



Worship Leaders ~ Amy Smith and Rev. Russ Pearson

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

CENTERING MUSIC

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP ~

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

**God has come to make a home among us!**

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL LITANY ~ “Once in Royal David’s City” (No. 140) Verses 1, 2, and 4

*After each verse we will pause for readings and prayers*

\*HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Christ*

SCRIPTURE READING ~ Isaiah 63:7-9: *God’s Mercy Remembered*

SERMON ~ “Remember and Rejoice” - Rev. Russ Pearson

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (No. 146) *All Verses*

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (No. 123) *Verses 1, 2, and 5*

Angels We Have Heard on High (No. 113) *All Verses*

Joy to the World (No. 134) *Verses 1, 2, and 4*

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*p. 35, Glory to God*)

SONG OF SENDING ~ “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (No. 136)

\*CHRISTMAS BLESSING

\*GO FORTH IN PEACE

*I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.*

*For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ~ Isaiah 63:7-9*

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## **Opportunities for Connection**

Interested in baptism, becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, or have a pastoral concern?  
Please let us know. Talk to our Associate Pastor or call the church.

### **Prayer List**

With Christian sympathy, we hold the family of Bill Wheless (grandfather of Mary Glenn Lively) in our prayers.  
Bill passed away on December 20, 2025 in Greenville, SC.

### **Offering Invitation**

Tithes and Offerings can be given online, placed in the offering plate as you leave, or mailed to the church.

### **Note from Finance Office**

We are winding down our 2026 Stewardship Campaign. Thank you to all who have responded.  
There are still a few people we need to hear from as we finalize the budget.

### **The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God**

and are given in praise and thanksgiving  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
by Ivey and Sue Redmon.

### **Ushers:**

Mark, Grace and Jane Ward

### **Sound:**

Dan Dietrich

### **Welcome, Dr. Bradley Walker**

Dr. Brad Walker, interim Pastor, will begin serving First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport beginning on January 1, 2026. His first Sunday will be **Sunday January 4, 2026**. Please come welcome him and his wife, Lee.  
There will be a reception after the 10:30 a.m. service to meet Brad and Lee on January 11.

### **Birthdays & Prayers of the Week**

**December 28:** Judy Cox

**December 29:** Mary Easley, Grace Plemmons

**December 30:** Natalie Robertson

**December 31:** Kim Plemmons, Anson Hagan, Charlie Lively

**January 1:** Brent Ramey, Parker Seckman

**January 2:** Sharon Engel

**January 3** Lorrie Cooper

### **Five Cents-A-Meal Offering**

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. Mark your offering as "5 cents a meal". Shades of Grace will receive 50% of today's Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

### **No Church Night Supper & Vespers until January**

### **Holiday Schedule**

The church office will be closed on **Thursday, January 1** for New Year's Day.  
The Clothes Closet will be closed on **Tuesday, December 30**.

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*Please be aware the 10:30am service is live streamed on Facebook and YouTube*

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