



First Presbyterian Church



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This Sunday at First Pres

It's the Fourth Sunday of Advent: Mary's Magnificat and a glimpse of Christmas! Come join us for a service focused on **Boundless Love**. Pastor Mary Beth will share a piece of art in both services that may give us an idea of what a teenage Mary may have actually felt when she realized the reality of her "yes" to God.

Remember to stay after the 8:30 service or come early to the 10:30 service if you'd like to talk to Pastor MB about membership (or baptism) at First Pres. She'll be hanging around in the parlor with a cup of coffee between the services.

We hope to see you on Sunday! Come worship with your First Pres family either in-person or online at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. this Sunday! You'll be glad you did and so will we! Live Stream links and bulletins are available on the First Pres [website](#).



Longest Night



Pastor Mary Beth will lead a service of worship for the Longest Night tomorrow, Saturday, December 21 at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to be present at this service of healing and hope for those experiencing pain, loss, or disconnection during this season of Advent and Christmas.

Do you have Questions?

Pastor Mary Beth McCandless will host a new member inquiry meeting this Sunday, December 22 from 9:45 to 10:15 in the Parlor. If you have questions - about becoming a member, about First Pres, about the Presbyterian Church in general - join Pastor McCandless for a warm beverage and conversation.



Christmas Joy Offering - December 22



Sitting next to a picture on the wall at her office, LaTrell Clifford Wood accidentally discovered a significant piece of her family's history. The picture was of 1901 Alabama Supreme Court Justice McClellan, whose court oversaw the state constitution that made many broad 'justifications' about why Black people could not vote. "It was McClellan's family who owned my great-great-grandfather's mother. These weren't stories that I knew growing up." But now, the valedictorian of the Class of 2020 at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa does. Read about her story and the story of Presbyterian Related HCBU Stillman College [HERE](#).

Join fellow Presbyterians in giving joyfully and generously to the [Joy Offering](#) this Sunday, December 22.

Special Worship Services

Mark your calendars for these special worship opportunities:

- Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.
Come 'early' to hear the Flute Choir's prelude at 4:40.
- One Worship, Sunday, December 29, 10:30 a.m.
Join the First Pres family in Fellowship Hall for an informal, laid-back morning of worship, coffee, donuts, and *bacon*!



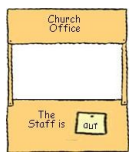
2025 Flowers for Worship

Have you wondered why only sometimes there are flower arrangements in our worship service? The reason flowers appear is that someone wished to remember, honor, or give thanks for someone or something, and sponsored flowers for that particular Sunday. Anyone can participate - and it's as simple as filling out a [form](#) and paying for the flowers. You don't even need to call the florist if you don't want to - the church office can order an arrangement on your direction. You can pay online or by a check to the church office, and if online forms aren't your thing, contact Lora in the church office - by [email](#) or phone (812-423-6297). Thank you for bringing another element of beauty to our worship!



Office Hours

During the Christmas/New Year weeks, the church office will be open on a limited schedule, closing at Noon on each of the "Eves", and reopening the following Mondays. Pastor Mary Beth is reachable by cell or email (812-872-4882; mb@fpcevv.com) in the case of emergencies.



Rooted and Growing



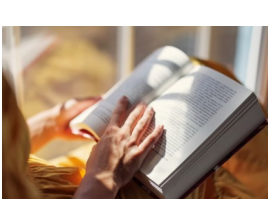
The Generosity Committee is still working to reach our 2025 *Rooted in Faith - Growing to Serve* Stewardship campaign goal of \$431,200. Thank you to everyone who has returned a pledge! If you haven't yet turned in a pledge card - *there's still time!* Pick one up in worship and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office, or fill one out [online!](#) If you have questions, or need a card, please contact [Lora](#) in the church office. Thank you for helping bring *God's impossible Promises* to life!

Dishes!!

Are you missing a favorite serving dish? Does anything in the picture on the left look familiar? A number of items have accumulated in the church kitchen following recent congregational meals and events. If you can't find your favorite drinking vessel, have a look in the box when you're at church this week. Unclaimed items will go to a recycle/thrift organization at the end of the year.



Daily Readings



- Sunday, December 22 [2 Samuel 7:18-29](#)
- Monday, December 23 [Jeremiah 31:10-14](#)
- Tuesday, December 24 [Isaiah 60:1-6](#)
- Wednesday, December 25 [Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4](#)
- Thursday, December 26 [2 Chronicles 24:17-22](#)
- Friday, December 27 [Proverbs 8:22-30](#)
- Saturday, December 28 [Isaiah 49:13-23](#)

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