



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
December 20, 2020

TODAY

Today, during the coronavirus pandemic, we are livestreaming worship at 10:30 a.m. so stay home and stay healthy and join us online. Share the Peace, Spread the Word, not the virus.

WORSHIP – LIVESTREAM. Here's a few ideas about how to make it more meaningful. Gather some items for a home worship space. This Sunday, December 20, is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and the Liturgical color is **BLUE**. You might want to find or assemble an Advent Wreath – you just need four candles to set in a circle. Have a matchstick close by so you can light the Advent candle in your home when the liturgists light the candle in the Sanctuary. Add some greenery if you have it. If you have a Christmas cactus on the way to blooming or an amaryllis, add those to your worship space. A copy of the bulletin is a good idea – either a hard copy that you print or a soft copy on another device – so you can refer to it and join in the liturgy while you watch. Mark the text beforehand in a Bible, so you can follow the reading (the text is in the bulletin.)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to the Livestream Worship Team.

Quarentet: Jon, Liz, Wayne, Nan

Musicians: Jeff, percussion, Evelyn, trombone

Liturgist: Alice

THE POINSETTIAS gracing our Sanctuary this Christmas Season have been graciously given by members of the congregation (*please see list*).

REMEMBRANCE CANDLE – We light a candle every week during the Covid-19 crisis to remember those who have died from this virus.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING – THE PERFECT GIFT

TODAY Sunday, December 20, 2020

It's time for the collection of the annual Christmas Joy Offering! By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Please send your gift with your regular offering or send as a separate donation noting "Christmas Joy Offering." Thank you.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

TODAY Sunday, December 20 during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

This year the story of the birth of Jesus will be told through pictures and singing of our children. Come, let us adore him through the eyes of our children!

CIRCLES OF CARE

TODAY Sunday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m. - next small group ZOOM meeting

In these days of missing each other's presence we are happy to invite you to join a small group to connect with one another.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

Please pray for: Mispa, Justin, Burt, Dave, Dylan, Mil, Rose, Betty, Alice, Ashley and Family, Doris, Martin, Shirley, Shirley, Beth; for everyone living in Charlestown, Millers Grant, Riderwood and Vantage House; those in our congregation who have tested positive for Covid-19; healthcare workers and essential employees working during Covid-19 pandemic; those in the congregations of the Union Maya Boca Costa Presbyterio in Guatemala who have tested positive for Covid-19.

Members and friends who are staying home during the Corona Virus outbreak.

Non-Resident Members: Frank and Betty, Vivian, Barb, Virginia

Friends & Family: Katherine, Myrna, Evan, Rev. Marie, Andrew, Arthur, *Nancy*, Kalene, Betsy, Dennis, Rosalie and George, Rosemary, Judy and James, Al, Liam, Aaron, Jennifer, Julian and family, Daneen, William, Matt, Tim, Dave and Maureen and family, Bruce, Mary and Kevin

Recovering from Surgery: Ruth, *Vij*, Phil, Ron, Ginny, *Pat*, Dan

Care Center: Marvin, Reva, Carol, Barbara

Bereaved: Marvin, Louisa, Barb; David and Ilene, Louise and Paul and family, Mike and Cheryl and family, Carolyn and Frank, John, Angela, Barb and Sarah, Mike, Tina, Anna, Lauren and Caroline, Brett and Janet and family, *Beth*

Seminarians: Blake, Emma

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo, www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru, www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball

Please contact one of the Pastors: Morton Harris, 443-824-3768 or Sue Lowcock Harris, 443-824-4305 with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share.



PEOPLE ON THE WAY

John Muir (April 21, 1838 – December 24, 1914) was America's most famous and influential naturalist and conservationist. Born in Dunbar, Scotland, his father was a minister in the Church of Scotland, and brought the family to a farm in Wisconsin when John was 11 years old. And although he spoke of his childhood as harsh, he never lost his reverence for God, and his understanding of God as it came to him through nature. In fact, it was his experience of nature as a place in which God is known which undergirded his life's work. He became a widely known writer and explorer, especially of California's Sierra Nevada mountains. A camping trip with Theodore Roosevelt in 1903 was perhaps the most influential camping trip in history, for it returned Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove to the National Park, and influenced Roosevelt's own commitment to preservation. Muir helped to found the Sierra Club, and served as its first President.

THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE focuses the prayers of Christians week by week, so that over the year all the countries of the world are prayed for. This week we pray for *Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan*. We pray for:

- The reunification of Korea, that peace and justice might prevail.
- Peaceful resolution of the many disrupted claims to islands in the South China Sea by Taiwan and its neighbors and for greater understanding and cooperation between Taiwan and mainland China.
- Women and other marginalized groups, and the inequalities they experience.

For more information about the Prayer Cycle, visit the website of the World Council of Churches: www.oikoumene.org

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

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OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP PRAYER CYCLE FOR 2020

We pray for the mission we share as part of the PCUSA.

We remember all PCUSA Mission Coworkers who are far from home this Christmas. In particular, we pray this week for:

- *Jeff and Christi Boyd in Kinshasa, Congo.* Jeff is the Regional Liaison for Central Africa (Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea), and Christi is the Coordinator for Women and Children's Interests, working in Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger, Madagascar, Rwanda, and South Sudan.
- *Jenny and Jed Koball in Peru.* Jed serves as the facilitator for the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Joining Hands Peru, and Jenny is the coordinator for the Young Adult Volunteer program in Peru.

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

THE BETHLEHEM BANNER completes our banners and paraments for Advent. We have had the "Road to Bethlehem" parament that we use on the Communion Table and the "Star of Bethlehem" on the pulpit for 10 or 12 years. This banner completes the road to Bethlehem. Sarah designed it and chose the fabrics and fabric placement and Catherine put it together. We also have four story banners that hang on the side walls. Several members of the congregation, Catherine, Sarah, Syd, Toni, Della, Julianna, Shirley, Debbie and Janet, made them in 2012 and 2013. Those banners were also designed by Sarah and replaced the story banners made many years ago by Helen. Thank you to Catherine and Sarah!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS for Sundays in 2021

The Flower Chart for 2021 is ready to be filled in! Due to the coronavirus pandemic this year the Flower Chart is available on Signup Genius! [Click here](#) to sign up online for flowers on any Sunday in 2021.

When you place your order, you can indicate the dedication you would like in the bulletin that Sunday and whether you want to take the flowers home or leave them for the Deacons to deliver to a church member to brighten their day.

The flowers cost \$35. Please send a check to the church office or via [PayPal](#). Questions? Contact Church Administrator, Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org

GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS are available for your use at home during the pandemic. If you would like a hymnal please contact Church Administrator, Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org to make arrangements for pick-up at church or delivery to you!

THE TECHNICAL SERVICES MINISTRY needs YOUR help. We are actively recruiting in the following areas: Audio Operator / Video Operator / Power Point Operator. We will offer training in the near future. For more info or to sign-up, please contact technicalservices@firstpreshc.org



SUNDAY WORSHIP begins at 10:30 a.m.

10:15 a.m. Gathering Time

15 minutes of music, welcome and sharing as we gather in for livestream worship

10:30 a.m. Worship Livestream

on Facebook or YouTube

Go to www.firstpreshc.org and click on links

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sunday School for children and youth age two through 12th grade is on Zoom for now. Children age two through 5th grade meet on *Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*

Classes for mid- and senior high students take place on *Sundays at 11:30 a.m.*

Email DCE Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org, if you would like the link to join any of those classes.

There will be no Sunday School on Sundays, December 27 and January 3.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

BIBLE IN DEPTH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL *with Doyle Nichols*

Every Sunday at 9:30 am. on Zoom

We will work our way through the prophets of the Old Testament, beginning with Hosea, together in an informal and interactive format. In order to receive the Zoom link for this ongoing class you must [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#). Once you register an email will be sent to you with a link to join the meeting.

Questions? Contact DCE Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

MITTEN TREE – IN A BIN!?!

It's cold outside. It is time for gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats. The Deacons are collecting them through *January 31, 2021* for all ages, kids, teens, and adults. There will be no "Mitten Tree" this year, but you can put the items in the bin by the kitchen door. Questions? Contact Church Administrator, Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org if you have any questions.



JUST ONE CAN...PLUS!!! – December – POWERFUL Food

As part of the Deacons' continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for any food contributions for our neighbors. Hunger is an on-going concern for too many of our neighbors especially this year.

The Board of Deacons' campaign in December will focus on donations of POWERFUL protein-rich food for our continuing efforts against Hunger in Howard County. Imagine how hard it can be to have a Happy Holiday when you barely have enough to eat. Recommended items that have the power to bring a smile to a child's face are: Peanut Butter, Beans—Dried or Canned, Canned Meat/Tuna/Chicken, Canned Soups, Infant Formula, Baby and Toddler Foods.

Please leave your donations in the storage box by the back entrance (near the mailbox). Thank you on behalf on the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONGREGATIONAL CONTACTS

Now that we are entering the Covid winter months, it's important for us to reach out to all of our First Presbyterian community to see how they are faring. Discipleship and Caring Ministries is organizing another congregational contact for January. If you would like to help us contact members, please contact Church Administrator, Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org

COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL reports the Howard County Food Bank is open and helping people, but because of the increased demand, they are requesting online monetary donations. [Click here to donate to Howard County Food Bank](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

We know there are quite a few of our worshipping community who want to become formal members of First Church. We were about to have a New Member Orientation when Covid-19 pushed us online. We were waiting to see if in-person worship would return in the fall. Since it will not – we want to give each of you the opportunity to formalize your membership before the end of the calendar year. So, if you have been a guest – for a few months or a few years – know that you are a welcome guest, and we would like to add you as a member!

Please be in touch with either Pastor Morton, mharris@firstpreshc.org or Pastor Sue, sharris@firstpreshc.org and we will arrange a good time for us to meet via Zoom, so we can get to know each other better! We look forward to welcoming you as a formal member of the congregation.

KEEP CONNECTED WITH YOUR CHURCH

Our way of communicating with everyone now is via emails – *Friday email, Tidings, Mission Opportunities, Earth Forum, etc.* Are you receiving emails from First Presbyterian Church of Howard County? If not, please send your email address to our Church Administrator, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org so you can get all the news. At the same time please send in your current address, phone numbers and birthdays for your family members. We want everyone involved!!

2020 VOUCHERS DEADLINE!

All vouchers for expenses (Jan.-Nov.) in 2020 should have been submitted by now. If you're spending money in the month of December, the **deadline has passed— all vouchers should be authorized and signed!** Vouchers should be scanned and emailed to Pat Travers at bookkeeper@firstpreshc.org Thank you.

2020 Annual Reports Due

Ministry Area Chairs and Church organizations please send your 2020 Annual Report by **Tuesday, January 5, 2021** to Caroline Smith, Church Administrator, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org. You can even send them before Christmas and enjoy your holidays! Thank you!!

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS 2020

The church office and building are currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Church Staff will be taking a holiday for Christmas on Christmas Day, *Friday, December 25, 2020 and Monday & Tuesday, December 28 & 29, 2020.* The Church Staff will be working from home on *Wednesday, December 30, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. & Thursday, December 31, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.* The Church Staff will be taking a holiday on New Year's Day, *Friday, January 1, 2021.* Merry Christmas to All! And blessings for the New Year!

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Morton Harris, Co-Pastor: mharris@firstpreshc.org

Sue Lowcock Harris, Co-Pastor: sharris@firstpreshc.org

Virginia Callegary, Christian Educator: vcallegary@firstpreshc.org

Matt May, Director of Music Ministries: mmay@firstpreshc.org

Caroline Smith, Church Administrator: fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org

Pat Travers, Bookkeeper: bookkeeper@firstpreshc.org

Woody Collins, Church Sexton: sexton@firstpreshc.org

CORONAVIRUS AND THE CHURCH

Please be safe! Share the Peace, Spread the Word, but not the virus.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

- ✓ Wear a face mask when out and about
- ✓ Practice social distancing – keep 6 feet apart
- ✓ Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water
- ✓ Use hand sanitizer
- ✓ Stay home IF:
 - you don't feel well
 - you have been in contact with someone who has Covid-19
 - you have tested positive for Covid-19 in the past two weeks
- ✓ Get a flu shot



COVID-19 TEAM – Interested in assisting people with getting groceries, medicines, etc. as needed? Contact Pastor Sue, sharris@firstpreshc.org

CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE

Due to the coronavirus pandemic the Church Staff is working from home. This week County Executive Calvin Ball Announced New COVID-19 Gathering Limits and Restrictions and to be on the safe side has prompted some changes for the church. *The Church Office and building are closed and is accessible to church members by appointment only, please contact Church Administrator, Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org, to make arrangements.*

Face masks are mandatory in Maryland and must be worn when you enter the building or are on the church grounds, and please practice social distancing. The Church Office and Building are still closed to the public and the doors are locked. The building will continue to be closed to Outside User Groups and large church groups through Sunday, January 31, 2021, at least. We are striving to follow all state and local orders for the health of our community, as well as using our own judgment about our ability to maintain cleanliness and safety of the building. We will of course keep you updated as we know more or as changes develop. Thank you for helping to control the spread of the virus and please keep our Church Staff safe and healthy! Contact us if you need us, we're here for you. Keep washing your hands! Stay healthy!

FEED HOWARD COUNTY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO DISTRIBUTE MEALS!

Feed Howard County is looking for volunteers as we ramp up our efforts during the remainder of 2020 and beyond. Please email us at feedhowardcounty@gmail.com to see how you can help out.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM PLEDGE STATUS:

December 13, 2020

Amount pledged to date \$514,652

Number of pledges 96

Thank you to those who have responded!

OUR MONEY STORY: OUR ONE STORY IN 2021

There's still time to turn in your *2021 Commitment Form*. **Thank you to everyone who has sent a commitment** to the *2021 Mission and Ministry Fund* of First Presbyterian Church of Howard County. The 2021 Commitment Form is a fillable PDF form and can be found on the church's website.

PER CAPITA FOR 2020 is \$36.00. The "Per Capita" is each church member's share of the expenses of the larger church – the Presbytery, the Synod and General Assembly of the PCUSA. Our congregation is required to pay this amount for each member of the church. *Have you paid your per capita? Thank you to those 92 people who have paid already!*

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of December 17, 2020	\$749,372.30
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Actual Expenses as of December 17, 2020	<u>743,653.40</u>
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Total	\$5,718.90
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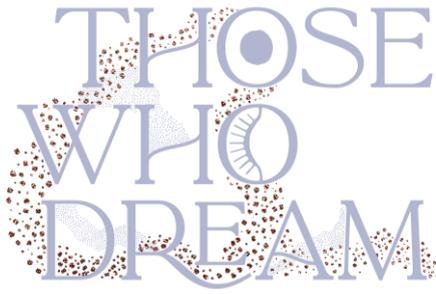
It takes an average of \$2,238.90 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church. The total surplus/deficit shown above is 1 days ahead/(behind).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Since we can't pass the offering plate as usual, many people have asked about other ways to make their contributions and pledges. Here are some ways we can continue to give:

1. **PayPal** – You could contribute immediately online through PayPal. This works even if you do not have a PayPal account. There is a button on the church website. When you click the button, it will take you to a page that clearly says "First Presbyterian Church of Howard County: General Giving."
2. **Automatic payments through your regular bank account** -- if your bank provides an automatic payment service, you could set it up to send a contribution to the church as a payment.
3. **U. S. Mail** – This way still works! You could mail checks to First Presbyterian Church, 9325 Presbyterian Church, Columbia, MD 21045. Checks are delivered to a strong, locked mailbox on the church premises.
4. **Automatic bank drafts by completing the church's Electronic Giving Form** – you could fill out and return an Electronic Giving Form (available on the church website). Mail or bring the completed form to the church office. This form gives permission for a bank draft on the account you specify, in the amount and frequency that you specify. www.firstpreshc.org/electronic-giving-form-fpchc/

Thank you for all the ways you support the Church!



ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES 2020

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

TOMORROW Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

The Winter Solstice, December 21, is the longest and darkest night of the year. We gather this year online for an Advent worship service that yearns for the light of Christ to dawn. In order to gather safely online, you are invited to pre-register for this worship service. **[Click here to register.](#)** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Everyone is invited to pre-register for this service. We especially extend a hand of welcome to those who are carrying a heavier burden this year during the holiday season. The Service for the Longest Night is a time of sharing in hope. We sing, we listen, we light candles, and we share in silent meditation and reflection. We pray for a world of peace. You might like to have candles ready to light during the service. Please join us.

If you have registered, we are glad you are gathering with us on this Winter Solstice.

In order to make your worship more meaningful, you may want to collect a few resources and create a home worship space.

Here are a few ideas:

- ★ your home Advent Wreath or four candles set in a circle;
- ★ a bowl of water to serve as your Bowl of Tears,
- ★ paper and crayons, markers or a pen
so you can draw or write during our Silence for Reflection;
- ★ a candle or two to light during our Time of Remembrance;
- ★ a matchstick or lighter.

ADVENT WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS

Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

December 23

Send an email to Pastor Sue, sharris@firstpreshc.org, she will send you the link.

Since Advent marks the beginning of our church year, there is a sense in which all of us need a beginner's guide to these familiar stories. So this year's Advent study book is *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Levine is both a New Testament and Jewish Studies professor at Vanderbilt

ADVENT QUIET DAYS

Ongoing

We're taking Quiet Days online this year! In the midst of all the busy-ness of the Christmas season, we're making a virtual space for you to pause, take a deep breath, and gather strength and energy to live the wonder and love we Christians find at the heart of Christmas. Visit [this website](#) for at-home activities to help bring the peace of Christ into your heart, mind, and home.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020



CHRISTMAS JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

anytime between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Children, families, grown-ups, youth – really *everyone* is invited to bundle up, wear your masks, and come to the church grounds where you will find the path to Bethlehem. As you walk the path around the grounds, you will explore several places where you will be able to sing, or share, donate something, or pick up something for your journey. You'll end at the cradle, where you will welcome the Holy Child. Bring a canned good and/or an item to donate to the Mitten Tree if you are able. Park in the *Park and Ride* – the first stop on the Journey will be near the church sign! In case of weather check the church website for updates.

LIVESTREAM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP at 8:00 p.m.

GATHERING CHRISTMAS MUSIC begins at 7:15 p.m.

Livestream from the Sanctuary. Carols. Story. Poems. Prayers. Everything you love about Christmas Eve at First Church livestreamed on Facebook Live and You Tube. To participate in this service, you might like to do a few things in advance:

- Have a copy of the bulletin ready – from the website or email.
- Put a large white candle – the Christ Candle – in the middle of your Advent Wreath in your worship space. Have matches or a lighter handy so you can light the Christ Candle when we come to that part of the service.
- Find a small candle you can hold and light during the carol singing at the close of the service. You'll light this candle from your Christ Candle.
- Do you have a favorite crèche set? Place that in your worship space.
- What else might enhance the simple beauty of your worship on Christmas Eve? A blooming plant – such as Christmas cactus, poinsettia or amaryllis.

CANDLELIGHT IN-PERSON CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP at 11:00 p.m.

Outdoors on the front lawn of the church.

When all the wrapping and preparations are (nearly) over, bundle up and gather for about 30 minutes – with masks please and observing physical distancing. We'll have candles ready for you to hold as we read the Christmas story, hear carols, pray for ourselves and our world, and finish up with Silent Night. Park in the *Park and Ride* and gather on the front lawn.



Bulletins for the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Livestream Worship Service will be available on the church's website and emailed on Wednesday, December 23.



Church Poinsettias 2020

**The Poinsettias gracing our Sanctuary this Christmas Season
have been graciously given by:**

Jan– Welcome Baby Jesus!

Ed and Catherine– In honor of our co-pastors and staff.

Ed and Catherine– In gratitude for friends and family
in this holiday season.

Sarah and Meredith and William– In memory of Web,
“God Bless Us, Every One.”

Virginia– In memory of my grandparents.

Woodrow and Carol– In joyous celebration of Adriana Paige.

Woodrow and Carol– With love and joy for the marriage of
Blake and Kelsey.

Woodrow and Carol– In loving memory of Suzanne (Suzie).

Kristin– To celebrate the joy of being together from afar.

Janet and Family - In honor of our parents and grandparents.

Louise– In memory of Doris and Leonard and Margaret.

Louise– In memory of Perry and Betty.

Bettye and Children – In memory of Frank.

Jeff and Natalie– In memory of our parents,
John and Phyllis and Mary and Andrew Lee.

Jeff and Natalie– In memory of Jeff’s brother, James.

Jeff and Natalie– In memory of Stephen.

Jeff and Natalie– Joy to the World!

Amy and Mark– For hope and joy!

Morton and Sue– In memory of Doris and Ed.

Morton and Sue – In memory of Otha and Martha and Tim.

Morton and Sue – To remember all who have been affected
by COVID-19.

Alice– In memory of my husband, Augustus (Gus).

Joan and Family – In memory of David, beloved husband,
father, and grandfather.

Tracy– In honor of Lyla and Carter.

Daniel, Bridget and Adriana– In honor of the BEST grandparents,
CC and Grandad.

Judy and Tom– In memory of our parents.

Agnes– In honor of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Nancy, Larry and Family – In honor of our church family.

Larry and Nancy - In honor of Pat for her dedication and generosity.

Nancy - In honor of Caroline who is the best listener, dearest friend, and kindest soul.

Nancy– In honor of Margot - the best friend a gal can have.

Kathy – To the Glory of God!

Diane – In honor of my family – Caroline and Martin, Cheryl and Kyra, and Nathan and Heather.

Secret Pal – In honor of Debbie from her Secret Pal.

Rev. Ellie– In honor of Mark, Sarah, Mary, Peter and Ben.

Alsandro (Jay) and Christopher – In memory of those whose shoulders we stand!!!

Courtney – In honor of my parents, Alsandro and Wanser.

Wanser and Alsandro– In memory of our parents!

Bob – In memory of Jan.

Margot– In honor of our great church staff.

Margot and Bob– In honor of Molly, Emily and Christopher.

Sara and Jim– In honor of Matt.

Paul and Joanie– In remembrance of those we lovingly miss during the holiday.

Megan– In memory of my aunt, Sheila.

Nick, April, Sarah and Nicholas – In honor of all those doing good in this world.





WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Schedule

10:15 a.m. Gathering Time

10:30 a.m. Worship – Livestream

FACEBOOK AND YOU TUBE LINKS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE

www.firstpreshc.org

THE CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

CHURCH STAFF CAN BE REACHED VIA EMAIL, SEE LISTING IN FIRST DAY

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN TO CHURCH MEMBERS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Sunday, December 20th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DURING 10:30 A.M. LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for children and adults via Zoom

10:15 a.m. Gathering Time

10:30 a.m. Worship – Livestream

11:30 a.m. Sunday School for youth via Zoom

Nominating Committee via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle Check-in via Zoom

Monday, December 21st

7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service via Zoom

Tuesday, December 22nd

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, December 23rd

CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETINS SENT VIA EMAIL

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Advent Big Read via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Advent Big Read via Zoom

Thursday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE

3-5:00 p.m. Christmas Journey to Bethlehem

7:15 p.m. Livestream Gathering Christmas Music

8:00 p.m. Livestream Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

11:00 p.m. Candlelight In-Person Christmas Eve Worship on Lawn

Friday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLIDAY FOR CHURCH STAFF

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

Saturday, December 26th

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOR CHURCH STAFF

Sunday, December 27th

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10:15 a.m. Gathering Time

10:30 a.m. Worship – Livestream

6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle Check-in via Zoom

The Church Office and Building are currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Please contact the Church Administrator, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org if you need access to the church building.

For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check our website at www.firstpreshc.org for the weekly issue of First Day or the current issue of Tidings.

A Weekly Email is sent every Friday, if you would like to receive it please contact the church office.

To submit news or events for the weekly bulletin **First Day!** please email to: fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for the February 2021 Issue #2.