Please know the girls appreciate your gifts of love during this difficult time when they are away from their families for Christmas. If you wish to donate money, someone will be happy to do the shopping.

DEADLINE for the donations is Next Sunday

Gift bags will be put together Wednesday, December 8, after dinner in the fellowship hall; and taken to Davis-Stuart on Saturday, December 11. You are invited to help us on December 8. On December 11, a reception will be held in the Davis-Stuart administration building in appreciation of our generous giving; and the girls would like to meet you. Contact Judy Lowe.

A Gift for the Church Staff

You may wish to make a special financial gift to show your LOVE for the members of our faithful, hardworking Staff of First Presbyterian. This collection will be divided evenly among all the staff as a Christmas gift from the church. *(Please note that this is not shared with the Pastor, who is Head of Staff).* Place your contribution in the offering plate or church office no later than December 12. Thank you.

An envelope is in your pew for your convenience

Stocking Stuffers



Do you remember Christmas stockings?
It was so much fun finding those great things
on Christmas morning, mostly small items
that brought such delight.
Now you can share that joy with other children.
Bring stocking stuffers to the church and place
them under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary
for Heart and Hand children

Mitten Tree

At the B Street entrance you will notice the special Christmas tree that is just waiting for mittens, scarves, and hats to be used to keep a child snug and warm this winter. When the snow and wind blow and it's time to throw snowballs, there will be grateful warm children because of you. The tree will be in place until December 15th. Let's fill up the tree, folks, and help spread the love of Christ!

Child Development Center -- Parent's Night Out

Thursday, December 9, from 5:45 to 8:30, parents may bring children to the church, ages 2-12. There will be pizza, cookies, and drinks. Activities include homework help, crafts, cookie decorating, and movies. Cost is \$ 20.⁰⁰ for one child, and \$10.⁰⁰ for each additional child. Sign-up is required by calling the church office. Open to all church member families, friends, guests.



5:45 pm Dinner for All

\$ 7.00 Adults
\$ 3.50 Children

Catered Meal

Chicken Parmesan
Tossed Romaine Salad
Rolls, Pie

6:30 pm MAD Wednesday
6:30 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 5th
Be at the church
at 4:00 pm
All are invited
to come & make
a joyful noise

THIS WEEK

First Sunday in Advent

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

Monday

8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday

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

Friday

11:00 am Prayer Fellowship

Saturday

10:00 am Pill Packing for Haiti
10:00 am Presbytery at Bluefield

Second Sunday in Advent

9:45 am Church School
10:55 am Morning Worship
12:05 pm Fellowship
12:30 pm Handbells
4:00 pm Christmas Caroling
7:00 pm Al-Anon

First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston Website www.1stpresbyscwv.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

Corene Bryant
Bess Connolly
Becky Deaver
Maxie Foster
Genevieve Halstead
Jimmy Halstead
Maxine Hamilton
Betty Heidenreich
Ray Holley
Barbara Klingler
Merrell McIlwain
Mark Nance
Barbara Peggs
Mary Ann Rapalee
Myrle Richardson
Emma Robinson
Noreita Shamblin
Marilyn Smith
Tom Sweeney
Lucille Williamson

Presbyterian

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

Care Facilities

Jackie Anderson *Cedar Ridge*
Guy Cain *Brale*
Carole Faulkes *Ridgemont*
Pat Graham *Teays Valley*
Annabelle Hoppe *Oak Ridge*
Joe Perry *Putnam Center*
Lois Poe *Sunbridge*
Audra Thompson *Marmet Center*
Grace Workman *Braxton County Center*

Armed Services

Michael Byer *grandson of the Byers*
Duane Davis *son of the Davis'*
Chris Field *son of Margaret*
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*
William White *son of the Whites*



2010 Advent & Christmas Season

1 st Sunday in Advent Sacrament of Holy Baptism	November 28	10:55 am
2 nd Sunday in Advent Sacrament of Holy Communion	December 5	10:55 am
Monday Christmas Dinner for All George Washington High School Choir	December 6	6:00 pm
Friday Christmas Basket Assembly	December 10	6:00 pm
Saturday Christmas Basket Distribution	December 11	8:00 am
3 rd Sunday in Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols Presby Pealers Handbells	December 12	10:55 am
4 th Sunday in Advent Christmas Pageant	December 19	10:55 am
Friday Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship The Messiah sung by our Adult Choir	December 24	7:00 pm