


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## VETERANS DAY 🇺🇸

We thank and honor all veterans for their service, sacrifice, and dedication to our country. May God bless those who have served and their families.

## PRAYERS

We ask that you continue your prayers for Curtis Fuller and David Bonner, who have both gone to rehab.

## ⚠️ SCAMS

A reminder that Mr. Weaver will never text, email, or call you asking for money or gift cards. Nor will he email you asking you to reply "discreetly."

## SERMON SERIES

For the next two Sundays, Mr. Weaver will continue his series on Reformation ideas that still speaks to us today.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 🎁

The official Samaritan's Purse shoe box collection dates are Nov. 16th-22nd. We still have plenty of boxes which need to be filled. The empty boxes are calling you to help!! Fill and return them to church so we can pray over each box for safe travels and to be given to the child God has chosen to receive it. Last year we collected exactly100 boxes. We would like to reach last year;s goal. You can also donate money to help cover shipping expenses.

## DON'T GET SCAMMED!

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

## 💻 CHURCH EMAILS

If you are not receiving emails from the church, please contact Cindy in the church office. 864-984-6561

## 🎄 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.

**NOVEMBER 10, 2026**

## PRAYERS

- David Bonner
- Candy Croxton
- Curtis Fuller
- John Swofford

## FEATURED

VETERANS DAY
SERMON SERIES
SCAM ALERT
FILL A SHOEBOX
FALL CHORALE

## WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day
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

## SUNDAY• NOVEMBER 22

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 Decorate Sanctuary
NO SOS

## TUESDAY• NOVEMBER 24

10:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Threads of Fellowship

## THURSDAY• NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

## FRIDAY• NOVEMBER 27

Office Closed

## SUNDAY• NOVEMBER 29

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
NO SOS

## TUESDAY• DECEMBER 1

10:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Threads of Fellowship

## WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 2

6:30 Handbell Practice
7:15 Choir Practice

## SUNDAY • DECEMBER 6

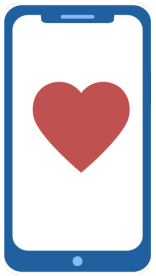
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship - Communion
5:30 Family Night Supper

faith
fellowship
worship



## CHURCH FLOWERS

**November 22:**
Scott & Janice Holland
**November 29:**
Darleene Hörger
**December 6:**
Carol Kennedy



## GIVE

Scan the QR code or click on giving link to donate safely and securely.

## USHERS

| Nov. 15, 2026 | Nov. 22, 2026 | Nov. 29, 2026 | Dec. 6, 2026 |
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| Philippians | Colossians | Thessalonians | Timothy |
| Robert Thomason* | Chris Edwards* | Rick Thompson* | Rick Thompson* |
| Betty Jo Bell | Ryland Edwards | Lesley Mitchell | Yates Giles |
| Marion Robinson | Paul Wilkie, Jr. | Walter Todd | Thomas Moore |
| Ernie Segars | Shawn Brown | Neal Todd | Cheryl Moore |




Today I would like to share a few thoughts on our church. As I thought of this beautiful, warm sanctuary, I was reminded of the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us. Just to mention a few families: Zimmermans, Hunters, Wassons, Stoddards, Mahons, Todds, Farris', Cooks, McNairs. From the choir: Ellen Gray, Ann Shepherd, Augusta Dixon.

Certainly, we all stand on their shoulders today. They surely faced many trials and prepared the way (our theme) for us!

So now it is our turn. We all know what we want: to be fed the Word of God through this pulpit, a growing church family, a strong youth program where our youth want to bring their friends to their church, and a commitment to grow mission support locally and beyond.

That's the easy part. This is our second commitment season, and we are still looking for our next pastor. As time drags on, our human nature begins to creep in and we get impatient. Maybe I am the only one that struggles with patience? Recently I had a "God nudge," and what I heard was, "Cease striving and know that I am God!" I was reminded that God has a plan for each one of us, and He will provide everything we need to accomplish this plan. I absolutely believe He has a plan for this church and will provide everything we need to accomplish it.

I will close with scripture that has often helped me. I remember clearly when King Dixon introduced our new church newsletter, The Vine, many years back with this scripture from John 15:
"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

The Lord makes it pretty simple: "Remain in me and ask!"

As King would say: "To God be the Glory"

Robert Marion Thomason