



Dear Saints of Spring Hill,

As we move from this season of thanksgiving and stewardship to Advent, I want to share my heartfelt gratitude for those who have already turned in your pledges and time & talent forms. Your commitments help sustain our ministries and give us a clearer picture of how we can faithfully step forward into the future God is preparing for Spring Hill Presbyterian Church.

If you have not yet made your pledge, I invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. Your generosity directly supports the strength and stability we need as we begin our new chapter: calling an Associate Pastor for Discipleship Formation.

Where We Are Now

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has begun its work and already met several times. They are diligently shaping the narratives and materials that will soon be posted online in the PC(USA) search system. This is a thoughtful, Spirit-led process that needs the insight, wisdom, and prayers of the whole congregation.

As a Session and staff, we have worked together to develop a detailed job description that reflects who we are and who we hope to become. But this position is not meant to be created from my vision and session input. It must rise out of the lived experience, hopes, and dreams of the people who make Spring Hill their spiritual home.

We Need Your Voice

To help guide this process, the APNC is asking for your reflections on four critical questions, each designed to help clarify the shape of the ministry we are seeking to build:

1. What are Spring Hill Presbyterian Church's major strengths from your perspective?
2. What are the major limitations and/or possible areas for improvement at SHPC?
3. What should be the new Associate Pastor's major priorities, opportunities, and challenges? What personal and professional characteristics do you believe this person will need to thrive in leadership here?

Why Your Input Matters

We are creating a pastoral role that will help weave together our worship, mission, education, fellowship, and spiritual practices into a holistic life of discipleship. This position will help us grow in covenant relationship with God and one another, discover deeper purpose in our ministries, and nurture the spiritual life of our whole congregation.

This is why your insights matter. Your stories and hopes will help shape not only a job description, but a vision for who we are becoming.

A Prayer for Our Journey

As we move forward in this work, I ask you to:

- Pray for our APNC
- Share your voice and perspective
- Continue supporting the church financially and spiritually

And stay attentive to how God is calling each of us to grow in grace

Together we are building something rooted in gratitude, shaped by listening, and grounded in our shared call to follow Jesus Christ.

With hope and thanksgiving,

Rev. Brandon E. Miles

ADVENT-ures in Music

Special music will ring out throughout the church during the season of Advent, and you won't want to miss any of it! Here are the "musts":



December 7 – The children and youth choirs help to lead in worship. Then in the afternoon, you won't want to miss the *Christmas Pops* concert in the Fellowship Hall at 2 PM. I and several friends from the choir will be presenting piano selections such as

Christmastime is here and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, vocal selections such as *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* and *It's a Marshmallow World*, organ selections such as *Carol Rhapsody* and *What Child is This?*, and an audience sing-along of holiday favorites!



December 14 – The chancel choir will be joined by chamber orchestra to present a Mobile premiere of Taylor Scott Davis's setting of the *Magnificat*, the song that Mary sang when the angel Gabriel announced that she was to give

birth. You will be blessed by this at times joyous and at times reflective cantata.

December 21 – The Spring Hill Ringers and Chancel Choir lead in worship.



December 24 - The annual Lessons and Carols service takes place on Christmas Eve at 6 PM this year. The choir has prepared all new music to accompany the biblical story of Jesus' birth. This will be a truly sacred service of candlelight, communion, and music.

John

Current Issues

Dec. 7 — Owen Drey, who is serving our congregation as a pastoral care intern for the month of December, will be our guest speaker. He will share what has led him on this path in life, his many travels, what he has learned along the way, and what comes next for him. Join us for this casual conversation with Owen in Fellowship Hall at 9:00. All are welcome!

Dec. 14 — Judy Weaver and representatives from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee are scheduling listening sessions to help them discern what our congregation hopes for in our next associate pastor. Bring your thoughts and ideas and come ready to discuss and share.

Dec. 21 — We all know the lyrical power of music. In a recent issue of Presbyterian Outlook, the editors posed the question: "What music are you listening to these days and why?" As we move into the fourth Sunday of Advent, think about what music meets you where you are when you think about Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace? What lifts you up? Gives you comfort? Inspires you to action? Make a list and bring it to share.

Dec. 28 — No Sunday School. Enjoy this holiday time with family and friends.

Join us for a service for healing and wholeness to help you through this season. If you have issues of loneliness, isolation, family stress, financial worries, you are not alone.

During this season for high expectations, pressures build and joy is illusive. Take time to take care of yourself.

SHPC Chapel

December 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM



Chili Cook Off

February 21, 2026

Get your favorite recipe ready!
More information will come in
the new year.



Give to others and honor your family and friends via SHPC's **ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET (AGM)** which benefits support agencies in our local community and the world beyond.



Agencies selected for our 2025 ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama

Family Promise

McKemie Place

Penelope House

Victory Health Partners

Home of Grace for Women

Wings of Life

Heifer International

The Presbyterian Mission Agency (PCUSA)

This Christmas mission project features these **nine local and international agencies beyond SHPC's annually budgeted benevolences**. The AGM form provides information about each agency, noting how donations may be used. AGM forms will be available throughout December at the church and in e-news. Donations and representative gift selections may be made any time prior to December 31 by submitting your AGM order form and attached donation check in the offering plate or sending them to Dawn Hearn in the church office. Gift cards for you to send to honor friends and family may also be obtained in the sanctuary narthex, church hallway, or church office.

John 1:16 - ***"From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."***



POINSETTIAS: Will be part of the decorations in the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office (251-342-1550), email Marcia Wear (marcia@springhillpresbyterian.org) or sign up on the sheet in the hallway. The cost is \$25.00, and the deadline is December 15. These plants will be taken to homebound church members in the name of the church.



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

Statement as of October 31, 2025

Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$ 793,620
Year-to-date Received	\$ 596,233
Other Receipts	\$ 63,734
Total Receipts	\$ 659,966
Benevolences	\$ 45,122
Salaries and Services	\$ 337,704
Programs	\$ 23,797
Office Expenses	\$ 20,198
General and Plant Services	\$ 243,484
Other	\$ 21,630
Total Expenses	\$ 691,935
Excess Receipts over (under)Expenses	\$ (31,969)

Attendance for October

	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
11/2	165	56
11/9	127	45
11/16	159	59
11/23		

MONTREAT SUMMER TRIPS:

Montreat High School is for youth who are currently in 8th-12th grades and will be June 6-13, 2025.

Middle School Montreat is for youth who are currently in 5-8th grades and will be July 15-19, 2025.

Cost is \$365. A \$150 deposit is due by Dec 1st. The remainder (\$215) is due Mar. 5. Scholarships are available. Please email Courtney Perry at courtney2@hotmail.com before Nov 19th if you have interest in your child attending.

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS of the congregation are with Gordon Korb & the Brown family on the death of Kay Korb, wife and mother on November 19, 2025.



Prayer List

Margaret Armentrout, Ted Auttersen, Barbara Beach, Cammie Belue, Roy Benton IV, Frank Callahan, John Carr, Lanier Cauley, Janet Clarke, Jamie Crawford, Cathi Dagley, Pat Edington, Chrisy Ennen, Ruth Fitzgerald, Mary Lee Franks, Curran Foose, Ann Hafner, Charles Hall, Bill Harris, Marcy Harris, Lauren Henson, Bill Layfield, Paula Letterman, Sara Long, Nick Kramer, Jim Martin, Lynn Martin, Ernestine McElroy, Zachary McMickens, Betty Minto, Ann Nicolson, Jenny Oveson, Mary Owen, John Porter, Steve Reams, Susan Schlichting, Pat Stoll, Carol Sumrall, Gayle Underwood, Johnny Walton, Babs Warren, Malcolm Warren, Ann Wilson, Andy Wharton, Ronnie Wright and our military members: Ashton Rubio, Stuart Rubio.

December 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	1 Balance Class Outreach Committee	2 Communi- cations Christian Ed Mission	3 PWCT	4 Westmin- ster Service	5	6
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7 Worship Christmas Pops	8 Balance Class	9 Post Church	10 Day Circle Afternoon Circle	11 Mem's Breakfast	12	13
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14 Worship Cantata	15 Balance Class	16 Session Diaconate	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 Night Circle	19	20
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21 Worship Wholeness & Healing	22 Balance Class	23 Post Church	24 4:00 Family Christmas Service 6:00 Les- sons & Car- ols	25	26	27
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28 Worship	29 Balance Class	30	31			
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