

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 3, 2026

PRAYERS

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

✨PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Jean and Lud thank all of you for the gracious comments made during Pastor Appreciation Month. It's a joy to serve such a caring church. Lud also really like the Krispy Kreme donuts.

COOKIES AND CHOIR

Is the early darkness making your evenings feel a little long? Do you enjoy cookies? Ever wanted to hear Bill Childers speak? Then come join us for Second Sunday Sing Practice on Wednesday at 7:15 PM in Hunter Hall!
Whether you're a seasoned singer or just enjoy making a joyful noise, we'd love to have you join us. Then sing with us during worship on Sunday, November 8, as we share some beautiful music, including "Amazing Grace" and the beloved wedding song, Pachelbel's Canon, featuring Brawley Crawford on the cello. Come for the music, stay for the fun... and yes, the cookies too! 🎵🍪

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD🎁

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available now for pick-up! Fill a shoebox with gifts and help share God's love with a child this Christmas. Need ideas? See the Gift Guide for packing suggestions. Can't shop? Simply place a check in the offering plate or bring it to the church office and note "shoeboxes" in the memo line. Please return filled shoeboxes November 16-22. 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
THANK YOU
JOIN CHOIR
OCC SHOEBOXES
SCAM ALERT
FALL CHORALE

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
11:30 Session
5:15 SOS

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

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 22

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 Decorate Sanctuary
5:15 SOS

TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 24

10:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Threads of Fellowship

THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 26

Office Closed

faith
fellowship
worship

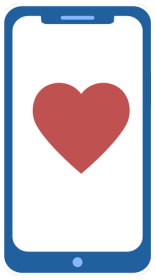


CHURCH FLOWERS

November 15:
Jeanette & Brian George

November 22:
Scott & Janice Holland

November 29:
Darleene Hörger



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Nov. 8, 2026	Nov. 15, 2026	Nov. 22, 2026	Nov. 29, 2026
Ephesians	Philippians	Colossians	Thessalonians
Scott Holland*	Robert Thomason*	Chris Edwards*	Rick Thompson*
Janice Holland	Betty Jo Bell	Ryland Edwards	Lesley Mitchell
Daniel Lauer	Marion Robinson	Paul Wilkie, Jr.	Walter Todd
Eli Lauer	Ernie Segars	Shawn Brown	Neal Todd



Our stewardship theme this year is "Prepare the Way," inspired by the words of Isaiah 40:3, which calls us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." As we look toward the future of First Presbyterian Church, I find myself reflecting deeply on what this sacred place has meant to my family and to so many of yours over the years.

For my family, those roots run back to the very beginning of this church, when it was founded in 1832. For nearly two centuries, generations of Todds have sat in these pews, giving their hearts, their time, and their faith to this community.

For Walter and me, this church has been the backdrop of our entire lives. We were baptized, raised, and married here. When we had our boys, Walt and Neal, we brought them to this very sanctuary to be baptized. This is where they learned about faith, discovered what it means to be part of a community, and were surrounded by a church family that genuinely loved and cared for them. Today, they both continue to worship right here alongside us.

Now, we are experiencing the beautiful, full-circle blessing of watching yet another generation grow. Our youngest son, Neal, and his wife, Hayden, baptized their boys, Winn and Caulder, here. Walter and I now watch our grandchildren experience the same opportunities, the same warm embrace, and the same strong foundation of faith that shaped their ancestors since 1832.

This church is more than a building on Sunday mornings. It is a living, breathing lineage of faith.

Right now, we are at an incredibly vital crossroads. As we search for a new pastor and plan to add an Associate Pastor dedicated to our children, youth, and families, we are actively deciding what our future will look like. Our proposed 2027 budget calls for a 13.75% increase in giving. I know that is a significant commitment. But this isn't just about balancing a spreadsheet or meeting a target. It is an investment in our future. It is about ensuring that First Presbyterian remains a vibrant, thriving beacon of light for generations to come.

We sit here today because we are blessed by the faithfulness, the sacrifices, and the generosity of those who came before us—from those 14 founders who took a leap of faith in 1832, to everyone who has sustained us since. They paved the road we walk on. Now, it is our turn. It is our responsibility to make sure that this same strong, loving church is here to catch our children, our grandchildren, and the generations who haven't even been born yet.

I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027. Ask yourself what you can do to help us prepare the way.

Lynne Todd