

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent - Hope

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
 4:00 p.m. - Decorate the Church for Christmas

Monday, November 28

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 3

5:00 p.m. - Faith Builders and L.I.F.E. Youth go to Bethlehem Revisited in Waxahachie (**Meet In North Parking Lot**)

Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both services

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
 5:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth meets with Eastminster Youth group

Monday, December 5

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 6

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle - Bible Study and Christmas Celebration (bring covered dish & gift cards or toys to donate)
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle will gather at the home of Meg GarverHamilton (bring covered dish & Walmart gift cards to donate)

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 p.m. - Budget and Property Committees of the Deacons meet
 7:30 p.m. - Joint Officers meeting (Deacons and Session)

Thursday, December 8

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Love

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
 5:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant (Rehearsal @ 4:00 p.m.)
 6:00 p.m. - Refreshments and a visit from Santa

Monday, December 12

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 17

Time TBD - L.I.F.E. Youth and Faith Builders will lay wreaths with Wreaths Across America at DFW National Cemetery.

Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent - Joy

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Cantata by Chancel Choir
 No Youth Bells Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Monday, December 19

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA(S)

(Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 4)



★ **DECEMBER 17, 2022** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

Help the FPC Mesquite L.I.F.E. Youth Group honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smart phone camera to make a donation online.

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www.wreathscrossamerica.org

THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues . . .

Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our total for November is currently **144 items**.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

November 27, 2022

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Let us worship God!*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Veni, Veni* arr. C. Davis

INTROIT 106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion* Augustus Nelson
Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

A voice cries: In the Wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise: I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David; and He shall execute justice and righteousness.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

(8:45) Robbie and Michael Lee,
(11:00) Cindy and Gerald Jenkins

*HYMN 88 (vs 1-3) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You sent a star to guide the wise men to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not searched for signs of Your love in the world, or trusted Your Good News to be good. We have failed to praise Your Son's birth, and refused His peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A—men. A—men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (11:00) *Christmas Sanctus* Susan Naus Dengler
Chancel Choir & Lee Dengler

See the weary pair, nestled in a stable bare,
gazing at their baby boy, filled with love and praise.
Earth and heaven sing, worshipping the newborn King,
Who has come to change the world. Join in songs of praise:
Holy, holy, holy is the blessed one.
Heav'n and earth are filled with Your glory.
Holy, holy, holy is the promised Son.
Glory be to God in the highest!

See the shepherds run, searching for God's precious Son;

(continued)

kneeling at his manger bed, filled with love and praise.
Every knee will bow. Every tongue confessing now,
Jesus Christ is Lord of all. Join in songs of praise:
Holy, holy, holy is the blessed one,
Heav'n and earth are filled with your glory.
Holy, holy, holy is the promised Son.
Glory be to God in the highest!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and All Knowing God-as we seek Your light at this time of Advent, open our minds that we may find Your Hope as Your Word is read and preached in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Ruth 4:13, 18-22*

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 1:1-6, 16*

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, . . . and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, who bore Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Ruling Elder, Kay Alvarez

The children and youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 82 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

SERMON "The World of Jesus: The Family Tree" Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 109 *Blest Be the God of Israel*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*HYMN 88 (vs 4-7) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 106 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. John W. Work, II

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

*POSTLUDE *Coventry Carol* arr. Charles Lindberg

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Kay Alvarez (8:45); Renee Stormer (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - David Stormer, Debra Ford,
and Renee Stormer (8:45);
David Stormer, Debra Ford, and Paul Luce (11:00)