



Christmas Concerns

During Advent, share Christmas wishes with friends in the FPC congregation by making a donation to Christmas Concerns. Proceeds will be given to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

To participate in Christmas Concerns, write a check to FPC, earmarked "Christmas Concerns," and put it in the offering plate, then sign an ornament and hang it on the Christmas Concerns "Giving Tree" located in the foyer. The names of those who participate in this project will be listed in the December 20th newsletter.

Advent Caroling and Evening Worship

Join us on our Main Street steps for candlelight caroling at 5:45 p.m. followed by worship at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The evening worship is followed by a light supper at 6:30 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.



Wednesday, November 30
Katherine Higgins, preaching

Wednesday, December 7
Chris Karnadi, preaching

Wednesday, December 14
Jennie Belle, preaching

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Young Adults / SCRATCH

Saturday, December 10
10:00 a.m.
at the home of Carlo and Emily Diy

First Friends Advent Potluck

(Adults only)

Saturday, December 10
6:00 p.m.
at the home of Stewart Fisher and Melinda Ruley

Primetimers Covered Dish Supper

Friday, December 16
7:00 p.m.
at the home of Rod and Barbara Gerwe

First Presbyterian Church welcomes individuals of every race, nationality, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

Downtown by history and by choice

Celebrating Advent and Christmas



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Please join us!



Church Office Schedule

The Church Office will be **CLOSED Monday, through Friday, December 26 - 30** for the Christmas holiday and **Monday, January 2** for the New Year's Day holiday.

First Sunday of Advent November 27

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and seasonal music. After worship, pick up purple candles (\$5), a candle holder (\$5), scripture readings, and an Advent calendar so you can celebrate Advent at home.

Second Sunday of Advent December 4

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Advent festival activities for children and youth will take place during Sunday School.

**Worship and Communion
at 11:00 a.m.**

Following worship, the Advent Festival continues and an **Alternative Giving Fair** will be held in Watts-Hill Hall..
Wassail and finger foods provided.

Sunday, December 4

Advent Festival

Alternative Giving Fair

During Sunday School the littlest ones and elementary school children will come enjoy the festival. **Following worship**, older children, youth, and adults can try their hand at craft-making, too!

The **Alternative Giving Fair** will take place **following worship**, featuring our non-profit friends in the community who will be selling gifts to benefit their organizations. Those expected to participate this year include:

Café Justo Durham CAN Donate Life
Families Moving Forward FPC Prayer Shawl Ministry
Habitat for Humanity Housing for New Hope
Human Kindness Foundation Our Children's Place
Prevent Child Abuse NC SEEDS/ Farm Church
Senior PharmAssist StepUp Ministry
Student Farm Workers Urban Ministries of Durham
Threshold Welcome Baby Wheels4Hope

Remember to bring your checkbook!

Third Sunday of Advent December 11

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

**A Service of Lessons and Carols
at 11:00 a.m.**

The PC(USA) *Joy Gift Offering* will be received, supporting financial assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

12:00 Noon–12:30 p.m.

Pageant rehearsal and costume pickup

**5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper
and Carols Sing-A-Long**

Bring a dish to share. If you play an instrument, bring it along and join the improvised orchestra.

Saturday, December 17

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Pageant rehearsal and costume pickup

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

featuring a **Children's Christmas Pageant**
This annual FPC tradition features children dressed in costumes as the Christmas story is told during worship.

Christmas Eve December 24

**A "Live" Broadcast of King's College
"Lessons and Carols"**

Those of you who enjoy listening to the live broadcast of the King's College Service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve morning can come to the FPC sanctuary and hear the 10:00 a.m. broadcast in real time.

Communion and Candlelight Service

5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

The birth of the Christ Child is celebrated in word and song with Holy Communion by candlelight. Childcare provided for younger children. An offering will be received for the Welcome Baby organization.

Christmas Sunday, December 25

No Sunday School

**Worship and Communion
at 11:00 a.m.**

Come gather around the cradle as we sing our favorite carols and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Childcare will be available for younger children. No Evening Youth Groups

Sunday, January 1

No Sunday School

Worship at 11:00 a.m.