

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent "Love"

Chancel Choir will present to God their Christmas Cantata at both services

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, December 16

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringer Rehearsal

Sunday, December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent "Joy"

Jubilate Ringers will present to God their musical praise at both services

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

T/B/A - L.I.F.E. Youth Progressive Dinner

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve "Christ"

6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas

The Church Office will be closed in celebration of Christmas Day

Sunday, December 29 - One worship service will be offered

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School is optional

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service w/Church Officer Installation and Ordination

Sunday, January 5

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

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, January 7

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Evening Circle

Wednesday, January 8

7:00 p.m. - Service of Healing and Wholeness

7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacon's Meeting

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 12

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee (*2nd Tuesday)

Wednesday, January 15

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Begins - Dinner

6:30 p.m. - Classes

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, January 21

7:15 p.m. - Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Begins - Dinner

6:30 p.m. - Classes

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - 2024

We want to thank the following people who provided Christmas flowers for our services today.

Debbie Aynes in memory of James Aynes

Sue Bohmer in honor of my pew mate, Carol Stephenson

Sue Bohmer in honor of my pew mate, Nelda Williams

Sue Bohmer in honor of my pew mate, Evelyn Parker

Sue Bohmer in honor of my pew mate, Santina DeMartini

Sue Bohmer in honor of my pew mate, Bruce Buswell

Marye Boyce in memory of Tom L. Barnard

Marye Boyce in memory of Mary Elizabeth Barnard

John and Lynda Brown in memory of our daughter, Kelly Brown Jennings

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in loving memory R.J. Farmer, D. D. S., Karen Dixon, and our parents

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in memory of Nickie Wilbanks and Marjorie Akin

Kirk Dixon in honor of my lovely wife, Susan.

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of our children and grandchildren

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Tom Wilbanks

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Jones and Mary Lee Doughton and family

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Renee Stormer and FPC staff

Jones and Mary Lee Doughton in honor of Dallas and Lynda Ward, and Lelia Doughton

Jones and Mary Lee Doughton in honor of Bennett Doughton and Mary Claire Doughton

Jones and Mary Lee Doughton in memory of Erastus B. J. Doughton and Jack MacMillan

Roger Foltz in honor of my children, Scott, Emily, and David

Roger Foltz in memory of my parents, Marshall B and Theresa Marie Foltz

Doug and Jan Fort in memory of our son, Adam Fort.

Linda Fricke in loving memory of Dan Fricke

Linda Fricke in memory of Billie Hill, Carolyn Hill, and Hazel Gates

Carol and Rod Graham in memory of Clifford Graham & Roger Graham

Carol and Rod Graham in memory of Carmen and Frank Bernal

Anne Grills in memory of Guy Smith

Anne Grills in memory of Myrt Smith

Anne Grills in memory of Mike Roark

Anne Grills in memory of Greg Hough

Sheila Hammer in memory of my mom, Christy Portillo

Sheila Hammer in memory of my dad, Roger Rich

David and Joan Hammons in memory of our parents O.K. and Edith Stovall, and Don and Dot Hammons

Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of the ministry of Tom and Nicki Wilbanks

Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of the ministry of the Jones Doughton and Family

Sarah Kitchens in memory of my sister, Martha Dye

John and Paula Kusewitt in memory of our dads, Jerry Woodard and Jim Kusewitt

John and Paula Kusewitt in memory of our grandparents

John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our moms and families, with our love

John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our Dr. and Mrs. Tom Wilbanks with love and gratitude for your ministry

John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of Ryoji Shimpō and his leadership of our Music Program

Paula Kusewitt in honor of our Safety Team – thank you for your dedication to all of us!

Ann Kyle in honor of our church staff, members, and friends.

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Pat Smith

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Loncy and Bettye Leake

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Leroy and Pauline Tanner

Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of Robbie's mom, Estalene Marshall

Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of Michael's mom, Carmelita Acock

Paul and Sue Luce in memory of Edwin and Agnes Carr

Paul and Sue Luce in memory of Robert and Margaret Luce

Brian Neece in honor of Don Neece

Brian Neece in memory of Sue Neece

Evelyn Parker in memory of Toliver Jordan Hutchinson

William and Gail Richardson as a gift to the Church

Bob and Maurine Robinson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hanby and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Robinson

Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory and honor of our parents, Dan and Linda Fricke and Robert and Shirley Schwartz

Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory of our grandmothers, Billie Hill and Jeanette Schwartz

Ann Smith in honor of our Pastor and his family

Ann Smith in honor of Renee Stormer for all she does

Ann Smith in honor of my children and grandchildren

Ann Smith in honor of Ryoji Shimpō for the beautiful music he provides

Ann Smith in memory of my husband, Pat, my parents, and my in-laws

Paul F. Snyder in memory of my mother Lillie Larsen Snyder

Carol Stephenson in memory of Roger Stephenson and Pat Elliott

Rodney and Celisa VanSickle in honor of LaQueita Durdin, mother of Celisa

Rodney and Celisa VanSickle in honor of Dorothy VanSickle, mother of Rodney

Rodney and Celisa VanSickle in memory of Dewey Durdin, father of Celisa

Rodney and Celisa VanSickle in memory of Bill VanSickle, father of Rodney

Rodney and Celisa VanSickle in memory of Ron Bartel, stepfather of Rodney

George Venner in memory of Pat Venner

Lynda and Dallas Ward in memory of our parents, the Wards

Lynda and Dallas Ward in memory of our parents, the Carlsons

Diane Weatherford in honor of Amy Surls

Diane Weatherford in memory of Scott, Muriel, and Scott Weatherford, Jr.

Terri White in memory of Verlie Bowling and Martha Bowling

Nelda Williams in honor of David and Renee Stormer

Beverlee Witty in memory of Mel Witty

Beverlee Witty in honor of Jack and Hannah

Beverlee Witty in honor of David and Arista Witty

Beverlee Witty in honor of Ryan and July Witty

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

December 15, 2024

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

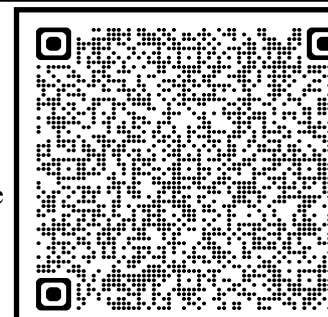
About the Cover Picture

This picture brings us closer to the birthplace of Jesus. As we look at the altar area up close, we see roses. You may reflect on that as you listen to the Chancel Choir's presentation of the Cantata: *The Winter Rose*.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella* arr. Phil Della Penna

WELCOME

INTROIT 88 (vs.1) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. John Weaver
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

(8:45) Karen Carboni and Gracy Thomas
(11:00) Sheila Hammer, Callie Portillo, Leslie Portillo,
and Gina Villafana

PASTORAL PRAYER

*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

HOMILY Rev. Doughton

CANTATA Joseph M. Martin

The Winter Rose
Chancel Choir
The Winter Rose
When Will He Come
Advent Cry
Every Valley
Carol of Remembrance
Lullaby to a Rose
In the Judean Hills (underscore)
Dance into the Light
The Winter Rose (Reprise)
Look to the Rose
Lo, How a Rose

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
Ryoji Shimpō, pianist

*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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*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.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

RESPONSE 106 (vs.2) *Prepare the Way, O Zion* Hope Publishing
He brings God's rule, O Zion; He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

POSTLUDE *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Steve Calderone

Following the Response we will have our Postlude. Please be seated.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder/Narrator - Patricia Kim

Deacon/Ushers † - Nick Scholl, Sharon Condarco, Susan Farmer,
and Kirk Dixon (8:45)

Nick Scholl, Sharon Condarco, Kenzie Aynes,
and Mary Lee Doughton (11:00)

*A Special Thank You to the Chancel Choir, and the Leadership of
Ryoji Shimpō, as they offer the Gift of Song.*

*Kay Alvarez, Karen Carboni, Brenda Greer, Paula Kusewitt, and
Gracy Thomas,*

*Clarence Greer, John Kusewitt, Eric Schwartz, Ron Smith,
Paul Snyder, and Fred Yonley.*



The Presbyterian Women, along with the Ladies Who Love the Lord, will be participating in Sharing Life's "Warm Campaign" through **January 17th**. We will be collecting **coats, hats, scarves, gloves, long underwear, and blankets**. These can be gently used. If you would like to donate to our mission, you may place your items in the basket in the front hall. Many people need assistance at this time of year. We can make a difference in someone's life. Thank you for your involvement in our community. ~ Susan Farmer, Moderator



Feeding the Community

THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we 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. Thus far in December we have collected **71 items**.
Thank You!

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpō, Director of Music Ministries/Organist & Pianist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus