

First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, SC

December 28, 2025~ First Sunday of Christmas

“Living, Learning, and Loving Like Christ.”

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are so happy that you are here today to share in our service of worship of the Living God!

Gathering around the Word

The congregation is asked to make use of the prelude as a time of preparation, meditation and prayer.

\*All who are able, please stand.

PreludeO Come, All Ye Faithfularr. Berry

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Celebrations, and Concerns of the Church

\*Call to Worship (sing responsively)

Carol: 133ADESTE FIDELES  
O Come, All Ye Faithful

Invocation of the Holy Spirit (responsively)  
Leader: Let us pray together. True God and eternal light,  
People: We greet you with songs of exultation.  
Leader: We sing the songs of angels!  
People: We sing in awe like the shepherds.  
Leader: We give glory to God in the highest!  
People: We greet you with happiness.  
Leader: Your Word has appeared in flesh.  
People: O come, let us adore him.  
Leader: Come and worship Christ, the newborn king!  
People: May we recognize your spirit within us while we sing.  
Leader: May your spirit help us worship you in new ways.  
All: May our worship lead us to your eternal light. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination  
Holy Word, you are our guide and ultimate assurance. By your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises and commands and shower us again with the fire of your love. Amen.

First Lesson: Matthew 2:1-23  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Carols

No. 113	Angels We Have Heard on High	GLORIA
No. 119	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	MENDELSSOHN
No. 121	O Little Town of Bethlehem	ST. LOUIS
No. 143	Angels, from the Realms of Glory	REGENT SQUARE
No. 147	The First Nowell	THE FIRST NOWELL

Responding to the Word

Call to Offering  
Offertory: Coventry Carol with Away In a Mangerarr. Berry  
  
\*Offering Response: 606  
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)  
Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

\*Closing Hymn:  
We Three Kings of Orient Are

Benediction: (responsively)  
Leader: The Word became flesh...  
People: ...and the Holy Spirit now lives among us.  
Leader: We know the glory of the Christ, because the Word became flesh.  
People: We respond to Christ’s glory with our mission on earth:  
Leader: To live in the fullness and action of God’s truth...  
People: ...telling the good news of great joy in the plains and the mountains,...  
Leader: ...in dreams and in darkness,...  
People: ...in fields and in stables,...  
Leader: ...in travels and trials,...  
People: ...in starlight and shadow,...  
All: ...in the graces and gifts of our lives. Amen. Merry Christmas!

\*Postlude: Joy to the WorldWatts

Thank you to Chad Gambrell for serving as liturgist and to Mac McDougal for leading the music service today.

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family	Friends of Church	Bereavement
Laurie Addison	Stuart Britt	Donna Jackson & family
Margaret Addison	Andy Dill	George Copeland & family
Nancy Arnold	Sherry Dishman	The Frey family
Laura Ashley	Nancy Hope	The Wardlaw family
Neile Chambers	Julie Young Keadle	The Threatt family
P-Nut Dowdle	Kim Purcell	Family of Mary Nell Askew
Steve Floyd		Lawrence Coleman & family
Nancy Goodbar		Family of Marian Link
ShaSha Gower		Latha Gearheart & family
Gin Jacobs		Cindy Jacobs & family
Liz Pinzon		Sonya Atkinson & family
Dot Smith		Pam Warren & family

Please continue to hold our Global Missionaries in prayer:  
Donald Marsden (US); Pam (Turkey); Ellen Smith (US); Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Congo)

Happy New Year to our church family!  
Sending each of you the blessings of Christ  
in the New Year and always.  
May we enter into 2026

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# Announcements



**During the winter season, Duke Energy Foundation** is once again generously sponsoring the Share the Light Fund. Duke Energy will match dollar-for-dollar donations given to Share the Light. United Ministries of Clinton will administer the funds for Laurens County. Please make checks payable to **SHARE THE LIGHT** and send to United Ministries, 500 Academy Street, Clinton, SC 29325.



**Please consider a donation to United Ministries** during the Christmas season. Your donation is tax deductible, and through December, a card will be sent to those you honor or remember. Add an address for each recipient. Please mail or deliver these donations to 500 Academy St., Clinton SC 29325.



**The deadline for 2025 monetary contributions** to be brought to the office is **Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please contact Danny Cook with any questions regarding your 2025 contributions: 864-923-3909 or via email at [dannyc00k0322@gmail.com](mailto:dannyc00k0322@gmail.com). The church office will be open **Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** through **Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** if would like to bring your contribution directly to the office.



**New Offering Envelopes** are on the credenza in the church office hallway. Please pick up yours. If you want envelopes but do not find a box labeled for you, please call Carolyn at the church office, 864-833-1062 x. 103 or on her cell phone, 864-684-7645.



**Scan the QR code** with your mobile device to be directed to OnRealm, where you may make your offering or tithe. (Text/Data rates may apply).

*Lisa will be out of the office Tue/Wed, 12/30 & 12/31. Please see calendar for office hours this week.*

## **This Week at FPC**

### **Sunday, December 28**

No Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service of Lessons & Carols – Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, December 29**

Last day to complete online giving of 2025 monetary gifts.

### **Wednesday, December 31**

Last day to bring 2025 monetary gifts to the church office.

4:00 p.m. – *Deadline to submit information for Sunday Bulletin*

### **Thursday, January 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR - Church office closed**

4:00 p.m. - *Deadline to submit information for Worship News*

### **Friday, January 2 – Church Office Closed**

## **The Session of First Presbyterian Church**

### **Class of 2025**

Derrick Adair  
Katherine Addison  
Austin Barnes  
Maecy Burton  
Cyndi Coker  
Van Mattison  
Harold Nichols  
Jackie Waldron

### **Class of 2026**

Marty Ademy  
Emily Holder  
Bob Link  
Holbrook Raynal  
Andy Sullivan  
Stan Walsh

### **Class of 2027**

Lee Atkinson  
Danny Cook  
Amanda Donley  
Chad Gambrell  
Jean Johnson  
Bob McLean

### **Church Staff**

Rev. Andy S. Chambers  
Lisa Keen, Front Office/Communications  
Carolyn Payne, Financial Secretary  
Mac McDougal, Director of Music  
Dr. Karen Buckland, Organist  
Sheryl Owens, Custodian

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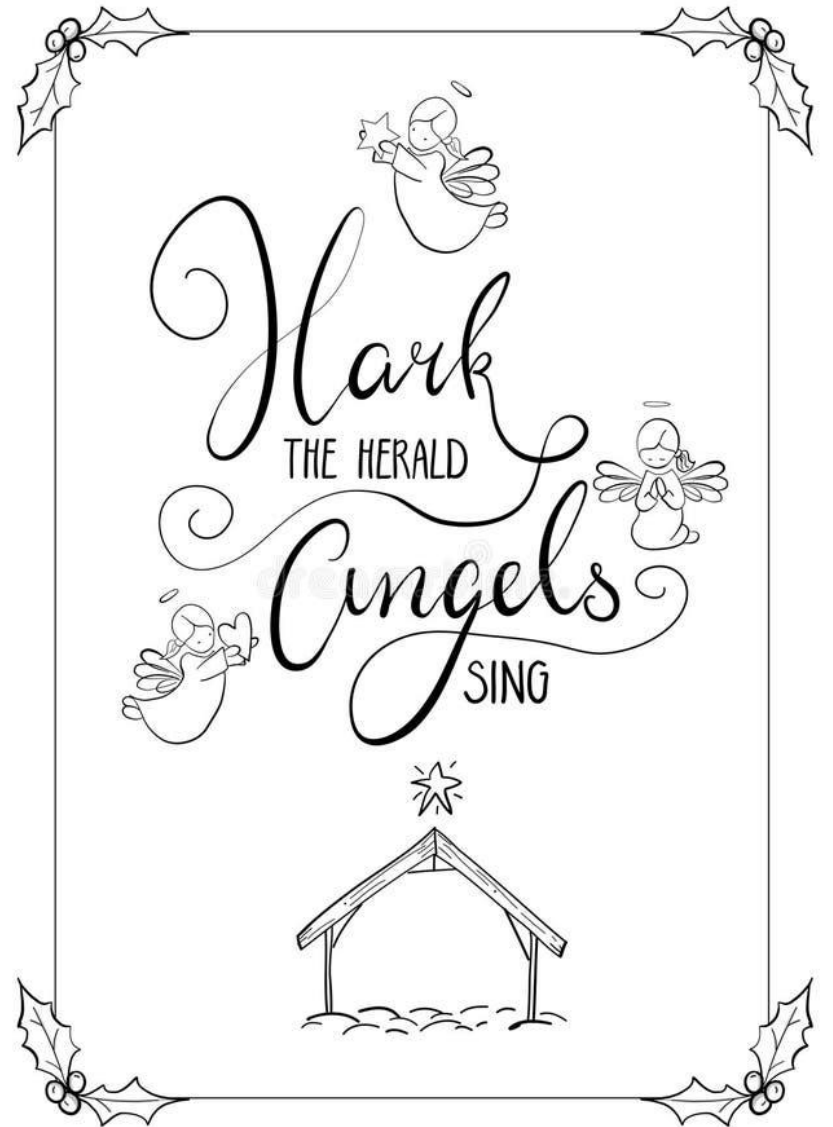
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