

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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OCTOBER 27, 2026

PRAYERS

- Candy Croxton
- John Swofford

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE CHOIR

Support our Youth Intern, CJ, as he performs with the Presbyterian College Choir at Pops on the Plaza on Thursday, October 29, at 7:00 PM. Free admission and all ages welcome! 🎶

⏰ DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK!

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Before heading to bed on Saturday night, remember to set your clocks back one hour and enjoy an extra hour of sleep! We look forward to seeing you for worship refreshed. 🍂

🍽️ FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Family Night Supper is this Sunday, November 1, at 5:30 PM! We hope you'll join us for a wonderful evening of good food and conversation. Bring your favorite dish to share as we gather around the table together. During the evening, PNC will provide an update on the pastor search process. if you're able, please consider staying a few extra minutes after supper to help with cleanup. Many hands make light work, and we'd greatly appreciate the help. Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 🎁

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are now available at the church for pick-up. Take a box, fill it with gifts, and help share God's love with a child in need this Christmas season. For packing ideas and gift suggestions, click on this link: Gift Guide Filled shoeboxes should be returned to the church between Nov. 16-22. All collected shoeboxes will be delivered to the local drop-off location on November 22. Thank you for helping bring joy, hope, and the love of Christ to children around the world! 🌎

DON'T GET SCAMMED!

Join Laurens City Police, Chief Dillon Sherfield on Wednesday, November 18, at 3:00 PM in the Cook Conference Room for a presentation on internet safety, scam prevention, and protecting yourself online. Everyone is welcome!

🎄 CAROLS TO RING IN THE SEASON

The Laurens County Chorale will present A Carol for to Sing at First Presbyterian Church of Laurens on Friday, November 20, 2026, at 7:30 PM. This special Christmas concert will feature seasonal selections by Sir John Rutter as well as Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols, under the direction of Kipper Ackerman with collaborative pianist Andrew Shellfield. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the door or from Laurens County Chorale members.

FEATURED

TIME CHANGE
FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
OCC SHOEBOXES
SCAM ALERT
FALL CHORALE

WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 27

6:30 Handbell Practice
7:15 Choir Practice

SUNDAY• NOVEMBER 1

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
5:30 Family Night Supper - PNC update

TUESDAY• NOVEMBER 3

10:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Threads of Fellowship
12:00 PW Circle
6:00 PW Circle

WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 4

6:30 Handbell Practice
7:15 Choir- Second Sunday Sing

SUNDAY• NOVEMBER 8

8:30 CE Committee
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship - Little Lights Choir
Second Sunday Sing
5:15 SOS

faith

fellowship

worship

TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 10

10:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Threads of Fellowship

WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 11

6:30 Handbell Practice
7:15 Choir Practice

SUNDAY• NOVEMBER 15

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship - Joyful Noise Ensemble
5:15 SOS

TUESDAY• NOVEMBER 17

10:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Threads of Fellowship

WEDNESDAY• NOVEMBER 18

3:00 Lauren's City Police
6:30 Handbell Practice
7:15 Choir Practice

FRIDAY• NOVEMBER 20

7:30 Chorale's Fall Concert

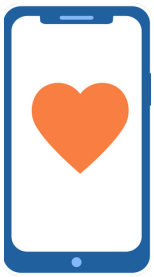


CHURCH FLOWERS

November 8:
Marti Hill

November 15:
Jeanette & Brian George

November 22:
Scott & Janice Holland



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Nov. 1, 2026	Nov. 8, 2026	Nov. 15, 2026	Nov. 22, 2026
Galations	Ephesians	Philippians	Colossians
Rick Thompson*	Scott Holland*	Robert Thomason*	Chris Edwards*
Lewis Matthews	Janice Holland	Betty Jo Bell	Ryland Edwards
Jackson Edwards	Daniel Lauer	Marion Robinson	Paul Wilkie, Jr.
Ray Sizemore	Eli Lauer	Ernie Segars	Shawn Brown



We come here today at a critical point in our church's history. We're in an interim status.. but i believe this church is at the beginning of something special. We are making progress in virtually every aspect of our church life – worship, music, outreach, communications. And our Pastoral Nominating Committee is working hard to identify our next senior pastor. We communicate or meet several times a week, and have had a number of credible, willing candidates. They see a church that has strategic purpose and momentum. But we want to make sure we select the right leader. So, we continue to evaluate. Just know that we will be relentless in our efforts to secure and recommend the best person.

In terms of stewardship -- last year I quoted a Baptist minister who said – show me your checkbook, and I'll show you who you love. Well, I submit you should love this church, if you do, you should support it financially. Similarly, Jesus asked Peter – who do you love? And then Jesus said "Feed my Sheep" Well that's how we feed his sheep --- we support his Church . It's important in our lives, in the lives of our children and in the community of Laurens.

The world is filled with chaos and strife and anxiety. But in this church, we have a sanctuary. Not only one of the most beautiful physical sanctuaries, but a place where we can love and be loved, heal and be healed. A place that we should be proud of.

Several historians have described civilization as a thin veneer stretched across the passions of the human heart. And they further note that civilization doesn't just happen; we have to make it happen. I would say the same about our church. Our church doesn't just happen. We have to make it happen. And that requires our time, our talents and our treasure. In this season of stewardship, I am here today to ask you to give to make this happen.

I'll finish as I began – noting that as a congregation, we are at a pivotal point and facing a decision of how we support the church today and in the future. My hope is that we all line up shoulder to shoulder and march forward. And in the upcoming years, we'll look back at this period of time in our church and say this interim period was our finest hour!

William Crawford