FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

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November 22, 2026 "The Name Above Every Name"

Hanging of the Greens
Take a few moments after the 10:30 am services to join us for our annual Hanging of the Greens. We'll be transforming the church with Advent greenery and decorations. It's a time of friendship, connection, and Advent anticipation.

We'll decorate the church, have lunch, and enjoy hot cocoa and cookies together. Please join us even if you did not RSVP. All are welcome.

Schedule Changes
We will not be having our regular Grow Nights this coming Wednesday, Nov. 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Men's Group, however, will meet in the Library for a Thanksgiving dinner. The church offices will also be closed this coming Thursday and Friday for the holiday.

New Member Orientation
Have you been attending FPC and wondered about membership? Make plans to attend the New Member Orientation at 9:15 am on Dec. 6 in the Library. You'll have a chance to learn more about FPC and about membership. RSVP on the Church Center app.

Glory of Christmas
It's time! For many of us, Glory of Christmas officially signals the Christmas season has begun. Glory of Christmas will be held on Monday, Dec. 7 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to this free concert. Doors open at 6 pm.

This year's concert focuses on the theme "The Wonder of His Love." Come experience love incarnate through this musical offering honoring the gift of love through the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. Come, be filled with wonder at sweeping orchestrations and beautiful choral singing leaving you inspired for the Christmas season.

Job Opening
We are accepting applications for Director of College and Young Adult Ministries. The job description is available on the FPC website (fpclakeland.org). Contact Pastor Zac (zmcgowen@fpclakeland.org) for additional information.

Operation Christmas Child
The annual Operation Christmas Child (OCC) collection ends tomorrow. FPC is a community collection center for the boxes, and boxes will be accepted between 9 and 11 am tomorrow morning.

When you drop off your shoebox, please include $10 for Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse. Information on packing a shoebox is available on the FPC website.

Montreat Pie Sale
Our youth worship band is holding a pie fundraiser today to help raise funds for their summer trip to Montreat. Stop by the Welcome Center after the 10:30 am services and buy a pie for your holiday celebration.

Upcoming Events

Montreat Pie Sale | Nov. 22 | 11:30 am | Welcome Center
Let the youth worship band provide your holiday pies.
Hanging of the Greens | Nov. 22 | 11:30 am | Join us as we decorate the church for Advent
Thanksgiving Holiday | Nov. 26 & 27 | Church offices closed
Montreat Stocking Stuffer Fundraiser | Sundays in December | Welcome Center
Giving Tuesday | Dec. 1 | Be watching for more information
Children's Christmas Workshop | Dec. 2 | 6 pm | Children's Area
OAM Christmas at Bok Tower | Dec. 4 | leave the church at 9 am | $25 per person | RSVP with Sandie or in the Church Center app
New Member Orientation | Dec. 6 | 9:15 am | Library
Glory of Christmas | Dec. 7 | 7 pm | Sanctuary
Family Movie Night | Dec. 9 | 6 pm | Loudon Hall
Women's Jingle & Mingle Ornament Exchange | Dec. 10 6:30 pm | offsite | Register on the Church Center app
OAM Spirit of Service | Dec. 11 | 10 am | Room A
Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser | Dec. 13 | Room A
Donations help with their summer trip to Realife Camp
Reclaiming Manhood | Dec. 13 | 11:30 am | Library
Tom Ingui Bach Concert | Dec. 13 | 3 pm | Sanctuary
Caroling to Homebound | Dec. 18 | 5 pm | meet at church for pizza before caroling

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