



# SPRING HILL MESSENGER November 2024

Dear Saints of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church,

In this beautiful season of gratitude and commitment, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each person who has pledged or completed a time and talent sheet. Your generous offerings of time, skills, and resources make possible the ministries and mission that allow us to serve as a community rooted in God's grace and justice. Dedication Sunday revealed the depth of our shared faith, with your commitments to this church showing that we are indeed on this journey together, guided by hope, gratitude, and a dedication to God's unfolding work in our community.

As we move forward, I am eager to share ways to engage more deeply with the life of Spring Hill Presbyterian. These upcoming opportunities offer a chance to connect, grow, and serve together.

## ***Life-Giving Opportunities to Participate***

- **All Saints' and Installation Services** – These gatherings invite us to reflect, remember, and find comfort in community. Together, we honor the saints and lift up the memory of loved ones, providing solace to those who grieve and celebrating lives that have impacted our own.
- **Committee Involvement** – If you're interested in shaping our church's ministries, consider visiting a committee that aligns with your interests. Whether it's outreach, worship, or education, every voice and heart contributes to building a robust and responsive community grounded in faith.
- **Yeoman Workday** – For those who enjoy hands-on work, this day of service is an opportunity to care for the beauty of our church grounds. Tending to our shared space is both an act of stewardship and a way to serve God by preserving the sanctuary we love.
- **Community Thanksgiving Service** – Coming together across faiths and backgrounds, we strengthen bonds of fellowship and celebrate the hope we carry as a community.

## ***Faith, Community, and Living as Disciples***

As we approach the upcoming election, we are reminded of our calling as people of faith to center ourselves in the peace and love of Christ. In a time when divisions are felt strongly, let us be disciples who embody compassion, respect, and the hope of the gospel. United in our love of God and one another, may we engage with our world in ways that bring about understanding, kindness, and joy. This faithful commitment to Christ's teachings makes us a beacon of hope and peace in challenging times.

Together, let us walk forward in faith, grateful for the blessings we share and looking forward to all that God has planned for us as we continue to grow in love and service.

With gratitude and hope,

Rev. Brandon E. Miles



**The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who participated in our Dedication Sunday Celebration! It truly was a moving day for all involved as we came forward with our pledge cards and time and talent surveys. We acknowledged God's many blessings in our lives and celebrated his goodness with a sermon from our guest preacher, beautiful music, a band procession, a festive meal and balloons. Thank you to all of you who have turned in your pledge card. We encourage those of you who have not yet done so to either pledge online or turn your pledge card in to the church office. God has wonderful plans for Spring Hill Presbyterian Church and your gifts help make our ministries a reality. Let's continue to Celebrate God's Abundance!**





SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# MUSICAL ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE

*of Remembrance and Celebration*

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024  
7:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY**

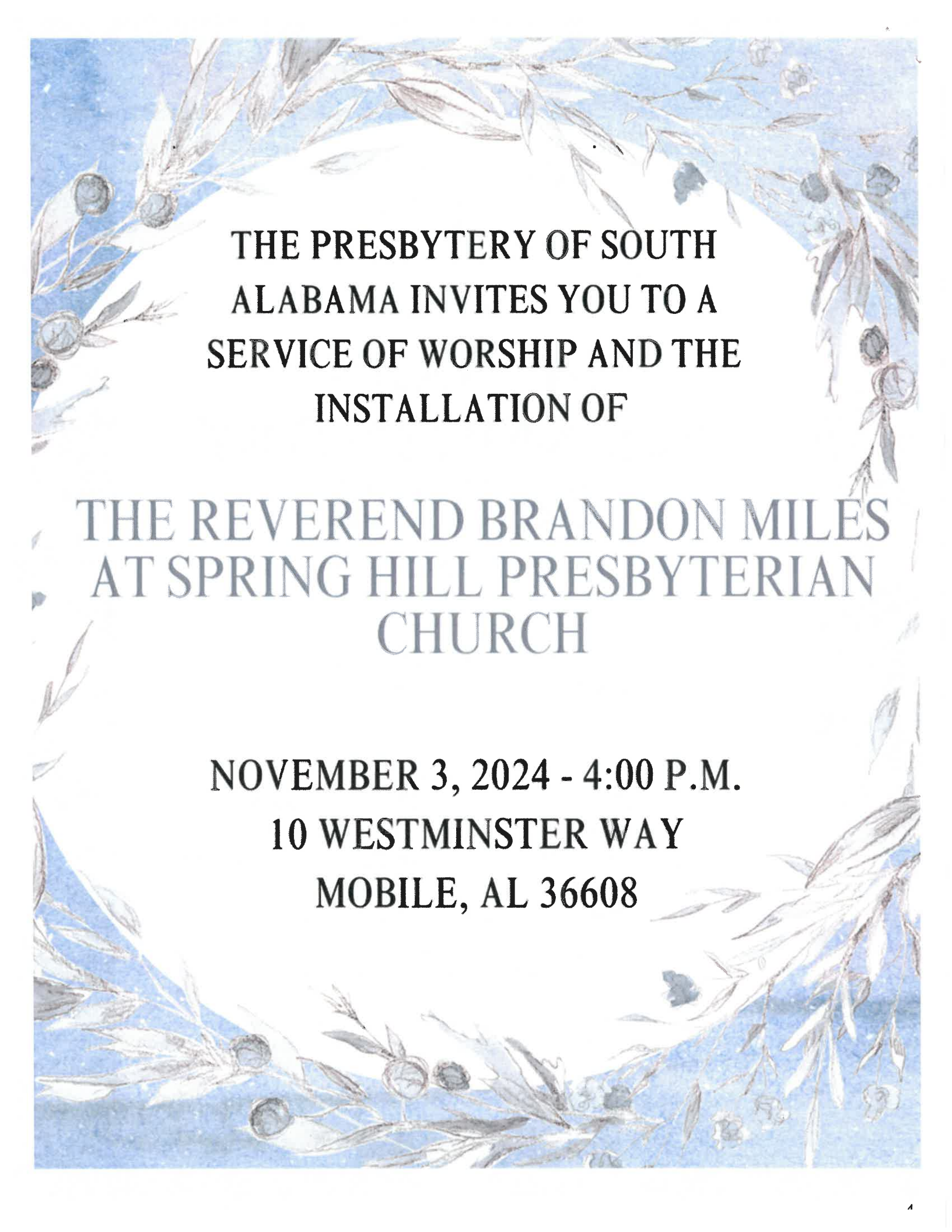
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## **FEATURING**

First Presbyterian Church Choir, Tuscaloosa  
Grace Presbyterian Church Choir, Tuscaloosa  
Including former SHPC Choir Singers Danny and Ellen Potts  
Rev. Brandon Miles, Liturgist  
The Red Mountain Jazz Collective

*Followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall  
Nursery available in the Bullard Building*

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ALABAMA INVITES YOU TO A  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND THE  
INSTALLATION OF**

**THE REVEREND BRANDON MILES  
AT SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024 - 4:00 P.M.**

**10 WESTMINSTER WAY**

**MOBILE, AL 36608**

**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 2024 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 Susan Richardson in the church office. Gift cards for you to send to honored 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**



**"It is more blessed to give than to receive."**

**ANGEL TREE GIFTS for CHILDREN & SENIOR ADULTS**



**It's ANGEL TREE TIME again! Yes, you read that right! Though it's only October, the mission committee wants everyone to begin thinking about sponsoring one of the 25 children and 25 senior adults (selected by Catholic Social Services) who need our love and support during this Christmas season. We need sponsors for every angel. You might even want to join with another friend or family to sponsor "your angel." Our**

**Angel Tree will be in the sanctuary narthex throughout November, beginning 11/3, and angel cards are usually selected very quickly. Watch for detailed information in the weekly e-news.**

# What's Happening with the Current Issues Class in November?

Join us at 9:00 in Fellowship Hall or online with Zoom as we explore the following news-worthy topics and our Christian response:

**Nov. 3: Voting** – A non-partisan guided conversation. What are your earliest memories about voting as a part of your family's experience? Who ran for president the first time YOU voted? Do you consider voting to be more of a "sacred right" or a "civic responsibility?" Dale Hair will guide the conversation with questions that promote active listening and storytelling strategies within the class.

**Nov. 10:** Danny Rickert, Chief Policy Officer and VP for Medical Affairs at USA Health – The State of Healthcare in Alabama (Hospitals, Medicare, Medicaid, and anticipated legislative issues to come.)

**Nov. 17:** Final follow-up to Eugenia Gamble's book *Tending the Wild Garden, Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit*. Today's conversation will focus on the aspects of Faithfulness and Gentleness. You do NOT have to have read the book or heard Eugenia's presentation to participate in the conversation. Andy and Judy Falls will lead the discussion.

**Nov. 24:** The Ethics of AI – Finding our path as Christians in a world of intelligent machinery. Explore and discuss some key ideas from articles in Presbyterian Outlook, March, 2024.

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## Donna Massa Receives Life Member Award from Presbyterian Women



Each year on PW Sunday, a member of our congregation is recognized for her (or his) outstanding leadership and faithful service in various areas of the church's work.

On October 13, 2024, Donna Massa was surprised and touched as she was named this year's honoree. Her grown children and other family members were present. Cindy Campbell read a beautiful letter Donna's family had written highlighting the many life accomplishments of their mother.

Donna's service to Spring Hill Presbyterian Church (SHPC), included her time as a deacon, her many years of involvement with Presbyterian Women, and serving as Vice-Moderator of Spiritual Growth for the Presbytery's Coordinating Team in S. Alabama.

Previous Life Members are pictured below along with Donna. Our congratulations to her!





# *Wheel-a-Meal Community Thanksgiving Service*

**Thursday, November 21**

Please join Spring Hill Presbyterian,  
Spring Hill Baptist,  
St Paul's Episcopal and  
St. Ignatius Catholic Church

**6:30 p.m.**

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall

10 Westminster Way  
Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

OFFERINGS AT THIS EVENT WILL SUPPORT THE  
WHEEL-A -MEAL MINISTRY  
VOLUNTEERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED





**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@springhillprsbysterian.org), or sign up on the sheet in the hallways or the narthex. The cost is \$25.00, and the deadline is December 13. These plants will be taken to home-bound members in the name of the church.

## Cantata Sunday 2024

December 8, 10:30 a.m.

Presented by the Chancel Choir

Chamber Orchestra of 11 instrumentalists

Vocal Soloists

Randy Sheets, conductor

Classic Christmas Music by Handel, Telemann, and Buxtehude

“An American Christmas” by Stroope

Scripture and Poetry

Don't miss this worship service, which is a highlight of the season here at SHPC.

## Save the Dates

- November 15 - Parents Night out
- November 17 Children's Sunday
- December 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent
- December 8 - Cantata Sunday
- December 8 Youth Christmas Party
- December 14 - Adventfest
- December 22 - Christmas Pageant/  
Lessons & Carols
- Dec 24 - Candlelight Service
- Dec 25 - Christmas Pajama Service

The Communica-  
tions Comm ittee is  
looking for a couple  
of  
photographers!



Photographers are needed to capture events at SHPC! If you're a 'shutterbug' and would like to help your Commun i-  
cations Comm ittee by taking photos, please contact Fay Wr ight  
(251) 321-2062 or Melissa Root (251)  
281-4303.



# MEMORIALS

## *Sallie Connell*

Carolyn & Tad Wikle

Babs Eleazer

Mark & Judy Weaver

Dick & Norma Baymiller

Lewis & Barkley Shreve

Jimmie Hatcher



WE REJOICE WITH Austin and Samatha Hamlin on the birth of their son Hunter Phillip Hamlin on October 3, Clair and Jack Hamlin are the grand-

### Attendance for the Month of October

October 6 - 151 Online - 77

October 13 - No count - Online -81

October 20 - 144 - Online -71

October 27 - 138 - Online - 130

<b>Statement as of September 30, 2024</b>	
Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$ 784,994
Year-to-date Received	\$ 568,415
Other Receipts	\$ 55,775
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 624,190</b>
Benevolences	\$ 38,701
Salaries and Services	\$ 337,402
Programs	\$ 19,220
Office Expenses	\$ 18,593
General and Plant Services	\$ 269,960
Other	\$ 19,196
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 703,072</b>
<b>Excess Receipts over (under )Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (78,883)</b>

### Prayer List

Coco Anderson, Ted Autterson, Barbara Beach, Cammie Belue, John Carr, Larnier Cauley, Janet Clarke, Deneen Massa Cook, Sherry Coats, Jamie Crawford, Kathi Dagley, Bron Dixon, Chrisy Ennen, Ruth Fitzgerald, Mary Lee Franks, Gwen Greer, Charles Hall, Ann Hafner, Bill Harris, Marcy Harris, Lauren Henson, Betty Jackson, Bill Layfield, Celia Ledbetter, Steve Ledbetter, Paula Letterman, Becky Lord, Kay Korb, Jacque Marrero, Lynn Martin, Ernestine McElroy, Betty Minto, Mary Owen, Margie Spaulding, Jean Stevens, Pat Stoll, Carol Sumrall, Gayle Underwood, Johnny Walton, Babs Warren, Marcia Willett, Ann Wilson, Andy Wharton, Ronnie Wright and all our military members: Ashton Rubio, Stuart Rubio.

# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Schools @ 9:00</b> <b>Worship @ 10:30</b> <b>Youth Singers &amp; Children's Choir 5:00</b> <b>Youth, children &amp; parents Dinner @ 6:00</b> <b>Youth Group @ 6:30</b>					<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Musical Service</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Sunday Schools</b> <b>Worship -All Saints</b> <b>Brandon's Installation Service</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Outreach</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Election Day</b> <b>Staff Meeting</b> <b>Committee Meetings</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>PWCT</b> <b>Chancel Choir</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Art soup 24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Sunday Schools</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Veterans Luncheon</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Church Office closed</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Presbytery Meeting</b> <b>Staff Meeting</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>Day Circle Afternoon Circle</b> <b>Chancel Choir</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Parents night out</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Yeoman</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Sunday Schools</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Children's Sunday</b> <b>New Officer Training</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Office closed for annual</b> <b>Staff Planning meeting</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Children's Chapel</b> <b>Congregational Care</b> <b>Chancel Choir</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>Community Thanksgiving @ SHPC</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Sunday Schools</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>New Officer Training</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Office closes at 12:00 pm.</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  <b>Office closed</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Office closed</b>	<b>30</b>