

ADVENT

Way



We light this candle
as a symbol of
Christ the Way.

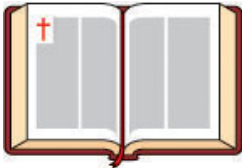
Welcome Home!

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?

A Jailer's Cry in the Night Acts 16



Second Sunday of Advent

Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda
The Lord's Day December 5, 2010

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*

Introit

"Caroling, Caroling"

Men of Praise

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

Aaron & Cathy, Bryce & Bailey Johnson

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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"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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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 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.

Silent Prayer for Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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Time With Our Children

Offertory

“*Mary, Did You Know?*”

Women Chorus

Scripture

Isaiah 40: 3-5, 28-31

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**They that wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
Shall mount up with wings like eagles, shall run and not be weary**

Lesson

“Worth the Wait”

Gary McGrew

Ministry of Music

“*Sing We Now of Christmas*”
“*Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child*”

Men of Praise

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*You are invited to rededicate your life to Jesus Christ
All who are baptized may participate in the Sacrament*

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“*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*”

No. 27

Postlude

Gary McGrew, *Pastor*

Dot Thomas, *Director of Music Ministry*

Carolyn Adams, Carolyn Titcher, *Greeters*

Mark & Wendy Nelson, Chris & Jess Luzier, *Ushers*

Marchetia Bailey, *Assisting Elder*

Mark Hornbaker, *Choral Director*

Lisa Calderwood, *Sunday Samaritan*

Care Committee, *Church Chat*

Flowers in the Sanctuary are placed this morning by **John Powell**
to the glory of God and in celebration of **Jan Powell's birthday**

Night of Music!
George Washington High School Chorus
Tomorrow!
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

Following Supper: George Washington High School Chorus
Please call in your reservation to the church office (744-2333)



Next Sunday Morning Worship
6th Annual **Festival of Lessons & Carols**
Featuring the *Presby Peelers Handbell Choir*
Please Invite a Friend



Please fill out an Estimate of Giving Card
And place it in the Offering Plate.

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; 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 in creating a 2011 budget. Thank you for your generosity.

This month concludes the three-year campaign to finance a new church kitchen. Some made a pledge to give an amount during that period of time. If you have not completed your pledge, please do so before the end of the month. A celebration of this successful campaign will take place in January!

Assemble Food Baskets

Friday, 6:00 pm

You are invited to help assemble Christmas Food Baskets for 50 families of our community Friday, December 10, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Food Baskets will be given out on Saturday, December 11, 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!

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 have allowed us to raise nearly \$3,000 this year. We especially want to thank all who have 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!



CHRISTMAS EVE! Come and hear: **The MESSIAH.** Please put down the Christmas Eve Worship Service for 7:00 pm. Our wonderful choir will sing the favorite *“The Messiah”* and there will be the ever popular Festival of Lights. Bring your family and be sure to invite a friend! This is a very meaningful worship service you do not want to miss.

Poinsettia Flowers ***Memorials & Honorariums***

Poinsettia flowers are \$ 15.⁰⁰ Deadline for ordering is Next Sunday

Given in Memory of _____

Given in Honor of _____

Given by _____

Please include payment with this form

Christmas Caroling
to our Shut-Ins
and to our Community

All Ages are invited to join us this afternoon

Be at the church at 4:00 pm

All are invited to come & make a joyful noise



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.

**This Wednesday
Season Finale**



You are Invited!
5:45 pm Fellowship Hall

\$ 7.⁰⁰ Adults
\$ 3.⁵⁰ Children

Menu

Chicken or Beef Fajitas
Chips and Salsa
White Cream Sauce
Brownies with Ice Cream

6:30 MAD (*Music & Drama*)
6:35 Adult Bible Study
7:30 Adult Choir

The meal is as important
as the programs, for it is here
we have the chance to
fellowship with folk

Christmas Sweets & Treats
Sunday, December 19

Please bring your favorite cookies,
brownies, cakes, pies to share with
our Church Chat Fellowship Hour.

THIS WEEK

Today

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

Monday

6:00 pm Christmas Dinner
7:00 pm Night of Music

Tuesday

7:00 pm Committees

Wednesday

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

Thursday

12:00 pm Circle of Faith
6:30 pm Worship Committee

Friday

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

Saturday

8:00 am Christmas Baskets
10:00 am Cantata Practice
7:00 pm Choir Christmas Party

First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston Website www.1stpreshbyscwv.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 *Bralely*
Carole Faulkes *Ridgemont*
Pat Graham *Teays Valley*
Annabelle Hoppe *Oak Ridge*
Joe Perry *Putnam Center*
Lois Poe *Sally Lewis, Milton*
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*