



Dear Saints of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church,
The season of Epiphany reminds us that God's light does not stay hidden. It breaks into the world. Sometimes quietly and sometimes unexpectedly, but once we see it, we are changed. Epiphany is not only about recognition; it is about response. When God's light shines, we are called forward as God's beloved people, invited to grow, to listen, and to follow where that light leads.

At Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, this season feels especially fitting. We are experiencing moments of illumination and new insights about who we are, who we are becoming, and how God is calling us to live faithfully in this place and time. One important sign of this movement is the beginning of our Associate Pastor search for Discipleship Formation. This new role will help us deepen our shared life of faith by weaving together spiritual practices, education, mission, fellowship, and covenant relationships. This is not simply about adding staff; it is about nurturing a church where discipleship is lived fully and intentionally across all ages. Please keep the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers as they listen for the Spirit's guidance.

You may also notice a few changes in worship during this season. Beginning this month, the Offering will follow the Affirmation of Faith, and we will now sing the Gloria Patri each week. These changes reflect our theology: we give because of who we believe God to be and who we claim ourselves to be in response. Worship continues to shape us as a people formed by gratitude, praise, and trust.

And as always, Epiphany light shines not just in worship but in community. Men's Breakfast, Presbyterian Women, Wholeness and Healing service, Post Church, and church committees are all kicking off this month. Each gathering is a unique place to build relationships, serve faithfully, and discover how God's light is already shining right here at Spring Hill.

As we move through this Epiphany season, I invite you to ask yourself:
Where do I see God's light breaking into my life right now?
Where might God be calling me to step forward, to grow, or to participate more fully?
May we continue to follow the light together, trusting that God is still revealing new possibilities among us and through us.
With hope and gratitude,
Rev. Brandon E. Miles

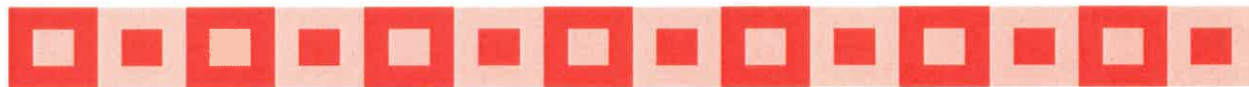
What a magnificent Advent/Christmas season we had. I am so grateful to the Chancel, Youth, Children's, and Bell choirs for all their preparation and participation in the worship services during the month of December. The choirs and I are also deeply grateful for the many kind words of appreciation that so many have shared with me about the music for the season.

As we begin the new year, we are looking forward to some truly exciting offerings. There will be more concerts in the Fellowship Hall that you won't want to miss. If you haven't been to one yet, you are missing out. They have been fabulous fun! (And the food is exceptional!)

The choirs are all resuming their rehearsal schedules and will be preparing to lead in worship in meaningful ways through the Lenten and Easter seasons. Everybody's got a place in the choir including the largest choir: the congregation! So, add your voice to the chorus with joy and gratitude.

You'll be richly blessed!

- John Hutchinson



On December 21 we welcomed new members, Todd & Chelsea Greer, Greg & Kathy Foust, Melissa & Jason Story.



Current Issues

Current Issues Starts the New Year with a Question:

Who are our Neighbors?

When a lawyer asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan. We want to explore who are our neighbors in need, and how can we help? We include those partnered in some way with SHPC, and those who are neighbors (or who threaten our neighbors) in our larger community and beyond.

Jan. 4 – We begin the year with a 20-minute video from Southern Exposure on Project Marvel, a proposed Data Center construction plan for Alabama that recently was passed by the Bessemer City Council. Project Marvel is expected to consume unprecedented amounts of energy and water needed to support the growing demand for Artificial Intelligence (AI). Is there a Christian response to this? If so, what would it be?

Jan. 11 – Kendell Young, Homeless Outreach Coordinator for the City of Mobile, will share information on how our city is addressing the needs of the homeless and any future plans for housing. What do we need to know and how can faith-based organizations join with other local agencies to assist?

Jan. 18 – Linda Madsen and others will coordinate conversation on the topic of Food Insecurity in our area: how is it being handled locally by multiple agencies? What do we know about the growing need for food assistance this winter? Bringing our plastic grocery bags is useful; but are there other ways we could make a meaningful contribution?

Jan. 25 – Jeri Stroade, Executive Director of DWELL Mobile, and Molly Broders, Resettlement Supervisor with DWELL will be our speakers. DWELL is an organization that provides resettled refugee families with practical support in their new lives. Recently, they initiated an afterschool program for their children that meets two days a week in our Bullard Building. Find out what is being offered at present, what plans they have for future activities, and how our church can continue to support this collaborative outreach.

Conversations with scripture.

Join us in the Parlor at 9:00 am on Sunday Mornings. Each week, we discuss how Jesus' teachings and scripture relates to our lives and the world today.

Save the Dates

OFFICER PICTURES: January 11th is Officer Ordination/Installation. Active officer pictures will be taken following the Worship Service. For the outgoing officers, please stop by the office and clean out your mailbox.



Chili Cook Off

February 21, 2026

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



The Wholeness and Healing service has been moved to the 4th Sunday of the month for 2026. The first one of the year 2026 will be **January 25, at 5:30 pm** in the Chapel.. Dinner will be served after the service.

Yeoman Workday

January 10, 2026

8:00 am

Confirmation Class Beginning January 11

Confirmation is an invitation into a deeper, more intentional exploration of faith. Beginning Sunday, January 11, at 9:00 a.m., our Confirmation class will gather weekly (with breaks) using the curriculum *Big God, Big Questions*.

This class creates space for youth to ask honest questions, wrestle with what they believe, and discover where God is already active in their lives and in the world around them. Confirmation is not about having all the answers—it's about learning how to listen for God, think faithfully, and grow in relationship with Christ and the church.

We invite youth who are curious, questioning, hopeful, or unsure, for God meets us in all of those places. If you or your family would like more information, please reach out to Sara McGough or Brandon Miles.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Once again it is time to make our sanctuary bloom. If you have volunteered to donate flowers on the Time and Talent forms, please contact Ann Magee 251-232-2646 or email: cabmagee861@gmail.com, to reserve a date. Dates are already filling up for 2026. Each week we need members to contribute between \$50.00 to \$75.00 in memory or in honor of a loved one. We want to keep fresh flowers displayed for all to celebrate the goodness that God provides in our lives. If you would consider donating, please contact Ann Magee.

☒ CHILDREN'S CHOIRS RESUME IN THE NEW YEAR! ☒

Join Us for a Joyful Start to 2026!

We are looking forward to a wonderful new year of singing together. **Children's Choirs resume on Sunday, January 11 with a Welcome Back Party**—complete with singing, instrument play, and fun fellowship!

We are blessed with a fantastic group of young singers, and this is also a perfect time for **new children to join**. This spring, we will continue learning beautiful anthems, building music literacy, and exploring God's world through His music.

Weekly Rehearsals

**Sundays • 5:00–6:00 p.m.
Bullard Building Choir Rooms**

All children ages K3 – 5th grade are welcome—come make music with us!

Make a joyful noise!

Parents of Youth and Children Informational Meeting – January 11

All parents of children and youth are invited to an informational and listening meeting on Sunday, January 11, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bullard Building.

This gathering will be a time to:

- Share hopes and expectations for our children's and youth ministries
- Review the calendar for the upcoming semester
- Talk about the Montreat Youth Conference for both junior high and senior high

Reflect together on the importance of a vibrant, faithful youth group and children's group

We'll also spend time naming how our own faith practices matter. Children learn what faith looks like not only by what we say, but by what we prioritize. Your presence, commitment, and engagement make a powerful difference in shaping a living, growing faith for our children and youth.

We hope you'll join us as we partner together in nurturing faith, community, and discipleship



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

Statement as of November 30, 2025	
Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$ 793,620
Year-to-date Received	\$ 640,026
Other Receipts	\$ 71,178
Total Receipts	\$ 711,204
Benevolences	\$ 48,614
Salaries and Services	\$ 370,637
Programs	\$ 25,117
Office Expenses	\$ 22,613
General and Plant Services	\$ 236,646
Other	\$ 23,493
Total Expenses	\$ 727,119
Excess Receipts over (under) Expenses	\$ (15,915)

Attendance for October

	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
12/7	164	59
12/14	189	63
12/21	165	59
12/28	75	48

Memorials

Jack Hamlin Kay Korb
Wanda Lawrence

Ryan Baya
Barbara Drey
Wilson Borden
Carol & Ellen Sumrall
Mac & Betty Graham
Carter & Kay Bryars
Bruce & Sylvia Weinard
Jane Callahan
Buff & Ken Brown
Alix Hardie
Frank Hall
Wendy & John Askew

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS of the congregation are with Margaret Armentrout on the death of her husband, Jerry Armentrout, on December 13, 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.

January 2026

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Church office is Closed

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Worship

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Balance Class
Outreach

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Committee
Meetings

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PWCT
Chancel Choir

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Men's
Breakfast
Bible Study

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Yeoman
Workday

11
Sunday Schools
Worship
Parent Meeting
Choirs
Youth Group

12
Balance Class

13
Post Church

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Day Circle
Afternoon
Circle
Chancel Choir

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Night Circle

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Sunday Schools
Worship
Choirs
Youth Group

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Church Office
is Closed
Balance Class
APNC

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Session
Diaconate

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Chancel Choir

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Spiritual Writ-
ing Group

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Sunday Schools
Worship
Choirs
Youth Group
Wholeness &
Healing Worship

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Balance Class

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Post Church

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Chancel Choir

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