



Season of Wonder@First

December 3 - January 20

DECEMBER – PART I

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16

First Sunday of Advent, Communion Sunday, Food Sunday, Advent: Season of Wonder Intergenerational Celebration, Holiday Benevolence Market (noon-3:00 p.m.)@Covenant Presbyterian Church, Angel Tree Gifts Drop-off Deadline

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Holiday Benevolence Market – hosted this year by Covenant Presbyterian Church (1065 Gaines School Road, Athens, GA. 30605), choose meaningful and symbolic gifts on the shopping lists of 30+ non-profit mission partners. You can shop in person from noon - 3:00 p.m., or purchase your gifts online by **December 31**.



Second Sunday of Advent, Festival of Lessons & Carols, Intergenerational Sunday School Christmas Social (9:45 a.m.), Middle School Christmas Party (12:30 p.m.), High School Christmas Party (6:00 p.m.)

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Join us for A Festival of Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 10**, at 11:00 a.m., led by the choirs of First Presbyterian Church, accompanied by a brass quintet. The service will include music by Harold Darke, Crawford Thoburn, and David Willcocks.



Christmas Tea at FPC, Thursday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.

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All are welcome to attend the annual Christmas Tea hosted by the Senior Adult Ministry on **Thursday, December 14**, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. It will feature The Mellows leading Christmas songs and a message by Dr. Ryan Baer. Please RSVP to the church office at (706) 543-4338 by **Monday, December 11**.



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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Third Sunday of Advent, Christmas Joy Offering, Children's Ministry
Very Merry Sunday Morning, Youth Dinner & Movie

Christmas Joy Offering – Support the Assistance Program for PCUSA church workers and educational/leadership programs for students of color with a financial contribution at worship on **December 17** or via mail or website by **December 31**.



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Service of the Longest Night, Thursday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we pray with and for those in our community who may be hurting and grieving, while remembering that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent, Morning of Wonder 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Christmas Eve Services 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. (Communion Candlelight Services), Dr. Ryan Baer preaching

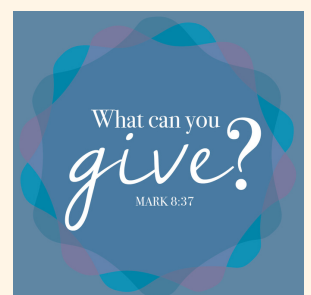
Join us in-person or online on Facebook or YouTube on this most holy day as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. At 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. services, prelude will begin 30 minutes before.



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Estimate of Giving Reminder

Thank you to all who submitted an estimate of giving for 2024. We depend on the generosity of everyone to support our ministries and missions. If you have not yet submitted an estimate of giving, please do so by **December 28 at noon** so the Session can plan the 2024 budget. You may mail your estimate of giving to the church office, or submit it online at firstpresathens.org/give. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Adams at jadams@firstpresathens.org.





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JANUARY

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31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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- 31 One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m., Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 7 Epiphany, Communion Sunday, Reception for the Rev. Leigh Bonner
Please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 7, after the 11:00 a.m. service for a reception in honor of Rev. Leigh Bonner.
- 12 High School Winter Retreat through January 15
- 14 Worship Services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m., The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching
- 15 Monday, January 15, MLK Day of Service
Be a part of the 2024 MLK Day of Service in Athens! Stay tuned for more information about volunteering opportunities.
- 16 Tuesday, January 16, Weekday School Registration for Fall 2023 Begins
Our Weekday School is a half-day church preschool serving 3 months through 5 years. Registration for Fall 2024 begins on January 16. Questions? Call our director, Elaine Johnson, at (706) 206-8180 or e-mail elaine@firstpresathens.org.



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