



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
CHATTANOOGA

**Announcements for the week of
December 9, 2018**

Deacon on Call: Paul Laskowske & John Parkhurst

This Week at FPCC

Sunday, December 9

8:30 AM Early Worship Service, Sanctuary

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:55 AM Fellowship Worship Service, Fell. Hall
Late Worship Service, Sanctuary

12:15 PM Coffee/Coke Fellowship, Coffee Lounge

Monday, December 10

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Time, Session Room

10:00 AM Women's Monday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, December 11

12:00 PM Beatitude Living, Tower 404

Wednesday, December 12

4:30 PM Deacon-on-Call Appts., Deacon Office

6:15 PM Rapha Classes, Tower 3rd Floor

Children's Choir Practice, Jr. Department

Thursday, December 13

10:30 AM It's a Wonderful Life!, Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 14

8:30 AM Salvation Army Ministry

12:00 PM Card-E-Ology, Tower 10th Floor

6:30 PM Girls' Ice Skate Date, Ice on the Landing

Saturday, December 15

**SPECIAL SERVICE TIMES
FOR CHRISTMAS**

Sundays, December 23 & 30

Worship Services at 10:30am in sanctuary.
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, December 24

Communion Worship Service at 5:00 PM

WORLD MISSIONS

A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes... and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Advent season is a unique time for our mission partners as people tend to be more open to hearing the story of the birth of Jesus during the Christmas holiday. Invitations to special services, meals, and musical productions are being proffered by our partners to draw people into church where the gospel message is proclaimed. Please be in prayer for our mission partners who labor so faithfully and diligently especially at this time of year in order to reach those who see Christmas day only as a secular holiday or simply as a regular day. May many come to know the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord and glorify God to the ends of the earth.

**GERMANY CHURCH PLANTING
PARTNERSHIP**

Since 2005, First Presbyterian Church has been an integral part in the start up of gospel-centered churches in Germany in the cities of Berlin and Hamburg and soon to be in Leipzig in January. We give praise to the Lord for the churches he has allowed us to help plant in Germany that are now self supporting—the *Berlinprojekt*, the *Hamburgprojekt*, and the *Kreuzbergprojekt*. Please keep the families and ministries of these founding pastors in your prayers: Christian Nowatzky and Konstantin von Abendroth (*Berlinprojekt*), Daniel Bartz (*Hamburgprojekt*), Fridtjof Leemhuis (*Kreuzbergprojekt*), and André Meyer (*Leipzigprojekt*).

Christmas or "Weihnachten" is considered by Germans to be the most important of the major holidays. Although secularized and commercialized compared to Christmas celebrations of the past, the German holiday season is a time for introspection, celebration, family, and friends.

2018 BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$923,000

Correction: Contributions to Date: \$718,368

Correction: Remaining Need to Fund Budget (by December 31, 2018): \$204,632

2019 WM FAITH PROMISE GOAL: \$900,000

Pledges to Date: \$367,902 (41%)

Remaining Need: \$532,098

*Your financial and prayer support of the
ministry is greatly appreciated.*

First Presbyterian World Missions
Church Planting Movements in Strategic Global Cities

MUSIC MINISTRY

THANK YOU!!!

What a privilege to honor our magnificent “Alpha and Omega” in the concerts this past weekend, and to hear from members and visitors about how they experienced the presence of the Lord and glimpsed His beauty and His glory. BIG THANKS go to many who have partnered and worked with excellence to present the concerts. First, to our beloved FPC Choir family and soloists, Bryan College Chamber Singers, and Tabernacle Praise orchestra, Susan Whitacre and guest string players, directors David Luther, John Feezell and student director Laura Neff. To our lovely accompanists, Sigrid Luther and Judy Glass. To Paul Laskowsky for the beautiful Scripture narrating. To our excellent sound and technical directors, Virginia Campbell and Seth Pangle. To our wonderful graphics/program/folder ladies, Julia Cope, Sophie Johnson, and Carolyn Parkhurst. To our logistics/seating leaders, Richard Lockery and Sharon Rorex. To our choir volunteers who provided the food and drink for the choir and orchestra, Kris Winkler, Cheryl Ayres, and Priscilla George. To Misha Sisco and Lauren Snyder who provided nursery care for the children. To Chris Ehlers and Tim Tinsley for praying and greeting. To Barry Heywood for organizing the ushering. And to SO MANY of you who prayed for us and for the ministry of the concerts to our Church and Community. God answered ABOVE AND BEYOND all we could ask or imagine!! Most of all, I am thankful to our magnificent Lord and Savior, the reason we celebrate, sing, and worship together in this very special season.

With a grateful heart,
Kelly

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Children’s Choir practice:

Wednesday, December 12th, 6:15-7:30pm, Drop-Off/
Pick-Up in Junior Department. Rehearsal in sanctuary.

Pre-service Christmas program:

Sunday, December 16th, Children’s choir gathers at
10:00am in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS CAKES ARE HERE!

Participate in the joy of delivering Christmas cakes to our FPC family who are homebound or hospitalized. Cakes are available for pick-up in the Connector today, Sunday, Dec. 9th after each worship service and Monday, Dec. 10th during church office hours. Thank you for your loving participation!

IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE!

Thursday, December 13th, 10:30 am

“Christmas Music in the Air”

Come enjoy a special musical performance with Carman Wolf, pianist, Holly Fe de Leon, violinist, and Richard Lockery, soloist.

Fellowship begins at 10:30AM with the meeting starting at 11AM followed by a lunch at a cost of \$6. RSVP to Janette Barnes, 432-4056, or Rosa Wrenn, 443-7573.

FLOWER MINISTRY

Flowers will be arranged & delivered today following the late worship service by the Bonded in Fellowship Bible Study. All volunteers are welcome.

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