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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, November 26.

First Pres Annual Advent Event

Prepare your hearts and homes for the Advent season by joining your FPC family in an evening of dinner, fellowship and crafting.

Wednesday, November 29, 5:30pm
in the Kirk. Dinner is on us!

\$15 per household for keepsake crafts

Please sign up by November 20th!

Text Alisa Gibson 864-314-0510 or email alisag@fpcandersonsc.com

This week at First Presbyterian....

Sunday, November 19
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Officer Training - Rm 212
5:00 p.m. Youth Friendsgiving - Welcome Center
Monday, November 20
9:15 a.m. Yoga - Welcome Center
1:00 p.m. The Flock - Rm 214
Tuesday, November 21
10:30 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - McDougald Rm
11:00 a.m. CEC Thanksgiving Lunch - Kirk
12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Mission Ministry - McDougald Rm
5:45 p.m. Yoga - FLC
Wednesday, November 22
Church Office Closed
CEC Closed
Thursday, November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving
CEC and Church Office Closed
Friday, November 23 - CEC and Church Office Closed
Saturday, November 25 - No scheduled events

**First Kids and Parents.....
LOOKING AHEAD!!**

Vacation Bible School June 3 - 7, 2024
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Camp CREATE June 24 - 27, 2024  
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Camp Fellowship registration has begun!
campfellowship.org/summer2024

Ask Ms. Susan about camperships to cover part of the camp registration cost for First Kids.

Annual Women's Retreat ~ Feb 9-10, 2024!

We have a few spots left for our retreat in beautiful Lake Junaluska, NC.
Cost: \$150 all-inclusive/double room
(Three meals, room for one night, and all materials.)
Our deadline for sign-ups has been extended—
a \$50 deposit by November 30 will hold your spot.
Sign up today by emailing alisag@fpcandersonsc.com



Our November Mission Emphasis is for **Calvary Home for Children**. We will be collecting gift cards or monetary donations. These will be used for Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, and clothing for the children. Envelopes are available on the Christmas tree outside the church office, and on Sundays at the exit doors after church. Envelopes may be returned to the offering plate or to the office. Thanks for keeping Calvary Home for Children in your prayers.

ANGEL TREE

Watch for our Virtual Angel Tree sign-up going live this week. More info will be coming soon!
This will benefit children from Calhoun Elementary and Centerville Elementary.

25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023
10:30am



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302 West Whitner Street
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us to worship the Living God! Please visit our website www.firstpresanderson.org or call the church office for additional information about our faith family.

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit. Join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Extended Worship is in Room 200 on the second floor of the Education Hall.

Please let our ushers know if you need directions to the nursery or to pick your child up from Extended Worship

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Elder Bill Manson

INTROIT

It Is Good to Give Thanks

Hudson

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:10

May you live lives that are worthy of the Lord and pleasing to God in every way:

By producing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.

WE PRAISE GOD

✠ GATHERING HYMN 12 ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

ST. DENIO

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of eternal truth, Christ of everlasting freedom, Spirit of holy humility: We confess that we sin and fall short of our calling to be like Jesus our Lord. We are not nearly as good as we are meant to be. Both the law and your prophets have made clear your will. We are justified by your costly grace in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Forgive all our self-righteous pride and increase our gratitude for your redeeming grace.

SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

✠ *ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Friends, believe this good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI 581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

EXPRESSING THE FAITH

Come, Let Us Sing

Bailey

Elementary Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Our young disciples, ages 5k and under, are dismissed for extended worship.)

WE APPROACH GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*...debts... debtors*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

Pew Bible p. 594

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 15:1-8

Pew Bible p. 95

SERMON

"Fruitful"

Dr. Dennis Tedder

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the *Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In sovereign love, God created the world good, so that we might live as one community.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

Even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Dream Isaiah Saw

Rudolph

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY 606 ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ SENDING HYMN 15 ***All Creatures of Our God and King***

(Verses 1, 4, 6)

LASST UNS ERFRELUEN

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE ***Choral Improvisation on Now Thank We All*** Karg-Elert

The Prayer of Thanksgiving used for the Prayers of the People was written by Vienna Cobb Anderson.

We thank Foothills Presbytery for the beautiful display of "abundance" in the sanctuary this morning, which was used for the Presbytery worship service on Tuesday. The food items donated for this display will be given to Hope Missions of the Upstate.

A video broadcast of the service is available downstairs in our Welcome Center for those who may need to leave the sanctuary. The ushers can direct you to this room.

As a courtesy to those worshipping with you today, please silence cell phones during our service.