

First Presbyterian Church

December Highlights

December 2022



From the Heart

Dear Friends in Christ,

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

The hymn runs through my head as I contemplate the Advent season with a fresh perspective on Jesus' birthplace, where the hopes and fears of all the years still meet in a deepening Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The hillside where the shepherds kept watch over their flocks the night of Jesus' birth now overlooks a massive concrete wall that snakes across the valley below, dividing Israel from the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Were Joseph and Mary to retrace their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem today, they would have to cross a checkpoint into an area controlled by the Palestinian Authority, where signs on the Israeli side warn travelers: ENTRANCE FOR ISRAELI CITIZENS IS FORBIDDEN, DANGEROUS TO YOUR LIVES, AND AGAINST ISRAELI LAW.



Bethlehem and the surrounding area have certainly changed over the millennia. Its political boundaries have

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One Parish One Prisoner News Update

"Starting from scratch" is an apt description of the situation a person releasing from prison is facing. They will have minimal transportation money, \$40, a prepaid cell phone, and the clothes on their back. They typically leave owing court charges and have requirements to see their Community Corrections Officer. Additionally, they must find a place to live, a job, and all the related activities that require transportation. No car. No drivers license. The growing knot in their stomach is more than physical hunger. Our releasing friend, Jordan will soon be in that place, February 10, to be exact. Her family will not be there to meet her when she releases in

Gig Harbor.

Our OPOP team is preparing with Jordan for her release: looking into housing options, area employers, after-school programs for her son, and access to medical support. She will also need some initial financial assistance for setting up a residence, interviewing and work clothes, rent, money for a driver's license and/or bus pass, to name just a few things. Starting from scratch, right?!

On January 15 the OPOP team will be organizing an event (keep watching the eNews for particulars) to give you an opportunity to help either in kind or cash to give Jordan the opportunity for a new start. Keep her in your prayers. Be thinking of how you might be able to help. And yes, the OPOP team will be there to meet Jordan on her release date.

been drawn and redrawn countless times as the land has changed hands between Romans, Jews, Crusaders, Muslims, Ottoman Turks, the British, Palestinians, and Israelis. The land remains as captivating and dangerous as the day Jesus was born. It is a land flowing with milk and honey, yet fraught with intrigue, and stained with the blood of its many inhabitants, conquerors, and occupiers. While Joseph and Mary would likely struggle to identify the manger location amid the modern city, their son could easily recognize the soul of the people. Humans are the same today as we have always been: full of promise, entrenched in sin, in need of a Savior.

Thankfully, God's love for humanity remains constant. Despite our waywardness, God is ever searching, ever welcoming, ever embracing. God's love is more timeless than the stars and more powerful than any human barriers, be they walls of concrete or hearts of stone.

As we sing of the Bethlehem of Judea, let us pray for the Bethlehem of Palestine, and for the welfare of all of God's children who inhabit the land of our Savior's birth. And together, let us sing with hope and expectation:

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!*

Godspeed, *Mall*



Art credits: Banksy



Job Opportunity

The part-time position of Office Assistant is open, and if you would like to apply or know someone who might, please contact Pat Hyden, Personnel Committee, by calling 360-457-1843.



TAFY Dinner December 3, 3:45 pm

We are responsible for a dinner for the TAFY Youth Center on **December 3**. If you can provide a portion of a meal --a hot dish, salad, side dish, beverage or dessert--please sign up at the Connection Center or contact Marcia Logan at 360-452-3535.



Poinsettias

Would you like to add to the Christmas decorations of the church? You can bring a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please let the office know who you are honoring or remembering.



The Session met online via Zoom on November 21 at 7 pm and the following actions were taken:

- ♦ Approved the request for Pastor Matt to have the day off on Sunday, January 1st, with Stan Jacobsen to fill the pulpit for that Sunday service.
- ♦ Approved with regret, the resignation of Rita Frick from her position as Office Assistant after more than 20 years of service.
- ♦ Approved an 8.3% COLA for the pastor and staff in 2023, as recommended by Presbytery.
- ♦ Approved assigning the office staff the responsibility of maintaining the official membership records at the direction of the Clerk of Session.
- ♦ Approved making it policy to include membership numbers in Session minutes, along with the names of people who join, die, or transfer.
- ♦ Approved removing the following members from the church rolls: Grant and Lu Meiner, Wanda Gerlach, and Ann Brundin.
- ♦ Approved hiring a structural engineer to assess the status of both of the rental houses to provide information for future use of these properties.

Year-End Financials



If you have receipts, invoices, or billings for reimbursement, please submit them by December 22, if possible, so that we can have a timely wrap-up of finances before year's end.

Newsletter Articles are Due the Week of **December 12.**



Send to
office@fpcpa.org.

With Christmas week, I felt they needed to be submitted earlier.

Thank you.

--Rita

October 2022 Operating Budget

Income Year-to-Date: \$287,978

2022 Budgeted: \$356,325

Expenses Year-to-Date: \$311,626

2022 Budgeted: \$382,521

Capital Spending YTD: \$ 44,237

Capital Budgeted 2022: \$ 52,900

Susan Fisher, Treasurer, finance@fpcpa.org

REMINDER: Please submit expense documents and reimbursement requests to Finance Clerk Iantha Frazer.
(financeclerk@fpcpa.org).

Annual Report

Please be thinking about your articles for the annual report that will be coming out in January 2023. We will announce a due date soon. --Thanks!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Sunday School Class

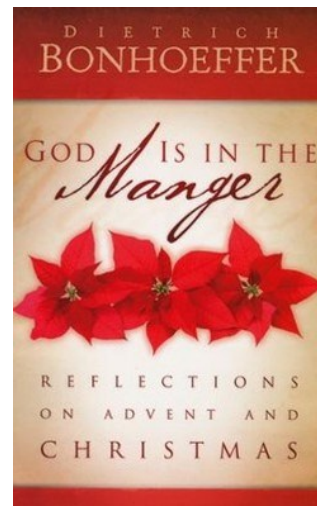
God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent

Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18

9:45 am in the Large Classroom Upstairs

Class Facilitator: Vicki Rockholt

Join in a discussion of Advent based on the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book, *God Is in the Manger*. We will reflect on and discuss the themes of waiting, mystery, redemption, and incarnation. No need to purchase Bonhoeffer's book or to read ahead in order to participate and enjoy this low-stress class! Just bring yourself and your good heart...and maybe a cup of coffee or tea.



Youth Sunday School 9:45 am

All children from kindergarten through 6th grade are



invited, and we look forward to seeing you. Our Sunday morning times together include games, skits, songs, prayer, exciting presentations of Bible stories, some thought-provoking discussions, and more. Call us with any questions: Chris Watkins, 360-457-0173 or 360-775-7638, or Martha Bell, 360-461-5179.

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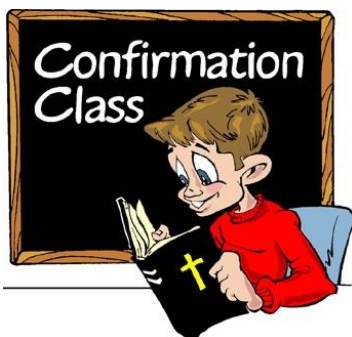
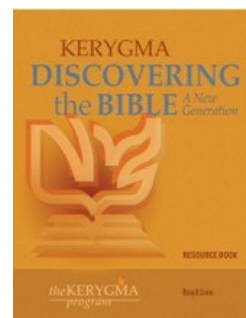
Adult Christian Formation: *Discovering the Bible*

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8 pm, Zoom

Classes in December are 7, 14, and 21. There is no class on December 28.

Meeting ID: 836 5639 8825

Passcode: 611339



Youth Confirmation Class

All 6th through 12th grade students may participate in confirmation class during the Sunday School hour, 9:45 to 10:45 am, every other Sunday. The classes are as follows:

Dec. 4 & 18.

2022 Christmas Gift Cards

Donation Deadline: December 9, 2022

There's not much time left to help needy local families through our Christmas Grocery Gift Card program. Friday, December 9, is the final day to contribute to this project. As in 2020 and 2021, we will provide grocery gift cards to families whose names will be provided by the local schools. The cards prove beneficial to the recipients, as they can select what they need.



Our goal is to provide grocery gift cards to a minimum of five families recommended by each of the five grade schools and the middle school, plus a minimum of five individuals or families recommended by members of the congregation for a minimum of 35 families.

To donate, please make a check payable to First Presbyterian Church and write "Christmas Gift Cards" in the memo line. We will be accepting donations through December 9, 2022. The cards will be distributed the following week. We appreciate your generosity!

Questions: Rosalyn Taylor, 360-477-4062

Advent Event



It is back! Live and in person. After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the wonderful Advent Event is returning. It will have all the things that you love about it: crafts, food, singing, and the children's play! It is all happening on December 4, so circle that day on your calendar and plan to come! It's fun for all ages and starts in the Fellowship Hall at 4 pm. There will be various stations to make your own Christmas swags, Christmas-oriented crafts, and to decorate cookies. After the crafts, we will have a soup supper and then the Christmas play at 6:30 pm. We'll finish with the Happy Birthday Jesus cake. New this year, the cake will be a traditional cake with sprinkles & frosting fun offered at the cookie decorating station.

The children are already practicing a play with a Christmas take on the old TV show Charlie's Angels. (Does everyone remember that show?) Of course, the angels will have a special assignment from God regarding Mary and Joseph.

This event is not to be missed! What you can do now is gather any greens (fir, hemlock, cedar, holly, etc.) and have them ready for December 4. We can always use more greens. So, get ready for this wonderful time. What a great way to kick off the Christmas season! We'll see you December 4.

If you have a soup you would like to share that day, contact Pat Hyden, 360-775-6716. If you have greens for the swags, please bring them to the church between November 27- December 4. For greens pick-up, please contact Rainy Birch, 360-460-7659.

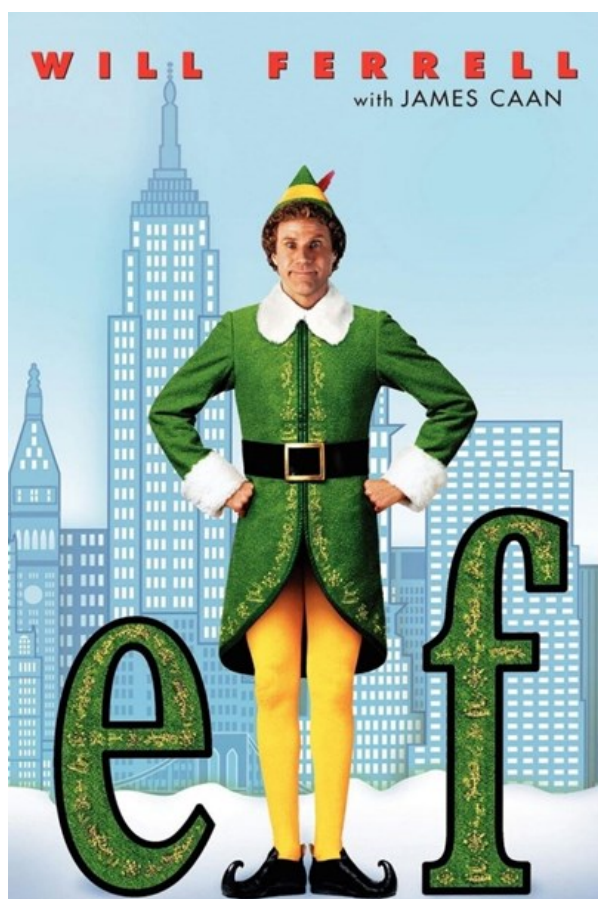


FPCPA Book Club: *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

Thursday, December 15, 10:30 am

Location TBA

The Four Winds is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation. From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author comes an epic novel of love and heroism and hope set against the backdrop of one of America's most defining eras—the Great Depression.



Reel Reflections: *Elf*

Thursday, December 15

Movie at 6:30 pm*/Discussion at 8:20 pm, all via Zoom

Buddy, a human raised by elves in Santa's workshop, travels from the North Pole to New York City in search of his biological father, Walter Hobbs (James Caan). Will Buddy's Christmas cheer rub off on Walter, a cynical publisher and perpetual naughty lister?

For the December edition of Reel Reflections, Pastor Matt invites you to a showing of *Elf*, a Paul family favorite, starring Will Ferrell. If you could use a good wholesome laugh and a dose of Christmas cheer, you won't want to miss *Elf*. Stay for a discussion of how the power of incarnate joy can warm even the coldest of hearts.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83197006830?pwd=c2NueTNacTdydFhJMU1lN3gvOVU2QT09>

Meeting ID: 831 9700 6830 / Passcode: 230646

***Note: we will stream the movie via Zoom at 6:30 pm, with discussion following. New to Zoom? No worries, feel free to contact the church office and we can help you set up and test your system. If you prefer to watch the movie on your own, you are welcome to the discussion at approximately 8:20 pm.**

Financial Stewardship Campaign 2023

There Is Still Time to Pledge!

"Be thou a blessing." Genesis 12:1-3 (ASV)

"Be A Blessing" is our Stewardship Campaign theme for 2023. Thank you to everybody who was able to make it to Commitment Sunday on November 20 to submit your pledge and thank you to all of the bakers and shoppers who provided the delicious pies for our celebration. It was a great kick-off to our campaign.



There is still time to get your pledge in for 2023. Pledges are welcome at any time of the year, but pledges received before the end of the year are very important to our budgeting process. Session and its committees are currently looking to the year ahead and planning for the financial needs of the church. Pledges allow us to plan, budget, and operate more effectively and with greater confidence. That confidence is borne out in your steadfast and generous giving in the past—for which we are most grateful.

We hope you will prayerfully consider making a pledge—again or for the first time. Put your treasure where your heart is. If you are able, we encourage you to increase your giving to help us with increasing costs. Your pledge is a statement of your intentions for next year. We understand that changing circumstances may affect your actual contributions.

Please drop off or mail your pledge card to the church office in an envelope marked "ATTN: 2023 Pledge." The office has pledge cards available if you do not have one. If you would prefer, you may email your pledge to financial.secretary@fpcpa.org and Tom McCulloch will record it. As always, your giving information is confidential.

Faithfully, Your Stewardship Committee

Susan Fisher, Iantha Fraser, Tom McCulloch, and Bob Pappas

As you consider your 2023 Pledge, please consider making a Per Capita commitment. The new figure is \$52.60 per member. The breakdown:

- ✓ Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest: \$42.50 (Supporting 60 congregations and pastors in Northwest Washington and Southeast Alaska)
- ✓ Synod of Alaska-Northwest: \$0.25 (25 cents – supporting five Presbyteries in the Pacific Northwest)
- ✓ PC(USA) General Assembly: \$9.85 (national church governance, ministry, missions, etc.)
- ✓ Please designate Per Capita when you pay it. Some members prefer to round the amount off to \$50 or \$53.



Christmas Cookie Exchange Saturday, December 10

1-2:30 pm



Bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies in baggies of 6 with the kind marked on the bag to Fellowship Hall.

Join other cookie lovers in a cup of tea and conversation. Take home 2 dozen of

other kinds of cookies for your family's enjoyment.



Two Christmas Music Events Sunday, December 11

Piano Christmas Concert: "Music in the Air" 2 - 3 pm, Sanctuary

Come, relax, and enjoy an hour of Christmas music played by the piano duo Anna Nichols and Penny Hall. Invite and bring your family members,



neighbors, and friends. Anna and Penny have prepared lovely, lively, and beautiful Christmas piano duets for your enjoyment. Let's have a good crowd! This concert will be a lovely enhancement to your Christmas season.

Refreshments following in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Caroling 3:30 pm

Let's be a blessing by Christmas caroling at the homes of some of our church families who have difficulty getting out and about. We'll gather at the church on Sunday, December 11, at 3:30 pm. We welcome gals, guys, and kids all bundled up. We'll serenade outside bringing good cheer and grins ear to ear.

Andrea Fry, 619-987-2735 or
Dona Hair, 360-670-3213



Both services will be streamed at
fpcpa.org/worship.

Christmas Eve Services Saturday, December 24



6:00 pm Lessons & Carols for Families and Children

8:00 pm A Celebration of the Lord's Supper and a Homily



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

Christmas Day Service

8:30 am

In-person & Streamed



Nursery Attendants Needed

Hello, Friends,

With Advent and Christmas right around the corner Christian Formation for our children is offering a one-shot opportunity for two people to provide care for our nursery at the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. At this church service, our usual family service, we would like to make our nursery available to our church family and visitors. There is a little paper work to fill out if you have not helped with the children before now. If this sounds like an opportunity you would consider, we would appreciate it if you would contact Bonnie McCloskey (719-237-1022 or bbmac5225@gmail.com).

God's blessings, Bonnie McCloskey

Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale Update

We had great attendance for the bazaar and bake sale on November 19! We had 22 vendors, who liked our location and the layout of the bazaar, plus the soup lunch we provided. We hosted three vendors that this bazaar was the first they have ever done. Church bakers did a great job: cookies, cupcakes, fudge, pies, muffins and breads, oh my!



The bakers made \$477.00. Thanks to Susan Fisher who was a vendor and sold items at the bazaar and gave her earnings to MANNA and to Dona Hair for her donation to MANNA .

With us all coming out of two difficult years of COVID, being shut in and some alone, the bazaar was just a little way for us to be the light our community needs. Thanks be to all. We raised over \$1,500.00 for MANNA to help those in need during this season of giving. Blessings to all.

--Cynthia Isenberger

Christmas Joy Offering 2022

As we are a blessing to our local church, we can be a blessing to those who are in the wider body of Jesus Christ. The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Fifty percent of the funds (\$1.1 million in 2021) are used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. Income supplements from the Board of Pensions helped nearly 278 individual recipients, assisting retired church workers and surviving spouses with the means to provide for themselves. Housing supplements from the Board of Pensions helped more than 227 individual recipients remain in their homes, afford assisted living, or

long-term care. Emergency Assistance Grants from the Board of Pensions helped more than 246 individual recipients facing times of great need or uncertainty due to unforeseen circumstances.

The other 50% of the funds will be used to help develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. \$1.1 million of gifts from 2020 were given for this purpose. Many of the students attending Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color are the first in their families to enroll in higher education. There are three institutions that are supported by the Christmas Joy offering: Menaul School in Albuquerque, NM (menaulschool.com), Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville, TX (ppas.org), and Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, AL (stillman.edu).

You may give through the regular church offering by writing a check to FPCPA and entering Christmas Joy offering on the memo of your check or you may give online. We will take the offering on December 11th and 18th.

Thanks be to God for his love for all of God's people and for his love for each one of us.

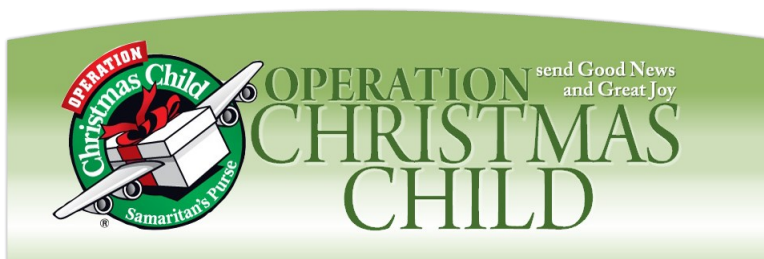
PA Food Bank Volunteers

Please consider joining a group of us from FPCPA at the PA Food Bank (632 N. Oakridge Dr., across from Walmart) the second Thursday of each month at 10 am for about an hour of united effort. Please contact Susan Fisher or Barb Pappas (bpappas378@gmail.com) about the application the Food Bank requires (can be completed online) and to be identified as part of our group. You do not have to attend each month, but you need to be cleared in advance.



There has been a hiatus for volunteers who go on their own at other days/times as the Food Bank staff works to develop its programs, including the new Market - a shopping approach for clients. That means, if you are going other than with our group, please contact the Food Bank about your volunteer effort: Monica, mwilliams@portangelesfoodbank.org. They have driving, packing, and distributing jobs, depending upon the volunteer's schedule and physical needs.

Also a major fundraiser for the Food Bank was canceled recently, so please consider donating \$\$\$ to this organization.



This year, through the international relief organization Samaritan's Purse, our congregation is sending a total of **106** shoebox gifts to children around the world who are living in difficult circumstances. That total reflects **28** physical boxes and **78** boxes built online. Our physical boxes are to go to Mongolia, and the boxes we built online can be shipped to areas that are hardest to reach, wherever they are.

The boxes are given with gospel story booklets, and many of the children who receive them are invited to take part in a follow-up discipleship course. With these boxes we are giving the children what may be the only gift they've ever received and an opportunity to receive the greatest gift of all, salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for these children and their families and communities, and for all involved in the delivery of the gifts.

Andrea Fry and Chris Watkins

Inclement Weather

Should the church need to cancel services and/or church events due to inclement weather, we will utilize several methods to inform you about the closure: 1) the home page of our church website (fpcpa.org), 2) our [Facebook](#) page, 3) our telephone answering machine message (360-452-4781), and 4) email. Because technology allows you to stream or use Zoom (as long as the power stays on), people might consider meeting online if desired. Please call or email the office if you have questions (administrator@fpcpa.org).



Supporting Our Schools

All the schools are delighted to be receiving their home-baked cookies. It is a great morale booster! Let's continue to support our schools and the children in our community. Thank you for your wonderful support and generosity!

Sheri - 360-460-5347



Greetings from Alabama.

I am getting settled here and really like the area. Southern hospitality is amazing. I want to thank everyone for all the cards and gifts over the past few months. They have meant a lot to me and I've felt so loved.

A big thank you for my beautiful picture and the special recognition of my years there. It wasn't easy to say goodbye. My church family is very special to me and I miss you all.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Diane Zimmer
2026 Austin Dr. NE
Cullman, AL 35058

Dear First Pres. Family,

Thank you for all of your continued love and support of my mom, Margaret Whetstine. God bless you all for the wonderful light you share!

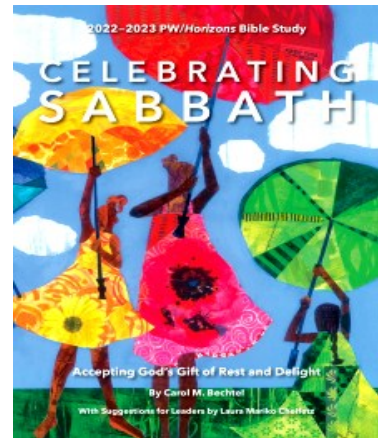
Peace,

Wilma J. Weddington

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle meets on the second Monday of the month at 1 pm at the church. We are studying the Horizon study of *Celebrating Sabbath, Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol M. Bechtel.

For more information, call Beverly Brown, 360-457-8205.



Share the gift of warmth!

The *Give a Sock* community care project was such a success last winter that it is back!

During the months of November, December, and January, please donate new and gently used coats, scarves, gloves, sweaters, blankets, and (new only) socks.

We will take them to Salvation Army, TAFY, and Serenity House. The big, beautiful collection box is in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you from the Mission & Outreach Committee.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3 pm Mission & Outreach 7 pm Worship & Music	2	3 3:45 pm TAFY Dinner 4 pm Play Practice
4 Communion 8:30 & 11:00 am In-person Worship 9:45 am SS for all ages 9:45 am Youth Confirmation Class 4 pm Advent Event	5	6 8 am Fish Co - Zoom 1:30 pm Community Life 5:30 pm CF Children's Committee 6:45 pm Praise Team	7 9 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study: Discovering the Bible	8 10 am Food Bank Helpers	9	10 1 pm Cookie Exchange
11 8:30 & 11:00 am In-person Worship 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages 2pm Music in the Air 3:30 pm Caroling 4:30 pm OPOP	12 Highlights articles due 1 pm Naomi Circle	13 8 am Fish Co - Zoom 11 pm Stewardship - Zoom 3 pm B, G & P Comm. 6:45 pm Praise Team	14 9 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study: Discovering the Bible	15 10:30 am Book Club 12 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Reel Reflections	16	17
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25 8:30 am In-person/Streamed Single Service 	26	27 8 am Fish Co - Zoom 6 pm Deacons Mtg. 6:45 pm Praise Team	28 9 am Women's Bible Study No Bible Study: Discovering the Bible	29	30	31 

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| 4 John Hutchison | 18 George & Sharon Bowman |
| Violet Kildall | Betty Roper |
| 6 Wayne Brown | Randy & Ardith Schuchardt |
| 7 Delia Waalkes-Duff | 21 Art Bell |
| 8 Doug Erickson | Bruce & Bonnie McCloskey |
| 11 Evan Cobb | 27 Reed Wendel |
| Shinia Kildall | 28 Harvey & Susan Evans |
| 12 Ron Fraker | 29 Carol Foss |
| Penny Hall | 31 Gale Marrs |
| 14 Isaac Hay | |

Kids' Page



Seeking the story

Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.



WORD BANK

Shepherds
Child
Nazareth
Census
Baby
David
Mary
Travel
Town
Register
Born
Night

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"Today in the town of David a _____
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

LUKE 2:11, NIV



Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



What you do:

1. In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
2. Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
3. In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
4. Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
5. Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.

Office Info

First Presbyterian Church
139 W. 8th St., Port Angeles, WA 98362
360-452-4781

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
10 am - 3 pm

Lunch, 12 - 1 pm

Closed on Friday.

The office is behind the church building off the alley and is handicapped accessible.



Pastor Matt, pastor@fpcpa.org

Lauren Corder, Office Manager,
administrator@fpcpa.org

Rita Frick, Office Assistant,
office@fpcpa.org

Email and phone messages will be answered when the church office is open: 10 am to 3 pm, Monday through Thursday.

If messages or emails are received outside of office hours, staff will respond as soon as they are back in the office.

Please note that Rita does not work on Mondays or Fridays. Messages needing immediate attention on those days should go to Lauren at administrator@fpcpa.org.

Online Payment of Tithes & Offerings...

Go to fpcpa.org.



Worship Service Audio Recordings

Please let the church office know if you would like an audio CD of the online church services. We want to make worship available to all.

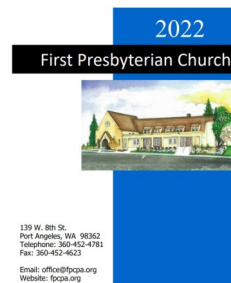
Devotionals



These Days and *Upper Room* are available on the table outside the office.

Directories Available

Please let us know if you would like a printed copy.



COVID Protocol

Masks are optional in worship and during church activities. If you need a mask, they are available outside the church office and in the narthex.

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