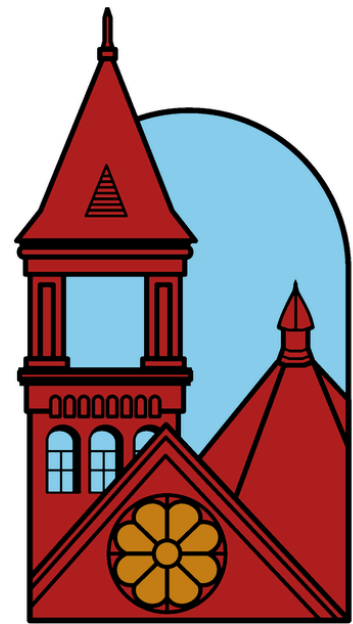


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROCK HILL, SC  
NOVEMBER 2025

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# The First Edition



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

As we enter into the month of November, I am mindful that the Kirkin' of the Tartans service will mark my two-year anniversary as your pastor. Time seems to have flown by! In some ways, you have made me so welcome, that I feel like I have always been here! As I reflect on these past two years, I am struck by the vitality, the compassion, and the work of our congregation.

Sunday mornings are full of energy and excitement as we gather to worship God. Prior to our worship, the morning classes are bursting at the seams. We have a well-attended mid-week women's and men's study. We even had a confirmation class of nearly 20 youth this year. As the recent testimonies in worship revealed, First Presbyterian is a meaningful place of belonging for all who participate.

The care of the congregation is on display through the work of the Diaconate and Congregational Care committee. Even beyond the church structures of care, members of this church are intentional about reaching out to those who are hurting, grieving, or struggling with meals, calls, and encouragement.

The work of the church in the area of hunger ministries is impressive. From HOP to our monthly collection for Hope of Rock Hill, to Rise against Hunger, to the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, and Plentiful Harvest, this church takes seriously Jesus' call to "give them something to eat." I am also very proud of our church's nearly monthly commitment to housing homeless families through Family Promise. I also want to mention how much I enjoy working with our staff. Each staff member is committed to equipping the congregation to do the work of Jesus in the world. Our musicians (Don, M.L., Ashley, Angela & Ida); our administrative staff (Jonna & Robyn); our nursery workers (Mary, Lauren, Kolin, Carrington & Caroline); and of course, our soon to be Associate Pastor Kara, are all fabulous! I am blessed to be among such awesome folks!

I thank God every day that I get to be a part of all that is going on here, and I look forward to many years to come!

Grace and peace to all of you!

Your friend and pastor,

*Pastor Lee*

# Announcements



Sunday, November 2, 2025,  
is our congregation's  
*Consecration Sunday.*

Join us for 11:00 am Worship  
and the Celebration Catered  
Luncheon after Worship.

Please complete your 2026 estimate of giving  
card and bring it to worship when we will  
dedicate our commitments. If you are unable  
to be at worship, you may bring it the  
following Sunday or mail it to the Church Office.

**GENEROUS** *Saints*

*Thank  
you!*

*FPC  
Craft  
Fair*

The **Second Annual Craft Fair** held on October 25 in Hopkins Hall was a huge success! A large band of volunteers led by Steve & Clair Roberts worked together to have a nearly seamless event. Church members volunteering especially enjoyed the fellowship working together.

Our church's hospitality was exhibited to the 359 visitors & vendors that came through the hall to shop from the many varied vendors. The aroma of homemade cinnamon rolls welcomed the shoppers & vendors & a hot dog lunch was also available.

After expenses, the kitchen sales raised \$ 329.92! Baked Goods contributed by our generous & talented bakers brought in \$540! Donated books contributed \$134.00! With the added vendor fees, the total is \$1802.00!

Several outreach missions also came from the Craft Fair. The remaining hot dogs & bags of chips were donated to Plentiful Harvest. First Responders working BooHaHa received lunch free of cost!

The proceeds from this event will go for Bethelwoods Camp scholarships. A huge thank you goes to the volunteers, vendors, visitors, shoppers & bakers!



## November Help for Hope Mac -n- Cheese

Collections to benefit the clients of Project HOPE

Any brand, size or varieties are needed!  
Please leave donations in the narthex bin  
by Sunday, November 16.

## KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS SERVICE NOVEMBER 16, 2025



Kirk is Scottish for church, and the Tartan, with its distinctive cross-lined patterns, represents Scottish clans, families, regions, and regiments.

The Kirkin' of the Tartans was introduced in the United States by Reverend Dr. Peter Marshall on April 27, 1941 at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

The Current Seals for the Church of Scotland  
and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROCK HILL, SC

The Worship Committee  
needs your help  
preparing the sanctuary  
for the Kirkin' of the  
Tartans service.  
Please meet in the  
Sanctuary at 10:15 am on  
Sunday, November 16  
to pick up your flag  
and prepare to carry it  
in the procession.  
If you need help with your  
flag, contact Bev Keely.

# November Birthdays

- 1 James Crean, Thomas Hunsucker, Clair Roberts
- 4 George White
- 5 Bev Keely, Sara Redmond
- 7 Karen Hickman
- 10 Natalie Jurado, Worth Kendall
- 15 Charlie Hunsucker
- 16 Denise Kaechele
- 17 Christopher Cycak, Jerry Padgett
- 18 Pat Calkins, Erica Niemann
- 21 Nancy Wineland, Penelope Zelinski
- 23 Alex Stevenson
- 24 George Adickes
- 26 Teddy Hutchison
- 28 Kara Wheeler, Christine White
- 30 Coleman Nies

# Server Schedules

## NOVEMBER DEACONS ON CALL

James Crean, Jennifer Abernathy, Beth Janicke

## NOVEMBER ELDERS/DEACONS

- 2 Susan Roberson, Steve Roberts
- 9 Butch Bailey, Sue Munn
- 16 John Abernathy, Allen Katz
- 23 Chip Hutchison, James Crean
- 30 Mimi Goodner, Dave Keely

## NOVEMBER MONITORS/GREETERS

- 2 John Blackwelder    23 Eric Park
- 9 Eric Park                      30 Matt Goodner
- 16 Bob Ballard

## NOVEMBER ACOLYTES

- 2 Amelia Skinner, Ben Williams
- 9 Millie Goodner, Mason Goodner
- 16 Henry Goodner, Keaton Esposito
- 26 Cecily Zelinski, Penelope Zelinski
- 30 Taylor Chubb, Alexander Roberson

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP CARE

- 2 Elizabeth Rollins
- 9 Janelle Chubb
- 16 Michele Murdoch
- 23 Natalie Harper
- 30 Elizabeth Cycak

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Tuesday, November 4**    **Sunday, November 16**

6:00 pm - Deacons                      9:00 am - Missions

**Monday, November 10**    **Tuesday, November 18**

5:30 pm - Property                      6:00 pm - Session

**Wednesday, November 19**

6:30 pm - Finance

*FPC Christmas Post Office*



**The Post Office will be open from November 30 to noon on December 14!**

Bring your cards for church members and the youth will sort them for 25¢ each.

Be sure to stop by and check to see if you have any to pick-up!



WE ARE

*Closed for Thanksgiving*

November 26 and 27

We'll reopen on Monday, December 1 with our regular hours.

First Presbyterian Church Rock Hill



**Church Office Hours**

**Monday – Wednesday**  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Thursday**  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Friday**  
Closed



# Fellowship and Congregational Life



## FPC Fitness Groups

**The Walking Group**  
meets Tuesdays &  
Thursdays at 8:30 am  
at the Hopkins Hall  
entrance.



**Pickleball Courts** are  
open for play on  
Thursdays at 5:00 pm  
in Hopkins Hall gym.



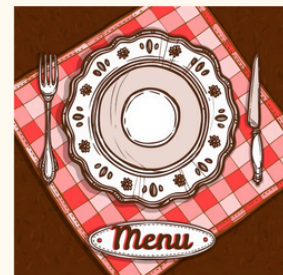
**Seniors Exercise Class**  
meets Tuesdays &  
Thursdays at 4:00 pm  
in Hopkins Hall for all  
skill levels. \$10/month.



**Yoga** (all levels)  
will only meet  
Wed., Nov. 12 at  
6:00 pm in the  
Gaston Room.  
Classes will return  
on Jan. 7.



## Ladies Out to Lunch



Ladies Out to Lunch meets  
every Sunday after worship at  
the back Main Street corner  
of the church. You are invited  
to join us for good food,  
fellowship & fun!  
Questions?  
Contact Linder Tucker.





## Women's Fellowship and Painting

Sunday, November 9  
following Worship in

Hopkins Hall until 2:30pm

Roseanne Koellner & Andrea Berry will be present to lead the time of painting. Cost of the event is \$40 (payable by Nov 7 via Venmo @Roseanne-Koellner or with cash to Margaret Joiner).

Registration is limited to the first 20 participants.

A light lunch will be provided free of charge.

**Contact Margaret Joiner to register .**

FPC Members are invited to sign-up for our youth basketball season using the link below.

Teams begin for children who are 7 and under with divisions based on child's age as of September 1st.

Use this QR code to register:



# FPC BASKETBALL

2025-2026 SEASON



## Ladies Night Out Rizzo Brothers

formerly Luigi & Sons

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 6:00 PM

2387 Cherry Road in the  
Northeast Plaza Shopping Center  
behind the Chick-fil-A and Bojangles.

Notify Linder Tucker by Monday,  
November 10 at 6pm to make reservations.

## Retirees Lunch

Thursday, November 13 - Noon  
Red Bowl Restaurant

Our program will be presented  
by Freddy Faircloth on  
Estate Planning and  
Probate/Estate Administration.

*No reservations needed.*



Church members are asked to bake their favorite cookies for the Cookie Walk AND/OR other items for a Bake Sale. Items can be delivered to the Youth Room on Wednesday, December 3 or Thursday, December 4. Set-up will begin on the morning of Friday, December 5. Your support of this community endeavor benefitting our youth ministry is greatly appreciated! Questions? Contact Beth Janicke or Kia Hicklin.

# Christian Education

## Sunday School – Sundays at 10:00 am

**Nursery Room 111** : Growing in Grace & Gratitude (Caroline Bender, Nursery Assistant)

**Younger PKS Room 112**: Milestone Ministry (Margaret Joiner)

**Children Room 117**: Milestone Ministry (Jennifer Abernathy)

**Youth Room 118**: Milestone Ministry (Libba Faircloth, Anna Roberson, Jimmy & Kia Hicklin)

**Crossroads Room 217**: Milestone Ministry (Keith & Susan Roberson)

**Seekers Room 226**: *The Beatitudes for Today* by James C. Howell (Bob Ballard, Christy Goodner, Bob Norwood)

**New Covenant Berean 220**: Mission & Social Justice in Being Reformed Series (Joe Hardy, Paul Horne, Kathy James, Robert Pender)

## Small Groups

**Men's Bible Study** (Wednesdays at 6:30 pm) – *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton (Terry Dodge)

**Rock of Ages** (2nd/4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm) – Philippians and Colossians

**Youth Group** (select Sunday evenings) – Parables of Jesus (Kara Wheeler)

**College** (select Monday evenings) – Parables of Jesus (Kara Wheeler)

## **Milestone Ministry Sunday School for FPC Families**

**“Then I heard a voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’**

**And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me.’” – Isaiah 6:8**

November 2: Joseph and His Brothers Genesis 37 – 50

November 9: Moses –The Burning Bush and Plagues Exodus 3 – 12

November 16: Moses – The Red Sea and Life in the Desert Exodus 14 – 17

November 23: No Sunday School – Advent Workshop in Hopkins Hall

**“He says, ‘Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10**

November 30: Angel's Visit to Joseph Luke 1:26 –38; Matthew 1:18 – 25

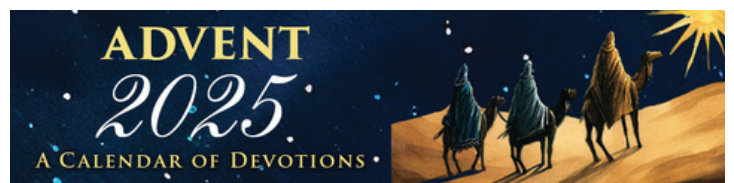
## Advent Family Workshop



**Sunday,  
November 23  
10:00 am  
Hopkins Hall**

**Light continental  
breakfast**

**Each household is invited to make one  
Advent wreath. Nativity costumes will  
be available for picking & sizing for  
our presentation at the Church-Wide  
Christmas Dinner on December 14.**



Our 2025 Calendar of Devotions for Advent are written by Jan Turrentine. The calendar contains brief readings for each day in Advent, from the first Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a short prayer or practice—all based on the Revised Common Lectionary. If you would like to be added to the distribution list to receive this devotion each morning during Advent, please email Kara.



# Christian Education

## Youth Ministry at FPC

**November 2 at 2:30 pm:** CROP Walk at Winthrop's Dinkins Hall. We are participating with the York County CROP Walk to benefit local agencies that feed those living with food insecurity in our community.

The walk begins at 3:00 pm and when we wrap-up, we will enjoy an early dinner together. Parents are welcome to walk with us.



**November 16:** 4:30 pm – Middle School Bible Study; 5:30 pm – Snack Supper; 6:00 pm – High School Bible Study. Allen Katz & Betsy Forrest are serving a chili snack supper and we'll continue studying Jesus' parables.

### **November 23 at 5:00 pm – Youth Cookie Walk Prep Night**

We will meet in the Youth Room to prepare for the Cookie Walk and wrap up by 6:15 pm. This is an all hands on deck fundraiser for our youth ministry that helps offset the registration cost to help keep our trip costs low.

## 2025 Trunk and Treat Pics





# Mission and Outreach

## Yarns of Love

In 2019, Hospice & Community Care was awarded the *We Honor Veterans*, by National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization, for its Veterans program. Each veteran patient of H&CC is honored with a respectful tribute near the end of his or her earthly life in appreciation for military service. During this short ceremony, the veteran is awarded a pin for his or her particular branch of service, a flag, a certificate, and a final salute and is also presented with a knitted or crocheted patriotic lapghan.

The families of the patients are most appreciative of this recognition for their loved one. FPC Yarns of Love ladies contribute patriotic lapghans for the veterans at Hospice & Community Care. We are grateful for our small part in thanking our veterans for their service for our country.

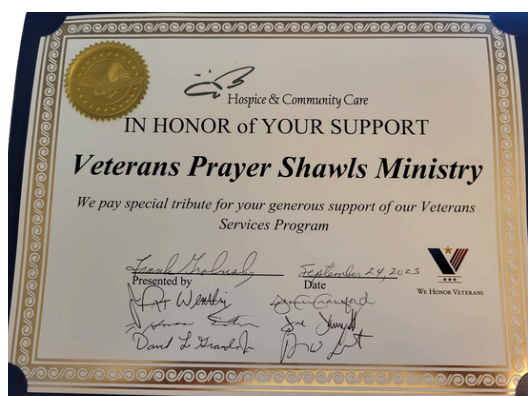
Below is a prayer for the recipients of the patriotic lapghans.

*As you wrap yourself in this prayer shawl of comfort,  
we humbly ask our heavenly Father, if only for an instant,  
to turn his mighty gaze with favor upon this fine  
veteran who served his country with honor and courage.*

*May you find comfort with the knowledge that your  
military service to our great nation and to its values  
that have made it a beacon for freedom, prosperity,  
and hope for the world, have been protected for the  
future of its citizens, our family and country.*

*Your willingness to sacrifice, to endure hardships, and risk  
your life in service will forever be honored and remembered.*

*May you be comforted by the presence of those who love  
and support you, by your faith in God, and the memories  
of your military service you hold with pride.*



The FPC Yarns of Love group was honored by the Hospice & Community Care's Veterans Advisory Council for their contributions of patriotic lapghans.



Thanks for all the wonderful volunteers at FPC who host families experiencing homelessness.

**Our next opportunity is  
November 2 - 8, 2025.**

**Next month our dates  
are December 7 - 14, 2025**

We need overnight hosts, dinner providers, and greeters to open the building, visit with our guests and help other volunteers. Please consider how you might serve.

**Contact Kathy Pender for more information.**

**Hunger Outreach Program (HOP):  
The HOP Ministry will meet at 2:30 pm  
on November 25 in Hopkins Hall!**



# Congregational Care

***We pray for others because Jesus has taught us to.***

***We share each other's burdens and seek God's comfort.***

Our Prayer Ministry accepts your prayer requests. You may provide as much or as little information as you wish and know that prayers will be offered. The Prayer Ministry is a part of the Diaconate as a confidential means of prayer request for FPC members and immediate family members. Due to confidentiality, prayer requests through the Prayer Ministry are not made public to the congregation without the permission of the person the prayer request is for.

**Contact Prayer Ministry Coordinator, Vickey Dodge, to submit a prayer request.**

***Please keep these members in your prayers:***

**Sympathy:** Kathy Pender in the death of her nephew, Charles (Chad) Hoskins, on October 13.

**Health Concerns:** Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Shirley Burton, Beth Easley, Michele Horne, Keira Esposito, Rev. Dr. Barry Lambert, Ashley Platts, Nancy Lowery, Colleen Lathan, Jean Horton, Will Read

**Friends & Family Members:** Keira Esposito, Thomas Powell, Rye Andrews, Tori Jablonka, Mrs. Spence Hughes, Melissa Westbrook

**Pastoral Care:** If you or someone you know has a pastoral need, please contact the Church Office at 803-328-2467, firstpresrh@gmail.com, or a deacon on call.



**College Bible Study at  
the Wheelers home  
on Monday, November 17  
at 6:00 pm.**



## **Member of the Military:**

Jacob Harris - Navy  
Stationed in Yokosuka, Japan

## **Mailing Address:**

ENS Jacob Harris  
USS Higgins DDG 76  
Unit 100188 Box 2001  
FPO AP 96667

*Pray for our college students:*



## **University of SC**

Ellison Briggs



## **Coastal Carolina**

Grace Gresham



## **Hillsdale College**

Kate Roberson



## **The Citadel**

Jacob Baker



## **Clemson**

Caroline Baker  
Rose Faircloth  
Dixon Murdoch  
Coleman Nies  
Kaitlyn Stevenson  
Nora Stevenson



Thornwell Emphasis Month represents a long-standing tradition of faithful friends who so generously advocate for Thornwell and bring awareness to the needs that exist within our communities. We hope you will join us as we learn how God is working through children and families being supported by programs at Thornwell!

**[www.thornwell.org](http://www.thornwell.org)**

**VISION |** Thornwell's vision is to see hopeful, healthy, and empowered children and families fulfilling their God-given potential.

**MISSION |** As a Christian ministry, our mission is to provide safe and nurturing environments where we educate, equip, and support children and families to thrive.

**FPC will receive the Thornwell Offering  
on Sunday, November 23.**

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234 EAST MAIN STREET

POST OFFICE BOX 1011

ROCK HILL, SC 29731

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*As a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, our mission is to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as: We worship the living God with joy and thanksgiving. We teach the Word of God to deepen our faith and to grow in our love for Jesus Christ. We serve others through sharing the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We fellowship to enrich and energize our life together as a congregation. We nurture and embrace all God's children.*

## Members of the Session

### Class of 2025

Butch Bailey  
Terry Dodge  
Mimi Goodner  
Mary Anne Sheppard  
Chris Wheeler

### Class of 2026

John Abernathy  
Jimmy Campbell  
Scott Harris  
Elizabeth Owen  
\*Susan Roberson, clerk

### Class of 2027

Paul Horne  
Ann Hunsucker  
Chip Hutchison  
Julia Nichols  
Sheryl Smith

## Members of the Diaconate

### Class of 2025

James Crean  
Vickey Dodge  
\*Christy Goodner, moderator  
Diane Hicks  
Sue Munn

### Class of 2026

Jennifer Abernathy  
Heather Dellinger  
Kathy James  
Margaret Joiner  
Dave Keely

### Class of 2027

Beth Janicke  
Allen Katz  
Joan Musselwhite  
Steve Roberts  
\*Wayne Terry, treasurer

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Organist  
Angela Harris  
Director of Cherub Choir  
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Director of Handbell Choirs  
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