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STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH at Pleasant Hill

Working together to follow Christ in joyfully
serving our neighbors as compassionate,
connected, contributing, everyday disciples

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YOUR YEARLY BIBLE READING PLAN

IF YOU'RE READING THE BIBLE IN BOOK OR-
DER: BY NEXT FRIDAY READ 1 AND 2 TIMOTHY,
PHILEMON, TITUS, AND HEBREWS.

IF YOU'RE READING THE BIBLE IN CHRONO-
LOGICAL ORDER: PLEASE SEE

[PAGE 2 OR CLICK HERE.](#)

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Upcoming Worship

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM

ELDER GREETERS	PRICE FREEMAN, CHERYL SIMERLY
DEACON USHERS	BILL FERGUSON, JENNIFER IRMIES, SKYLAR MORGAN, BECKY NEELY, DAVID GILES
COUNTERS	BILL HARRAMAN, ANGIE NEEL
SIGNERS	BILL HARRAMAN, PAM HORACK

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS WILL BE GIVEN TO
THE GLORY OF God AND IN CELEBRA-
TION OF ALLI SALMON'S 16TH BIRTHDAY
ON DECEMBER 12TH BY HER PARENTS, AA-
RON & MEG SALMON.



THE 2024 FLOWER SIGN-UP POSTER IS ON
THE BULLETIN BOARD TO THE RIGHT OF
THE CHURCH OFFICE. IT IS AS EASY AS
WRITING YOUR NAME IN A BLANK. THE
CHURCH WILL CALL YOU FOR DETAILS AND
PAYMENT. DONATION IS \$50.

LAST WEEK'S MORNING WORSHIP:

INHOUSE 262	CHILDREN 32	NURSERY 3	YOUTUBE VIEWS 75	FACEBOOK VIEWS 21	TOTAL 358
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Odds and Ends

Your Yearly Bible Reading Plan (cont.)

12/13/2024: Acts 27 - 28

12/14/2024: Colossians 1 - 4; Philemon

12/15/2024: Ephesians 1 - 6

12/16/2024: Philippians 1 - 4

12/17/2024: 1 Timothy 1 - 6

12/18/2024: Titus 1 - 3

12/19/2024: 1 Peter 1 - 5

If you'd like a head start, next Friday will be Hebrews 1 - 6.



J - Walkers

NEEDS YOU!

Calling J-Walkers Volunteers! Please consider signing up to spend time with some of our youngest members in our J-Walkers program.

All you do is serve a snack, conduct an easy prepared lesson, and have fun! To sign up, please follow this QR code or talk to Chris Murphy. Youth are welcome to sign up as the second helper.

If you are 18 or older, you must pass a background check.

Those serving:

December 8: Rachel and Mary Lou

December 22: WE NEED YOU! Follow the QR code!

December 29: WE NEED YOU! Follow the QR code!



Jeff Brenner wants everyone to know how much he greatly appreciates everyone's prayers. He is back to work now and is doing fine!

Money Management Tips

We have 5 Sunday's in December, so next Sunday will be a recipe, and we will have Kid's Corner on Dec. 22 and a special corner for Dec. 29. Do you have any suggestions for this corner for next year?

My son asked me recently, what's the greatest money lesson I've learned? My answer for him was "whatever you have done to your finances, you can undo. If it was "bad", you can fix it. If you have had great success, congratulations, but you can still mess it up." Don't assume because today is what it is, tomorrow will be the same. Step up. You can make great things happen! Here is looking to a glorious 2025!



Calendar and Events

UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

Saturday - Children's Dress Rehearsal	Wednesday
Sunday - 3rd Sunday of Advent	08:30 am - Preschool Christmas Program
09:30 am - Donuts, Coffee & Sunday School	08:00 pm - AA
10:30 am - Children's Music Presentation	Thursday
11:30 am - Christmas Luncheon with <i>Santa!</i> 	10:00 am - Beyond the Word
1:00 pm - Caroling	10:00 am - Shut-In meal prep and delivery
08:00 pm - AA	Sunday - 4th Sunday of Advent
Monday	09:30 am - Coffee & Sunday School
11:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	10:30 am - Worship
11:30 am - Grief Journey	Tuesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve
Tuesday	05:30 pm - Love Feast
11:30 am - Staff Meeting	
6:30 pm - Men's Fellowship at Jim 'N Nick's	BRING IN A BIRTHDAY CARD FOR FORREST NUNNALLY'S
7:00 pm - Session	100TH BIRTHDAY! DUE DEC. 29!!



Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

December

- 14 — Children's Music Program **DRESS REHEARSAL**
- 15 — Children's Music Program
- 15 — Congregational meeting immediately after service. See details, page 5.
- 15 — Congregational Christmas Luncheon after service in multipurpose room with off-campus caroling to follow
- 15 -- Registration for January's Faith and Family dinner opens
- 16 -- Last day to turn in payment and registration form for a poinsettia! Call the office if you need to submit a last minute request.
- 17 — Men's Fellowship at Jim 'N Nick's
- 17 — Session Meeting
- 24 — Love Feast at 5:30pm
- 25 — Christmas (Office Closed)
- 26 — Office Closed
- 29 — 10 Cents A Meal Sunday
- 31 — New Year's Eve

January

- 01 - New Year's Day (office closed)
- 05 - Communion
- 05 - Star Sunday
- 06 - Admin and Personnel meeting
- 06 - Registration for Faith and Family dinner closes at noon
- 07 - Christian Growth meeting
- 08 - Faith and Family Dinner
- 09 - Congregational Care meeting
- 10 - Crafts Fellowship
- 12 - Youth Group Sunday
- 14 - Finance Committee meeting
- 16 - Shut-in meal prep and delivery
- 21 - Men's Fellowship at Jim 'N Nicks
- 26 - 10 Cents A Meal Sunday
- 28 - Session meeting



Advent Season



SCOPH MUSIC
Christmas Music Schedule

Sunday, 12.1	10:30 am: Palisades High School Choir
Sunday, 12.8	10:30 am: Adult Christmas Music Presentation
Sunday, 12.15	10:30 am: Children's Christmas Music Presentation

Keep up with the music schedule for the month of December!

IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE DECEMBER 8TH OR 15TH WORSHIP, REMEMBER THERE IS REHEARSAL THE DAY BEFORE FOR ALL THOSE INVOLVED.



Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary through sponsoring a poinsettia?

See the insert in Sunday's bulletin, and include your offer of donation. All slips must be turned in with payment by December 16. You may donate **HERE** (in the drop down menu choose "Flowers"), but you will still need to turn in a paper form with information regarding flower dedication.



The Christmas Luncheon and Caroling

You are invited to a very special Christmas luncheon and fellowship on Sunday, December 15 following our church service.

Santa will be making an appearance!

There will be caroling off campus following the luncheon.

The menu is as follows:

Baked turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, and bread.

If you would like, please bring your best dessert.

There is no cost, but we do ask that you sign up so there is adequate food for everyone.

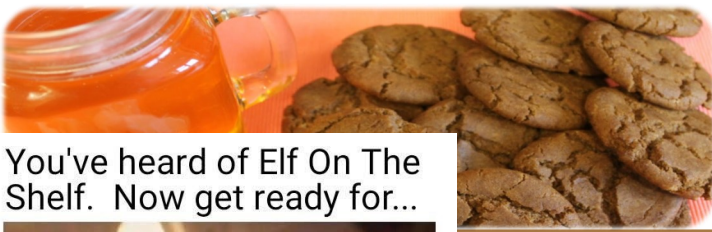
Please sign-up using the insert in Sunday's bulletin or by following this link:

[Christmas Luncheon and Caroling - Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill](#)



We are asking for two or three people to help pour cider on December 23 from 10 am - noon.

Please reach out to the church office to sign-up. 704-588-1290.



You've heard of Elf On The Shelf. Now get ready for...



We need "Ewe in the Pew" every Sunday!

Missions & Ministries

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS: The Session has called two Congregational Meetings. The first will occur on Sunday, December 15th, immediately after church to elect the Congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee. Those individuals being considered are David Giles, Bill Harraman, Toni McCall, and Rachel Steele. They will serve with 2 members of the Session and one member of the Diaconate.

The second Congregational Meeting will occur on Sunday, January 5th, immediately after worship to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and proceed with the election of Elders and Deacons to serve in the class of 2026, if the way be clear.

Please refer any suggestion for individuals to serve as an Elder or Deacon in the class of 2026 to Al Winget or Cheryl Simerly.

2025 Stewardship Campaign

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign has started. It was scheduled to run for 5 Sundays. This Sunday, December 15 will be our fifth Sunday of the scheduled campaign! The slide is current as of today, December 13. As you can see we look like we are behind. With 2 days left, I

would assume we should be about 100% towards our goal at this point. Will the stewardship campaign committee add days to the campaign?

PLEDGE ONLINE TODAY!

If you need help submitting your pledge electronically, there will be 3 people in the church lobby on Sunday to assist you. They will have large iPads open to the online pledge form and will pass it to you so you can submit your info without anyone seeing the screen.

PLEDGE ONLINE TODAY!

When pledging, the amount you put in the blank is multiplied by the frequency choice you make. If you choose to pledge \$1000 for the year, but intend to give weekly, divide the \$1000 by 52 (the number of weeks in a year) and put that amount in the blank. If you select weekly and write \$1000 in the blank, it appears you will give \$1000 per week for a total of \$52,000/year.



Christmas Joy Offering

December 1 - December 22, 2024

[Presbyterian Special Offerings - Christmas Joy](#)

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-

related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years

To learn more, participate, and give, please follow the link above or complete an envelope at church and put it in the offering plate.

Prayer Concerns

Please be in prayer for the following that they receive peace, comfort, support, healing, strength, and the love of Christ as He knows all the needs of all people. For more details on each, please see Church Center's Prayer List.

Condolences

- † Our sincerest condolences to Rebecca Economon, her family and friends on the passing of her father, Robert Gordon Haskett.
- † Our deepest condolences to Grace Saylor, her family and friends on the passing of her husband Ken on December 5.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- † Pray for the DHSS Agencies in both North and South Carolina for the challenges they are facing in carrying out their mission regarding foster children and foster families.
- † Prayers for the people affected by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia.
- † Prayers for those affected by Hurricane Milton in Florida.
- † Pray for the country of Ukraine and its people.
- † Pray for the country and people of Israel. Also, please pray for the safe return of

the hostages being held by Hamas and for the killing of further people to be stopped.

General Health Concerns

- † Linda Clark fell and is in Mercy Hospital.
- † George and Betty Davis would like prayers for George's health.
- † James, the infant son of Tim and Terry Gillette's niece, Jordan, is still in the NICU. He is expected to be there until December. He is gaining weight, and his breathing is improving. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.
- † Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith is doing better. He's able to go to rehab.

Cancer

- † Jennifer Belk, caregiver for Margaret Wert and Hannah Maurer, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. The surgery is scheduled for next week. Please be in prayer.
- † Jim Ragan a friend of Pastor Jeff's was recently diagnosed with Lymphoma. He is requesting prayer.

† David Carter, friend and co worker of Mac Winget is responding well to his treatment for Lymphoma. Please continue to pray for him and his family.

† Raquel Mercer, sister of Ragan Haston and daughter of Gina and Tom Settlemyre, had surgery at Duke. She continues to need prayers as she receives treatments which is a process over a long period of time. Her family thanks you for your prayers.

† Kaarin Record had started her chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for her and her husband Don.

† Allison Spratt has completed her radiation treatments and now has 39 targeted chemo treatments before proceeding with her next surgery.

† Carol Pridgen, Betty Small's sister, was back at Duke yesterday. They did CT scans. The spots on her lungs are disappearing. The chemo is also doing what it is supposed to do on her tumor. They were all pleased. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

† Ruth McGaha met with her doctor regarding her scan. She is able to travel and visit with family.

† Elaine Scarborough has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers. Her latest scan has shown spread. She will start radiation soon. Please continue to pray for her.

† Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore, has been diagnosed with liver cancer in addition to pancreatic cancer. He is continuing chemo treatments.

† Dave Prouty, a friend of the Morgan's, had a recent cancer scan that reveals his cancer has advanced. Please pray for him, his wife and twin daughters.

Ongoing Illness

† Cooper Freeman has returned home following surgery and rehab. Please pray for his continued recovery.

† Mrs. Darrell Bonapart is still suffering the side effects of long Covid. She and her husband appreciate all prayers lifted up for them.

† John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law, has been put on the kidney transplant list. Please pray for this to happen timely and for a donor match to be found.

Fostering the Family

† Fostering the Family asks for prayers for all of our support churches and care communities that are wrapping around these vulnerable families.

† Please pray for the organization *Fostering the Family* and the children that are looking to be adopted.

Military

*****When we have someone serving outside of the U.S., we remember them, by lighting a candle, until they return. Please be in prayer for them.***

† ******Brian Cox, US Air Force, Italy

† Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado

† Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia

† ******Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea

† Will Warsaw, US Navy, North Carolina

College Students

Clay Ferguson	Ben Shanti
Kelly Ferguson	Casey Snyder
Alexa Hill	Regan Snyder
Donald Horack	Andrew Tanner
Melinda Moore	Charlie Warnke

Homebound

Joan Brown	Hannah Maurer
Linda Clark	Pat McCorkle
Joyce Carpenter	Sarah Middleton
Dot Earp	Forrest Nunnally
Cooper Freeman, III	Gerry Roberts Kat Sparrow
Katharine Freeman	Mike Spratt
Louise Freeman	Margaret Wert
Elaine Kotraba	Wayne Whiteside