

SUNDAY

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- 8:30 AM Worship Service in the Chapel
- 9:45 AM Advent Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary (Live Streamed at www.firstpresvb.org)
- 5:00 PM All Youth Groups decorate the Courtyard for Christmas
- 6:00 PM Boy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall

MONDAY

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- 2:00 PM Memorial Service for Mary Gaspar Hood in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY

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- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Church Staff meeting
- 6:30 PM Ladies By The Sea in the Youth Center
- 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee by Zoom

WEDNESDAY

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- 1:00 PM Closely Knit in the Parlor

THURSDAY**December**

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- 3:00 PM Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM 12 Step PAN Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

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- 6:30 PM 12 Step PAN Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY

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- 7:30 PM Virginia Choral Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY

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- 8:30 AM Worship in the Chapel
- 9:45 AM Advent Sunday School on the Youth Building Lawn
- 11:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary (Live Streamed at www.firstpresvb.org)
- 12:00 PM Middle School Youth Lunch & Bethlehem Walk
- 4:00 PM Beers and Carols at Smartmouth brewing
- 6:00 PM Boy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM High School Youth Norfolk Botanical Gardens

Poinsettias

The First Church Flower Guild will be adding to the beauty of our Sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas season with poinsettias purchased by our members in honor or memory of loved ones. Complete the form below and return it to the church office via email (office@firstpresvb.org) or mail (300 36th St., Virginia Beach, VA 23451) with your check for \$16 made payable to FPC and designated "poinsettia." If you indicate on your order that you intend to take your poinsettia, please do so after the 11:00 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve or on Monday, December 27. Thursday, November 30 is the deadline for ordering and paying for poinsettias.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

TAKE PLANT(S) HOME? Yes _____ No _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Pledge Dedication Sunday may be past us, but it is not too late to turn in your pledge for giving to the church in 2023. Pledge cards are available in your pews and can be placed into the offering plates or dropped off at the church office. Thank you for your continued support to the church!

Virginia Chorale Christmas Concert Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 PM. Discount tickets of \$15.00 each are available for you and your friends. Let David Kunkel know how many tickets you want, and he will have them for you in the Narthex the evening of the concert.

Join us for Christmas Carol singing on Sunday, December 4, at 4pm at Smartmouth Brewing, 313 32nd Street. Together, we will enjoy singing our favorite Christmas hymns, even if you can't carry a tune, as well as drinks and pizza. Come on over for some Advent fun!

Join us for our third year of the Reverse Advent Calendar! Use the list in your newsletter to build a box of food donations throughout the season of Advent that will stock our food pantry for the months ahead. Each day, take the item from the list and place it in the box. At the conclusion of Advent, you can bring your Reverse Advent food boxes and drop them at the church after December 27.

On Sunday, December 11, we will continue our beloved FPC tradition of the Advent Dinner and Concert. Dinner will begin at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. The menu will include chicken served over country ham, green beans almandine, roasted potatoes, garden salad, rolls, and apple crisp. Register on Realm or call the church office to make your reservation by December 4. The cost is \$10 per person, with a maximum of \$30 per family. Children under 12 eat for free. At 7pm, we will gather in the Sanctuary for our annual Advent Concert. This year's Christmas Concert will be full of carols and songs. Some old, some new, but all enjoyable. An orchestra of strings, flute, harp, and percussion will join our choir and organ to perform some of your favorite Christmas pieces.

Join the Sojourners for lunch on December 13. We will meet at Mahi's restaurant at 11:00am. Please sign up on Realm or call the Church office.

You're invited to a Christmas party on Tues. Dec. 20th, 11:00 - 1:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. There will be homemade soups, songs, stories, and Christmas trivia, too. Larry Van Nostrand, song writer and carol leader, will provide the music. Jacqui Horton will tell a Christmas story, and volunteers, under the direction of Trina Marson, will share their favorite pots of soup for you to sample and enjoy. The event is free but you need to sign up so we can prepare the room. Sign up online on Realm or call the Church Office 757-428-6332. Need a ride? contact Jacqui 757-419-0616.

Advent Sunday school will bring exciting intergenerational opportunities each Sunday morning in the season of Advent at 9:45am! Join us for 1 or all of these fun and informative events.

Sunday, December 11: Join us for Mission Sunday! Meet in Fellowship Hall for a number of different mission activities for servants of all ages. Whether we are packing food bags, making sandwiches, or writing cards, we will serve God together during the Sunday school hour.

Sunday, December 18: Don't miss music and cookies this Sunday morning. First, Bonnie Lambert-Baxter and her children's and handbell choirs will offer a performance of Christmas music. When they conclude, we will enjoy a good, old fashioned cookie exchange. The rules of the cookie exchange are simple: bring cookies, take cookies! Bring a dozen cookies to offer and then go through and pick a dozen cookies to take home.

If your child (ages 3 and up) would like to participate in helping the story of Jesus' birth come to life in our Christmas Eve family service at 4pm, please sign up on Realm or contact Dee Dee Carson by December 14. Children will dress up as angels, animals, shepherds, or wise men, and come forward during the service. Participants will need to arrive to the church by 3:15pm on Christmas Eve.