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The Fountain

*The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life.
Proverbs 13:14*



November 16, 2017

Special Points of Interest

- Sunday Morning Refreshments
- Montreat Youth Fundraiser
- FPC Book Club
- Wednesdays Together
- Advent 2018
- Christmas Baskets/Angel Tree
- ECE Program "Pancakes with Mrs. Claus"

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A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

*Enter the LORD's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to God, and bless God's holy name!
(Psalm 100.4)*

This is the season for thanksgiving, as well as the actual celebration of Thanksgiving Day. Since that Day has been overtaken with concerns about turkey and dressing, pecan and pumpkin pie, and football games, and early shopping for Christmas holidays, we can so easily lose the spirit of true thanksgiving. And yet, when we turn to the scriptures, we find God's people constantly giving thanks. There is great thanksgiving for God's victory at the Red Sea, and then gratitude for manna and quail and water in the wilderness. There is thanksgiving for the Promised Land in which God's people will dwell. There are numerous expressions of thanks in the Psalms, which we will also use in our worship this coming Sunday. This theme of gratitude runs throughout the letters of the apostles, which make up our New Testament. God has overcome sin and defeat in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God's people are a thankful people.

We can spend our days giving thanks to God, too. Along with a Christmas shopping list, or a list of what you hope someone will give you, why not make a list of your many reasons to be thankful? Why not count your blessings one by one, and see how many they add up to be? There are blessings of family, children and grandchildren. There are blessings of church, friends and the freedom to worship. There are material blessings of homes, incomes, bank accounts, retirement, shelter, food and safety. There are spiritual blessings of Bibles read and prayers answered. There are the blessings of doing for others in Christ's name through both local service and mission in distant lands. This list of blessings (reasons to be thankful) could go on and on.

From the words of Psalm 100 quoted above, you might get the idea that God's people enter into God's presence through thanksgiving. Imagine that! Thankful people get closer to God, while fussy people get farther away from God.

I hope and pray that we will all be very thankful people this season. I hope and pray, too, that we will grow closer to God and one another!

Your pastor,

Dr. Dan

Church Calendar for November 19 - December 6

Sunday, November 19

9:45 AM Busy Adults Sunday School - CONF RM
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 12:05 PM Montreat Youth "Gifts in a Jar" Fundraiser - Narthex
 3:00 PM FPC Book Club - CONF RM
 4:00 PM Youth Bells - Chancel Choir RM
 4:30 PM Youth Choir - Chancel Choir RM
 5:00 PM Chorister Rehearsal (4th-5th graders with speaking parts) - MFH
 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship - Fish House
 5:00 PM Chancel Ringers - Chancel Choir RM
 6:00 PM HCE Rehearsal - Chancel Choir RM

Monday, November 20

9:15 AM ECEP Music with Ms. Becky Hill - McAlpine RM
 6:00 PM Finance Committee - CONF RM
 6:00 PM Chancel Choir - Chancel Choir RM

Tuesday, November 21

8:30 AM Celebration Ringers - Chancel Choir RM
 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group - McAlpine RM
 2:00 PM Fall Blood Drive - MFH
 6:00 PM Mission Committee - McAlpine RM
 7:00 PM Service Committee - Pastor's Office

Thursday, Nov. 23 & Friday, Nov. 24

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 26

9:45 AM Busy Adults Sunday School - CONF RM
 9:45 AM Officer Training - Pastor's Office
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 6:00 PM HCE Rehearsal - Chancel Choir RM

Monday, November 27

9:15 AM ECEP Music with Ms. Becky Hill - McAlpine RM
 12:05 PM Pastor's Lunch at the PCSC, Florence
 6:00 PM Elders Supper - CONF RM
 6:30 PM Session Meeting - CONF RM

Tuesday, November 28

8:30 AM Celebration Ringers - Chancel Choir RM
 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group - McAlpine RM

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast - MFH
 4:30 PM Genesis Ringers (4th-5th) - Chancel Choir RM
 5:00 PM CE Advent Workshop for All Ages - MFH Classroom (No Bible Study)

5:00 PM Choristers (1st-5th) - MFH
 5:30 PM Cherubs (3K-5K) - Children's Choir RM
 6:00 PM Wednesdays Together Supper - MFH
 6:45 PM Chancel Choir - Chancel Choir RM

Saturday, December 2

12:00 PM Coker Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 3

9:00 AM Search Committee Meeting - AP/CE Office
 9:45 AM Busy Adults Sunday School - CONF RM
 11:00 AM Worship Service with Communion
 4:00 PM Coker Men's Ensemble Concert - Sanctuary
 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship - Fish House
 5:00 PM Chancel Ringers - Chancel Choir RM
 6:00 PM HCE Rehearsal - Chancel Choir RM

Monday, December 4

9:15 AM ECEP Music with Ms. Becky Hill - McAlpine RM

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 AM Celebration Ringers - Chancel Choir RM
 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group - McAlpine RM

5:30 PM Girl Scouts - MFH

Wednesday, December 6

7:00 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast - MFH
 10:00 AM Soup Kitchen
 4:30 PM **LAST** Genesis Ringers (4th-5th) - Chancel Choir RM
 5:00 PM **LAST** Choristers (1st-5th) - MFH
 5:00 PM Christian Ed (3K) - Children in Worship RM 207B
 5:00 PM Christian Ed (4K-5K) - RM 215
 5:15 PM Bible Study with Dr. Dan - MFH Classroom
 5:15 PM Christian Ed for Youth - CONF RM
 5:30 PM **LAST** Cherubs (3K-5K) - Children's Choir RM
 5:30 PM Christian Ed (1st-3rd) - RM 215
 5:30 PM Christian Ed (4th-5th) - RM 219
 6:00 PM Wednesdays Together Supper - MFH
 6:45 PM Chancel Choir - Chancel Choir RM

Christian Service

ELDER GREETER

November: Gwen Davis

December: David Blackmon

HEAD USHERS

November: Bill Wilson, Alan Hubbard

December: Jeff Scharstein, Vicki Eaddy
Eugene Vaughan

ACOLYTES

November 19: Maddie Smith

November 26: Flora Byrd

AUDIO/VISUAL

November 19: Ronnie Holden

November 26: Ken Hughes

December 3: Ken Hughes

December 10: Todd Rix

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP (RM 207B)

November 19: Lindsay Powell
Nicholas or Nathan Langjahr

November 26: Rita Daniel, youth

December 3: Kate Pennington, Lyne Askins

December 10: Graham Segars, Elizabeth Hubbard

PASTOR'S AIDES

November 20-24: Pastor's Aides on Call

November 27-Dec.1: Gwen Davis, Joye Sansbury
Beverley Dodson

December 4-8: Betty Shepard, Eloise Renck

December 11-15: Mary Lathan Steele, Barbara Lee

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

November 20: Kathy Zalinski

November 21: Ginny Hays

November 22: Barbara Lee, Becky Vincent

November 23: Office closed

November 24: Office closed

November 27: Jane Wheeler, Emma Zold

November 28: Cathy Hines

November 29: Barbara Lee

November 30: Rita Daniel, Ann Gettys

December 1: Betty Shepard

December 4: Kathy Zalinski

December 5: Ginny Hays

December 6: Barbara Lee, Becky Vincent

December 7: Nancy Money, Ann Gettys

December 8: Betty Shepard

December 11: Jane Wheeler, Emma Zold

December 12: Cathy Hines

December 13: Barbara Lee

December 14: Meg Clark, Ann Gettys

December 15: Betty Shepard

December 18: Kathy Zalinski

December 19: Ginny Hays

December 20: Barbara Lee

December 21: Nancy Money, Ann Gettys

December 22: Betty Shepard

December 25: Church Office Closed

December 26: Church Office Closed

December 27: Volunteer not needed

December 28: Ann Gettys (10 am - 2 pm)

December 29: Betty Shepard

Nursery Care

Nursery care is provided during worship for children (under 2) in our infant nursery. It is also provided during worship for children (ages two and three) in our toddler nursery. Following the Children's Moment with the pastor each Sunday, our nursery workers, Mrs. Claudia McDaniel, Mrs. Tamika McDaniel Peguese, Mrs. Doris Chavis, Mrs. Latoya Chavis Wanzer, Ms. Sherry Edwards and Ms. SueAnn Myers, take wonderful care of our children.

Busy Adults Sunday School Class Update

This Sunday, November 19, we'll conclude our study on *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* by John Ortberg. All are invited to participate in an Advent CE study with us starting next Sunday, November 26, in the ground floor conference room at 9:45 a.m. This Adam Hamilton study, *Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem*, helps us explore the meaning of Christmas through the lens of Mary, the mother of Jesus. The study begins with Mary's death and works backwards to recount Mary's story. Please join us for study, discussion and fellowship!

Announcements

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Coffee and juice are available on Sunday mornings in the church narthex from 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Office News

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, for Thanksgiving. The church staff wishes each of you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

Wednesdays Together Supper

While we won't meet during Thanksgiving week, please join your church family again Wednesday evening, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Fellowship Hall for Wednesdays Together Supper! Meals are \$6.00 (ages 6 and up); \$2.00 (ages 5 and under); with a family max of \$20.00. To make reservations, contact the church office (843.332.3622, office@firstpreshart.org) or sign the next week's reservation sheet with Mellany Faes while at supper. **Menu for November 29:** Catered by Hidden Treasures, we'll enjoy chicken and dumplings, green beans, coleslaw, cornbread and carrot cake. **Children's Menu:** macaroni and cheese. **RSVP deadline for this supper is noon Monday, November 27.**

Special Mission Opportunity

Informational meeting for Mission to Lesvos Greece (trip will be summer 2018)

Tuesday, November 28, 6:00 p.m. at the Presbytery of New Harmony

For more information, contact Dr. Lisa B. Culpepper (lisabculpepper@gmail.com; 843.229.0346)

Soup Kitchen

Our next date to serve others in the Hartsville Soup Kitchen is **Wednesday, December 6**. Please contact the church office if you're available to help cook and/or set up and serve that day.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to Men's Prayer Breakfast which meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at Shoney's Restaurant. Join us Tuesday, December 12, at 8:00 a.m.!

Last Newsletter Deadline for this Year: Noon on December 12.

Christmas Baskets/Angel Tree

FPC is again sponsoring the Christmas Baskets/Angel Tree for our families in the area who are less fortunate than ourselves. **Food baskets:** The families who will receive food baskets are defined by the Hartsville school system and by you as church members. If you would like to recommend an individual or family for a food basket, please complete a Christmas basket request form by **Sunday, DECEMBER 3**. Forms are available in the church office. **Angel Tree:** Please choose an angel/angels from our Angel Tree to purchase clothing and a gift for Hartsville children identified by the school system. You may either adopt one, donate money to be used for purchasing things for them, or you can partner with another person to help these children. The **Angel Tree will be available in the narthex after worship Sundays, November 19, November 26 and December 3**. Wrapped gifts must be delivered to the church office by **Monday, December 11**. Please join us on **Saturday, December 16, at 9:00 a.m.** to assemble the food baskets and deliver these along with the gifts. Thank you for showing your love to our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Advent Crosses and Devotionals

The First Sunday of Advent is December 3, 2017. You are encouraged to begin wearing your Advent cross (lovingly made by Mac Cunningham) beginning that Sunday and throughout the season. A limited number of crosses are available in the church office for new members. If you are a new member and have not received a cross, please stop by and pick up one. Advent family devotionals and children's Advent calendars will be available Sunday, November 26, in the narthex.

Announcements

Annual Congregational Christmas Dinner and Play

On Sunday, December 10, we will enjoy our Annual Congregational Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Fellowship Hall. The Annual Christmas Play will take place in the fellowship hall immediately following dinner. Reservations for dinner are not required but please be sure to bring a covered dish with enough food for 12-15 people. The church will provide the meat and drinks. This year's Christmas play is entitled "Wise Guys and Starry Skies" by Kathie Hill. We will also be collecting donations for the Trent Hill Center (cleaning supplies, dish and laundry detergent, hand and body soap). Bring your donation and enjoy an evening that is always a lot of fun!

Advent Memorials and Gifts

Extra memorials and special gifts are our tradition during this Advent Season. The money generated from Advent memorials/gifts will be used to purchase decorations and other worship aids for the sanctuary, narthex and Memorial Fellowship Hall. Donors will be listed on an insert in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24. Forms will be available in the Advent bulletins and narthex. Please return forms with your check to the church office by **Wednesday, December 13**. Make the check payable to First Presbyterian Church, marked "Advent Memorial/Gift."

2017 Advent and Christmas Schedule

Wednesday, November 29

Advent Workshop for All Ages and Children's Music Rehearsals 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays Together Supper 6:00 p.m. Memorial Fellowship Hall (MFH)

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday in Advent

Worship Service and Communion 11:00 a.m.; Coker Men's Ensemble Concert 4:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Thursday, December 7

Congregational Christmas Caroling 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 9

Hartsville Christmas Parade 10:30 a.m.; FPC Early Childhood Education Program's Pancake Lunch with

Mrs. Claus 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. MFH; Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Play 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. MFH

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Service and Christmas Joy Offering 11:00 a.m.

Annual Congregational Christmas Dinner and Play 6:00 p.m. MFH

Friday, December 15

FPC Early Childhood Education Christmas Program 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Saturday, December 16

Christmas Baskets 9:00 a.m. MFH

Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

Festival of Lessons and Carols and Christmas Joy Offering 11:00 a.m.

Live Nativity 5:00 p.m. MFH & Grounds

Thursday, December 21

Hartsville Chamber Ensemble Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

No Sunday School Classes; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Candle-lighting Service 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Worship Service 10:30 a.m. - Refreshments afterward; Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 31 - First Sunday of Christmas

No Sunday School Classes; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

Christian Education and More

Advent Workshop for All Ages

On Wednesday, November 29, all ages are invited to join us for an Advent Workshop. Each family can assemble an Advent wreath for you to use with your devotional during the Advent season. We will make decorations and Chrismons for the tree in the fellowship hall. **Parents**, music activities will meet this evening; however, the regular CE activities will go to Memorial Fellowship Hall. Come on along with your children and have a festive time with us!

Christian Education, Music and Fellowship for All Ages on Wednesdays **God is doing a new thing! Isaiah 43.19**

Children

4:30 PM	Genesis Ringers (4th-5th) - Chancel Choir Room
5:00 PM	Christian Ed (3K) - Children in Worship Room 207B
5:00 PM	Christian Ed (4K-5K) - Room 215
5:00 PM	Choristers (1st-5th) - Memorial Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	Christian Ed (1st-3rd) - Room 215
5:30 PM	Christian Ed (4th-5th) - Room 219
5:30 PM	Cherubs (3K) - Children's Choir Room
5:30 PM	Cherubs (4K) - GRACE Room

Youth

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM Middle School & Senior High Christian Ed - **Conference Room**

Adults

5:15 pm - 6:00 PM Bible Study with Dr. Dan - **Memorial Fellowship Hall Classroom**

Supper for ALL at 6:00 p.m.! Please RSVP for supper by noon on Mondays.

Children in Worship

We have one open date left for helpers: Sunday, December 31. Please contact the church office if you can help on this date. Thank you to all who have signed up to help our children!

ECEP Pancakes with Mrs. Claus

The FPC Early Childhood Education Program will be hosting a pancake lunch fundraiser on Saturday, December 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Fellowship Hall. While Santa is busy finishing up at the parade that morning, Mrs. Claus will be reading stories by the fire and collecting children's letters to Santa. Santa doesn't come down your chimney anymore? Just come enjoy some pancakes! Tickets purchased in advance are \$8 and \$10 at the door. All of our ECE Program families will be selling tickets and some will also be available in the church office.



Youth Ministry

Youth Prayer Breakfast

All middle school and senior high youth are invited to Youth Prayer Breakfast which meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. We will not meet next Wednesday, November 22, due to Thanksgiving. Join us again Wednesday, November 29!

Youth Fellowship

Join us for Youth Fellowship on Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., usually at the Fish House (610 Prestwood Drive). Schedule: This Sunday, Nov. 19 - Service Project; Sunday, Nov. 26: no youth fellowship due to Thanksgiving holiday; Sunday, Dec. 3, Youth Progressive Dinner.

Montreat Youth Fundraiser This Sunday! “Gifts in a Jar”



Immediately following worship this Sunday, November 19, our youth will have a special “Gifts in a Jar” Montreat Fundraiser in the church narthex! Choose from a variety of gifts which include *Santa’s Cookies*, *Pumpkin Cranberry Bread*, *Toffee Blondie Bars* and *Cranberry Winter Cookies*. All ingredients and instructions are included to make these tasty goodies! Should we sell out of your favorite kind, orders will be taken and filled well before Christmas arrives. Cost is \$12.00 each and donations are welcome. Help support the youth and make your Christmas shopping list a whole lot easier this year!

Please keep in prayer our troops as they serve our country: Greg Jones (nephew of Anna Hill), COL Will Zemp (son of Sid Zemp), LT COL Jimmy Liddle (husband of Katie McKorell Liddle), Melissa Holden Miller (daughter of Ronnie Holden), SSGT Kevin Capazzi (son of Joann and Ted Wurzbacher), CAPT Mary Katey Hays (niece of Bob and Ginny Hays), MSGT Steven Turnbach (son-in-law of Bob and Anne Kearns), MAJ Mike and Megan Dumas (family of Andrew and Jill Isola), SGT Patrick Sullivan (brother of Lindsay Powell), and LTJG Kathryn Mitchell-Tyler (friend of Mellany Faes).

Please keep in prayer: The family of H. B. Hunt, the family of John Horton, the family of Jack McGirt, Margie Spires (friend of Mellany Faes), the family of Donald Lucas Morrison, Sr. (brother of Bill Morrison), the family of Mary Sutton Heald (sister of Sara K Wilds), the family of Phil Reyes (father of Clark Reyes - son-in-law of David and Gay Blackmon), Jeri Arledge Watkins (niece of Bobbie Kelley), Brett Burkett (brother of Betsy Kraus), Claire McGee (friend of the congregation), Pablo Rosas (friend of Mellany Faes), Javene Thomas (mother of Mark Sheffield), the family of Blake Edward Hughes (grandson of Ken Hughes), Anthony Szczawinski (father of Eva Letke, friend of the congregation), Charles Gray (friend of Ken Hughes), Maizie Prestwich (mother of P.J. McGirt), Sara Buckles (friend of Sara K Wilds), Paula Kaye Thompson (aunt of Shannon Smith), Tina Galloway Herring, Elza Stout (mother of Gay Blackmon), Charlotte Chesnutt (wife of Calvin Chesnutt), Clyde Stuckey, Ted Wurzbacher, Diane Kever (sister of Denise Kelly), Joe Davis, Don Cuppett (brother of Cathy Cuppett), Michael (nephew of Cathy Cuppett), Sidney Horton, James Menius, Mark Sheffield, our residents at the Presbyterian Communities (Jane Dunlap, Phil and Joan Hart, Lee Langston, Mary Jane McDonald, Olive Timberlake, Libba King - mother of Lisa Fagan, Sara K. Wildeboer, June Allston); Methodist Manor (Pat and Harry Hill); Morningside (Corky Koonts); Thrive at Prince Creek (Ann Dixon) and Elmcroft (Marilyn Lesser).

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November

17th Hunter Segars
20th Curtis Lee, Graham Segars, William Powell
22nd Sarah Tomlinson
23rd Steve Terry
24th Alex Shaw, Cameron Kraus, Mac Cranford
Anne-Hackett Hart Little, Maura Hood
25th Shelli Wilson, Tracy Horton
26th Carla Thompson
27th Bonnie Coker
28th Tucker Prescott
30th Betsy Stanton, Rebecca Rogers Ivie

December

2nd Cole Harrell
6th Stephen Arthur
7th Phillip Gandy, Jr., Katie Richey
8th Andrea Coldwell
9th Sandy McArthur, Tim Timberlake, Kate Davis
10th David Blackmon, Wes Daniels, Kaiti Nutt, Quill Caddell
11th Stan Severance
12th Martha Wallace, Steve Klausmeier, Will Chapman, Becky Hill
13th Ann Marie Hunter, Fitz Ingalls
14th Lane Stogner, Ed Lawton, III, Courtney Kraus
15th Ginny Lyles, Sherri Goode, Ashley Ingalls, Katherine Pennington
16th Donna Maguire, Leah Smith, Mac Liddle
17th Mary Jordan, Bill Morrison, Bo Hill
18th Peter Gruene
21st Isabella Grace Money
23rd Chandler Castleberry, Pam Youngblood
24th Amah Riley, Caleb Riley
25th Emma Webster, Patsy Matthews
27th Peggy Smith, Kaicy Gandy, Andrews Meadows, Ragen Millen
28th Mary Blackmon
29th Chloe Moore
30th Nan Lawton, Bob McKorell, Meredith Dudley
Meredith Johnson, Steve Maguire, Dr. Dan Sansbury
31st Collin Coggeshall, Janie Fuller, James Harrell



Birthdays Blessings