

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Dr. Mary Crowell, Dr. Jenny Maclay,*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Truesdell

* Call to Worship Rev. Larry Ugarte`

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

We have seen his glory.

The Baby born in Bethlehem was full of grace and truth.

The Christ Child is our Savior.

Let us worship God!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Craig and Wendy Whittinghill

*Carol of Praise What Child is This #14

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration Larry Ugarte`

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Loving God, we confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful. May your angels sing again to us of peace. Sometimes we have cared about rules rather than about relationships. May your star once more set our course in your direction. Please forgive us through the grace of the Savior. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Pastor Truesdell

Friends, through the coming of Jesus Christ, the Lord has redeemed us. In Christ we receive the salvation of the Living God. Hear and receive the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

* The Gloria Patri Unison

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end; Amen.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Pastor Truesdell

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

First Presbyterian Church Children's Christmas

Narrators

Gretta Cox Elijah Hand Aaron King

Mary

Emily Brunson

Joseph

Jonah Quillen

Inn Keeper/Narrator

Will Greene

Star Dancers/Narrators

Charley Greene

Mary Hand

Angels

Ellis Greene

Violet Whitten

Lennox Hand

Shepards

Brian Cottles

Freddy Greene

Jack Quillen (Narrator)

Wisemen

Isaac Brunson

Emmett Whitten

Jullian Whitten

Songs

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

Soloist: Aaron King

(Latin/English)

Away in the Manger

Soloist: Mary Hand

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Silent Night

Soloist: Ellis Greene

We Three Kings

Trombone: Will Greene

Trumpet: Elijah Hand

Mary Had a Baby

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Carol of Celebration Gentle Mary Laid Her Child #146

* Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of The People Pastor Truesdell
(See insert)

The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory *Dr. Crowell, Dr. Maclay*

*Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication Pastor Truesdell

*Carol The First Nowell #147

*Charge Pastor Truesdell

*Benediction

* Postlude *Dr. Crowell, Dr. Maclay*

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health) Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Doris Welch (Home) Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele
Susie Fogg (Home) Jac Catlett
Sharon Massey Diane Lynn (Health)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health) Gale Cottles (Healing)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing) Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown
Carol Quillen (Healing) Betty Fae Spencer (Healing)
Gene Quillen (Healing) Johnathon Cagle (Healing)
Stephen Ware (Healing) Bonnie Noel (Healing)
 Charlotte Lyle (Healing)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard Joshua Hargrove - Deployed
Jay Tulley- Middle East Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Larry Harris (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Silvey Family (Healing, daughter 3 years old)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)
Jessica (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle's uncle)
Kristie Whitt (Healing, daughter of Alice Whitt)
Charlotte Pickett (visitor to the church)
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father (in-law) of Michael& Gail Cottles)

FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

The Session

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Karan Baker	Cindy Witt	DeAnna McNeil
Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware	Chris Shindorf
Stanley Hand	Tom Clem	David Lyle
John Noel	Price Boyd	David Whitten

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Prayers of Thanks for:
**For all the children of
First Presbyterian Church**

Today's Services:

Sermon

Dr. Rev. Jim Truesdell

Liturgist

Rev. Larry Ugarte`

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell
Dr. Jenny Maclay

Volunteers:

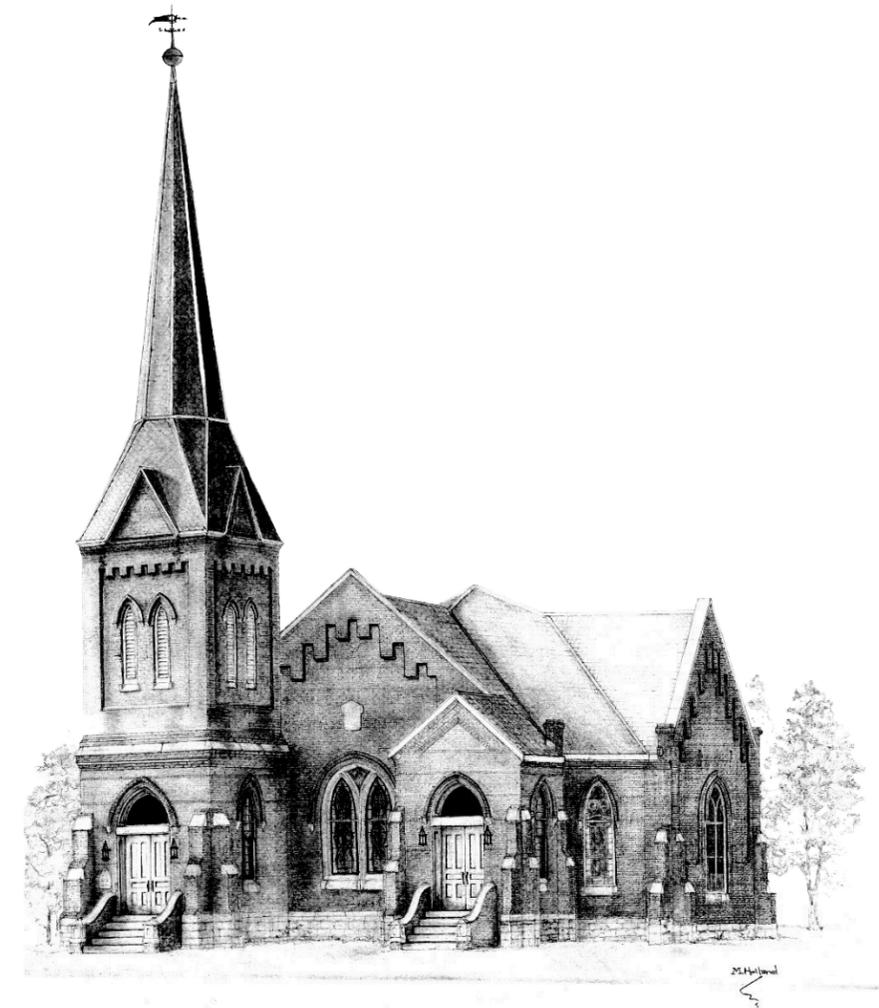
Church Nursery:

December 28nd- Jennifer Quillen
January 4th- Courtney Greene

Liturgist:

December 24th - Avery Paysinger

December 21, 2025
4th Sunday of Advent



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We serve each other, the Athens community, and the world on the square in downtown Athens. Our church family is a community of believers who come seeking the grace and peace of God.

If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.