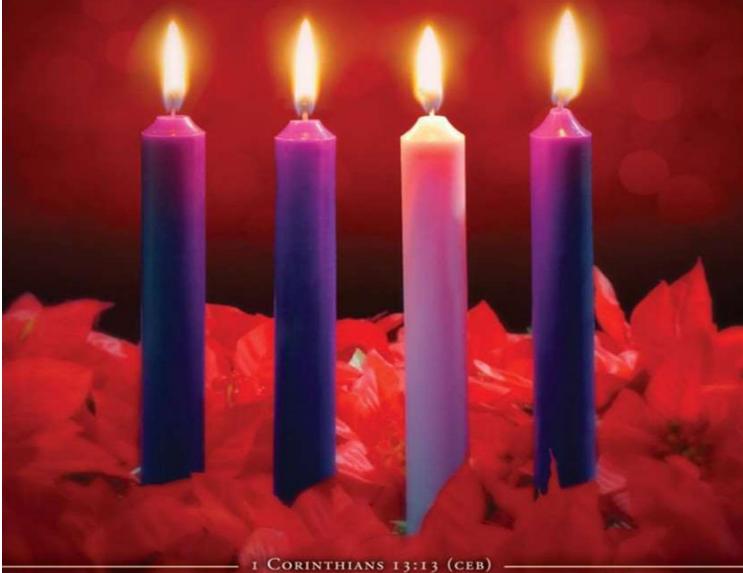
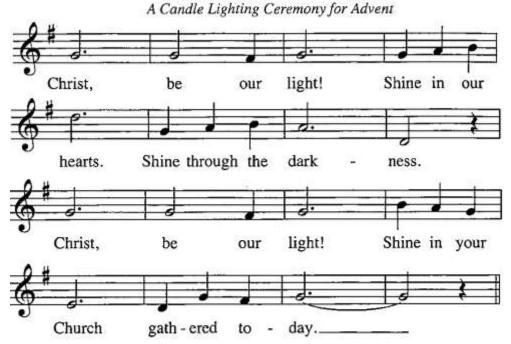
Now faith, hope, and love remain... AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.



First Presbyterian Church 4th Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025

Christ, Be Our Light!



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- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Light, in the beginning was your Word, and your Word came to dwell among us—yet we confess that we have ignored your coming. We have turned away from truth when it unsettled us, and from grace when it asked more of us than comfort. We confess that your Word became flesh, yet we have failed to honor your presence in the vulnerable, the forgotten, and the different. Forgive us. In this Advent season, turn us toward your Light, that we may live as children of God.

(A moment of silent personal confession)

^{*} Assurance of Forgiveness

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*Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison)
Prayer for Illumination Ian Poole
First Scripture ReadingIsaiah 40:1-8OT Page 667
Time with Young Disciples
Anthem
Second Scripture ReadingJohn 1:1-14NT Page 91
Sermon
*Hymn (See Insert) "Who Would Think That What Was Needed" WHITE ROSETTES
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle's Creed

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings Ian Poole

Offertory	n Pachelbel
* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	.Hymn 592
* Prayer of Dedication	Ian Poole
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)	thy will be give us our
* Closing Hymn No. 29 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	GO TELL IT
*Charge & Benediction	
Postlude"Trumpet Tune on 'O Come, Divine Messiah'"	avid Lasky

It is the practice of this congregation to sit back down for the postlude. Please join us in enjoying a few moments of reflection as our service concludes.

*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>A Poinsettia Donation List</u> of those who contributed to the beautiful poinsettias that decorate the sanctuary can be found on the table outside the sanctuary heading towards the Fellowship Hall.

<u>Birthday Sunday</u> is today, where we will honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of December. Following worship, we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for birthday cake. Please join us!

<u>Christmas Joy Offering:</u> Fifty-percent of your gifts assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. The other fifty-percent of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Christmas Joy Offering will be received today during worship.

<u>Church Office Closure:</u> The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday. We wish you a Merry Christmas!

Christmas Eve Service



<u>Presbyterian Women's 5th Wednesday Out</u> will be at the Grand Lagniappe Shoppe (811 W. Grand Ave.) on Wednesday, December 31, **11:30 a.m.** We will enjoy tasty, savory and sweet heavy hors d'oeuvres, cider, and Hugos. The cost is \$25 including tax and tip. Payment is due in advance. Please give your money to Sally Pierce or Tammy Abel. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the "Sign-Up Board" located in the Fellowship Hall right outside the kitchen.

<u>Welcome Visitors!</u> Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information card, located in the pew in front of you. Please drop them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We'd love to get to know you better! After Worship, join us for a time of fellowship and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. There, you'll find the Welcome Center, with more information about our church!

<u>Children are always welcome</u> in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up pre-packed activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary just for them. A nursery is available upstairs for children under 5. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Sophia	Hard	in

<u>December 3</u> Barbara Helm

Cindy Meyers

December 5

Gerald Murders

December 6

Helen Murders

December 7

Jim Matheney Johnnie Roebuck Taylor Simmons

December 8

Tom Hopkins
Brady Leonhard

December 15

Rev. Leslie Roper

December 17

Marilyn Ridge

December 19 John Talpas

December 21

Mark Phillips

December 26

Pam Christian

Ann Westbrook Raines

December 27

Jacob Mills

December 29

Kathy Farrar Cory Leonhard

December 30

Frankie Ochsner

December 31

Mike Muzny



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

December 10

Dus and Steve Spivey

December 13

Candace and Grant Muzny

December 19

Barbara and Michael Helm

December 26

Karolyn and Dick Mohrman



We are so very lucky to have a congregation that is willing to invest in our graduating seniors each year. Each month on the 3rd Sunday, members celebrating their birthdays that month are encouraged to make a special "Birthday Blessing" to our scholarship fund. We have been so blessed in the past to be able to contribute to the continuing education of our Youth. We hope that you will consider this month to give in honor of your birthday.



Church Office Hours:

Office Lunch Hour:

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 21 – 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. Handbells

Monday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

10:00 a.m. Jackson House Lunch Prep1:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Church Office Closed

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Communion

<u>Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day</u>

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 28

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Handbells

<u>Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project!</u> The quarter tube is located just inside the sanctuary doors near the steps leading into the sanctuary. <u>Save your Dimes!</u> All dimes put into the offering plates go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."

There are many openings on The 2026 Flower Chart! Located on the wall by the 2 large closets in the Fellowship Hall, pick your date, add your name and special dedication. If you do not wish to write it on the board, or if space does not allow, please call, email or visit the office. You may do this at any time well in advance of your day. *Cost is \$38.50*

<u>Prayer Requests:</u> Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, <u>jsar43@gmail.com</u> / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, <u>paulpatmills@yahoo.com</u> / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office <u>office@firstpreshotsprings.org</u>. A request can be for yourself, a family member, or a family friend. *You may ask that the request be kept confidential. Only the Prayer Chain members will be notified and they will also be told to keep it confidential.*

Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

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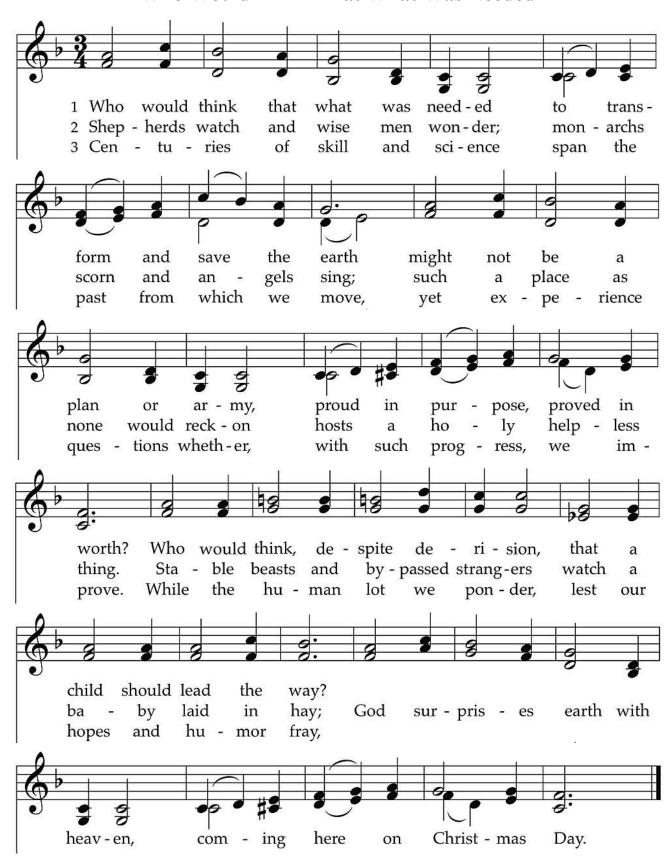
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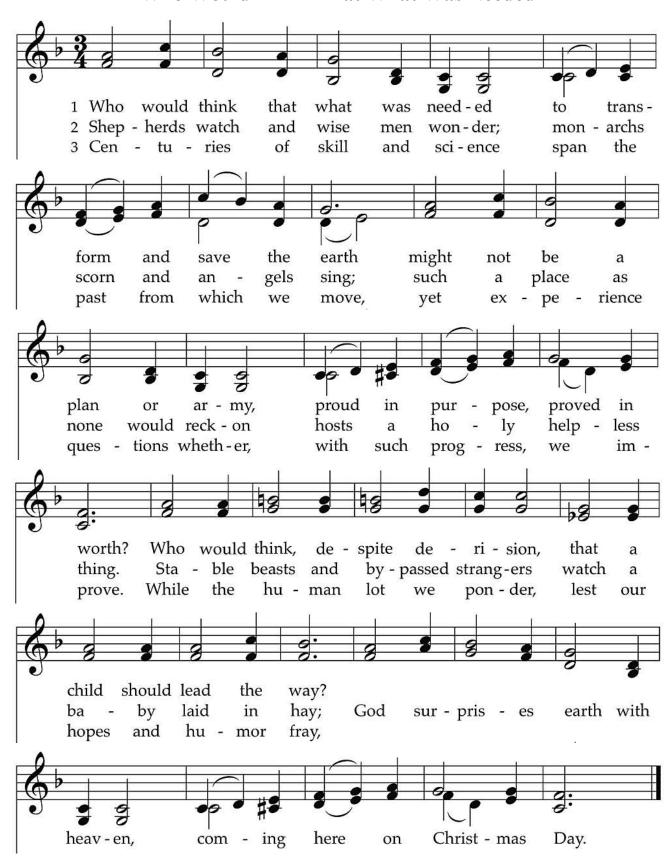
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