

11:00 am WorshipDecember 7, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387)“The Lord is in His Holy Temple”  
Greeting/Announcements:  
Hymn:- # 165“When God Is a Child” (v 2)Choir  
Lighting of the Advent Candle:Kim and Colter Wickemeyer

Call to Worship: (Based on Isaiah 11)  
A shoot shall come forth from Jesse’s stump,  
**And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.**  
With righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he  
will give decisions for the poor of the earth.  
**He will be clothed with righteousness and faithfulness.**  
The wolf and the lamb will live peacefully together,  
**The leopard will lie down with the goat.**  
The cow and the bear will graze together; the lion will eat  
straw like the ox,  
**And a little child will lead them all.**  
They will neither hurt nor destroy on God’s holy mountain,  
**For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as  
the waters fill the sea.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings/Joy Gift Collection  
\*DoxologyHymnal #34  
\*Prayer



Christmas Cantata Acknowledgements

We are pleased to present a special musical program with our  
Chancel Choir directed by Jim Luedtke. Those participating in the  
choir: Tenors: Larry McPeters and Mike Rand. Bass: Bob Hughes  
and John McCarthy. Altos: Sallie Adams, and Melissa Fraser.  
Soprano: Kay Lewis.

Readers: Don Cherry, Matthew Fraser Freshour, Liam McCarthy,  
and Moyrah McCarthy.

Teresa McCollum directing: “Silent Night” and “Joy to the World”.

Christmas Cantata -

Prelude:“Carillon of Hope”(Lloyd Larson)  
“Come. Hope of Every Longing Heart”(Lloyd Larson)  
“Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”(Charles Wesley)  
“Mary, Did you Know?” Kay and Mike duet (Lowry/Greene)  
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”(Public Domain)  
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”(George Weissel)  
“Away in a Manger”(Public Domain)  
\* “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”(Hymn# 185)  
\* Congregation please stand and join in  
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”(John W Work)  
“Listen to the Silence of Night”(Pepper Choplin)  
\*Remain seated joining in the singing of “Silent Night” (Hymn#186 v 1)  
“Once Upon a Tree”(Pepper Choplin)  
\* “Joy to the World”(Hymn #179 v 1 & 4)  
\* Congregation please stand and join in  
  
\*Charge and Blessing  
\* PostludeCongregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators  
Shut-in/not attending: Ann Cabell Zimmerman  
- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew  
rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship  
and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session  
to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith,  
Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the  
sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like a card sent to someone we  
pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Our  
prayer card ministry team will send a card the following week.

Ushers – serving today Mike Freshour at the North Door and Robin Hall\* at the South  
Door. Acolyte today is: Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week’s Announcements

Joy Gift – We will collect for Joy Gift today. These funds go to help  
Church leadership families in time of need and upcoming students.

Next Communion will be next Sunday, January 11, 2026.

Virtual Poinsettias – Now available see insert to order your virtual  
poinsettia to honor and remember those special loved ones. Price  
remains \$25 each. Get your poinsettia today.

Good Samaritan is in need of: box/bag stuffing, canned corn, canned  
green beans, box potatoes, cornbread mix, cake mix, canned frosting,  
canned cranberry sauce, gravy mix.

Greeting Card Ministry at Commonwealth – Tuesday, December 9 at  
1pm. Come help the residents make cards. Extra hands always needed.

Women’s Bible Study – Wednesday, December 10 at 10:30 am. Next  
Wednesday, December 17th will be the last class of this study.

Stewardship – Stewardship season is here! Please pray and ask for  
God’s help to know how best to help support the church for the 2026  
year and forward. Please return pledge cards as soon as possible.

5 Cents-a-Meal – The next collection for the Presbytery’s program will  
be Sunday, December 21. Mark your donations accordingly.

Deacons and Session will meet together on December 14<sup>th</sup>. All current  
and new officers are invited to attend.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Come join us for our annual  
Candlelight service, Tuesday, December 24 at 5 pm.

2026 Offering Envelopes - Now available. Get your favorite number  
early, while they are still available.

2026 Flower Calendar – the new 2026 Flower Calendar is up and  
available to sign up for your favorite dates.



<u>Calendar</u>	
Sunday, December 7	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Tuesday, December 9	10:30 am – Card Ministry at Commonwealth
Wednesday, December 10	10:30 am – Women’s Bible Study 12:00 noon – AA 6:00 pm - Choir - NA
Friday, December 12	Office Closed 12 noon – AA

**Church Staff**  
 Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor  
 Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager  
 Jim Luedtke, Church Musician  
 Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

**Session**  
 Rev. John McCarthy – Moderator  
 Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

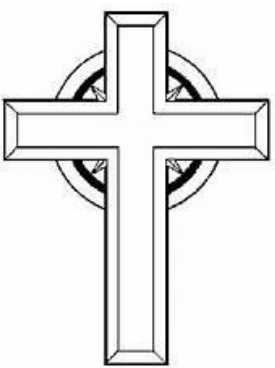
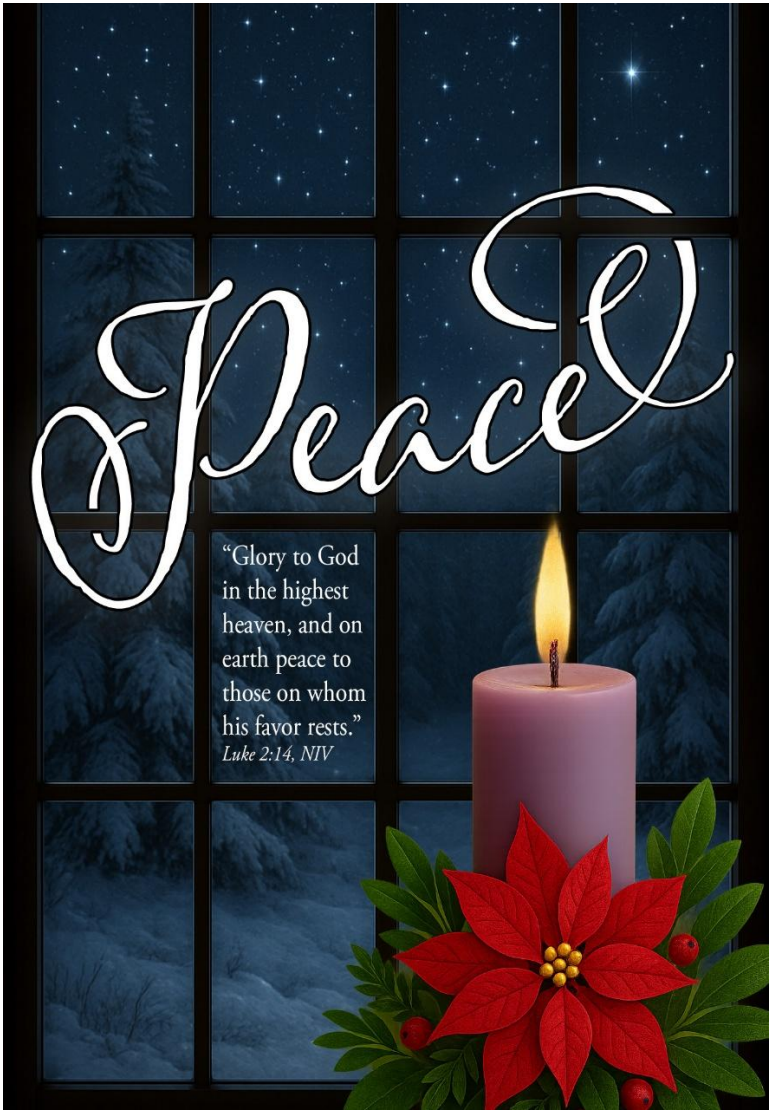
Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Robert Guthrie Mike Rand	Kim Albert Les Powell	Don Cherry Joni Owens Colter Wickemeyer

**Diaconate**  
 Sterling Roberts – Chair

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Sterling Byrd-Roberts Carol Foster Robin Hall	Sandi Hughes Kim Wickemeyer Joanna Hughes	Sallie Adams Melissa Fraser Terri Smith

	Trustees	
(2025) Eric Roberts	(2026) David McCollum	(2027) Rick Harrell

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees		
(2025) Melissa Fraser	(2026) Terri Smith	(2027) Ann Crabtree



**Our Missionaries**  
 Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon  
 Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**800 North Main Street**  
**South Boston, Virginia**



Mission Statement  
**"Growing God's Presence"**  
**Foundational Principles**  
*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~*  
*Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*  
**Values**  
*Committed~Servant Heart~*  
*Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

No nursery or Children's Church will be provided at this time.  
 Children's Church (Jesus Squad) meets during Sunday School time.  
 5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected on the third Sunday of each month.  
 Worship every Sunday 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:45 am.  
 Fellowship at 10:30 am. **Internet: 1stpres: Romans3:24**

Contact us for more information about  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Office: 434-572-3581 or 434-572-3588 (fax)  
 Office hours: Mon – Thur. 9 am – 2 pm  
 Closed Fridays

**Web page: 1stpres.cc**  
 E-mail:  
[secretary@1stpres.cc](mailto:secretary@1stpres.cc)  
[Pastor@1stpres.cc](mailto:Pastor@1stpres.cc)