

Nations shall come  
to your light.

*N*ations shall come  
to your light,  
and kings  
to the brightness  
of your dawn.

—Isaiah 60:3

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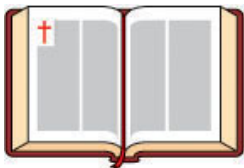
## ***Welcome Home!***

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 5<sup>th</sup> grade may come forward during Time with Our Children. And afterwards children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave with a Sunday Samaritan.*



**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
**Mizpah Room, 6:35 pm**

**The Christmas Story**

*What would it take to change your life?*

**Luke 1**



# First Sunday of Advent

Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda  
The Lord's Day      November 27, 2011

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

*"When Will the Little King Come?"*

*Adult Choir*

*When will the little King come? When will we see God's Son?  
We will sing and shout for joy, greet the precious baby boy*

## Lighting the First Advent Candle

*Shelly & Skylar Treadway*

## 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

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

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## The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**And also with you**

Please greet your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

## Reception of New Members

*Leigh Ann Adkins, Zeb Taylor*

## Advent

*"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"*

No. 11

## 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

## Advent

*“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

No. 8

## Scripture

Isaiah 40: 3-5, 28-31, Mark 1:1-8

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**Behold, I send my messenger, the voice of one crying in the wilderness,  
Prepare the way of the LORD! Make His paths straight!**

## Ministry of Music

*“Advent Meditation”*

*Adult Choir*

*Come, O come, Emmanuel, ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appears*

## Lesson

*“Are You Ready for a Royal Visit?”*

*Gary McGrew*

## Blessing

## Dedication

*“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

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## Postlude

Gary McGrew, *Pastor*  
Dot Thomas, *Director of Music Ministry*  
Youth Group Fellowship, *Greeters*  
Lisa Calderwood, *Sunday Samaritan*

Bob Cruickshank, *Welcoming Elder*  
Mark Hornbaker, *Choral Director*  
Youth Group Fellowship, *Ushers*  
Pie Sunday, *Church Fellowship*

Flowers in the Sanctuary are placed this morning by **Joe & Roberta Cooper**  
to the glory of God and in celebration of their **40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary**

We welcome persons into our Fellowship  
We look forward to their ministry among us

Leigh Ann Adkins by re-affirmation of faith  
Zeb Taylor by re-affirmation of faith

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



*Monday, December 5*  
*Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm*

Menu

Prime Rib  
Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Pie  
Adults \$ 7.<sup>00</sup> Children \$ 3.<sup>00</sup>

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.

**First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston website** [www.1stpresbyscwv.com](http://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**

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 & Christmas Season

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

WOW!

**5:45 pm Dinner for All**

\$ 7.00 Adults  
\$ 3.00 Children

Catered Meal

Soups of all Variety

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 18<sup>th</sup>  
Be at the church  
at 4:00 pm

All are invited  
come & make a joyful noise

**THIS WEEK**

**First Sunday in Advent**

9:45 am Church School  
10:55 am Morning Worship  
12:05 pm Pie Sunday 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  
6:35 pm Adult Bible Study  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Friday**

11:00 am Prayer Fellowship

**Saturday**

10:00 am Presbytery at Clarksburg

**Second Sunday in Advent**

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