



# *The Vine*

12/2/2025

We will be having our last “Family Night Supper” of the year, this Sunday the 7th at 5:30. Please bring your favorite dish and enough to share with others! Beginning at 6:45, Dawn Smith Jordan will have a concert for all of us in the sanctuary. Even If you are unable to come to the Family Night Supper, we invite you to come to the concert.

Christmas is fast approaching and it is time to order the poinsettias that decorate our sanctuary. We will have copies on the table outside of the sanctuary. Please have these in by Wednesday the 17th at 12:00.

## **2025 Pledges**

As of Tuesday, December 2nd, we have received \$293,038.36 with a total pledge amount of \$305,104. Fulfilling your pledge you help us keep faith with our mission partners.

Thank You

## **Retirement Giving**

For those 70 years or older, you can make a direct transfer of up to \$108,000 from your IRA to First Presbyterian Church.

Though you will not get a charitable deduction, the withdrawal can serve as your required minimum distribution. The money will not be taxed and will not count toward your adjusted gross income.

## **2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

As of Monday, December 1st we have received 72 pledges totaling \$395,596. For your convenience, pledge cards are in the pews, or you may mail in your pledge card, or you may email it to our Church Financial Secretary, John Swofford at [John@FirstPresLaurens.org](mailto:John@FirstPresLaurens.org).

## Calendar of Events

<u>December 7th</u>	The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
<u>December 7th</u>	5:30 Family Night Supper with "Dawn Smith Jordan"
<u>December 9th</u>	Staff Meeting and Knitting Group at 10:00
<u>December 13th</u>	WOC Bake Sale
<u>December 16th</u>	Staff Meeting, Knitting group 10:00 & Seniors' Christmas Party
<u>December 17th</u>	Bells 6:30 and Choir at 7:15
<u>December 21st</u>	Sunday School in Hunter Hall, Worship—Lessons and Carols
<u>December 23rd</u>	Staff Meeting 10:00
<u>December 24th</u>	Christmas Eve Service 4:00 (Music begins at 3:30)
<u>December 28th</u>	No Sunday School or Evening Activities

## **Ladies of our Church:**

Our Bake Sale is fast approaching us. Saturday, December 13th from 9:00-noon. We need you to support this, if possible. It's our only fundraiser. Look through your cookbooks and kitchen cabinets to see what you can come up with to sell!!! The church will be open Thursday and Friday morning for you to drop off your items! Thank you, Susan Todd

## ***USHERS***

December 7, 2025

Luke  
Travis Thomas\*  
Scott Todd  
Emily Todd  
Jan Gibbs

December 14, 2025

John  
Rick Thompson\*  
Wayne Neal  
Lloyd Hammond  
Tommy Smith

December 21, 2025

Acts  
Byron Parker\*  
Gail Parker  
Erskine Thomason  
Tony Bailey

December 28, 2025

Romans  
Byron Parker\*  
Gail Parker  
Jimmy Todd  
Susan Todd

Safety Team Leader— Travis Thomas

## **Church Flowers**

December 7, 2025

**Jean Whitley**

December 14, 2025

**Wayne & Rosemary Wicker**

December 21st & 28th

**The flowers are provided by  
the Women of the Church.**