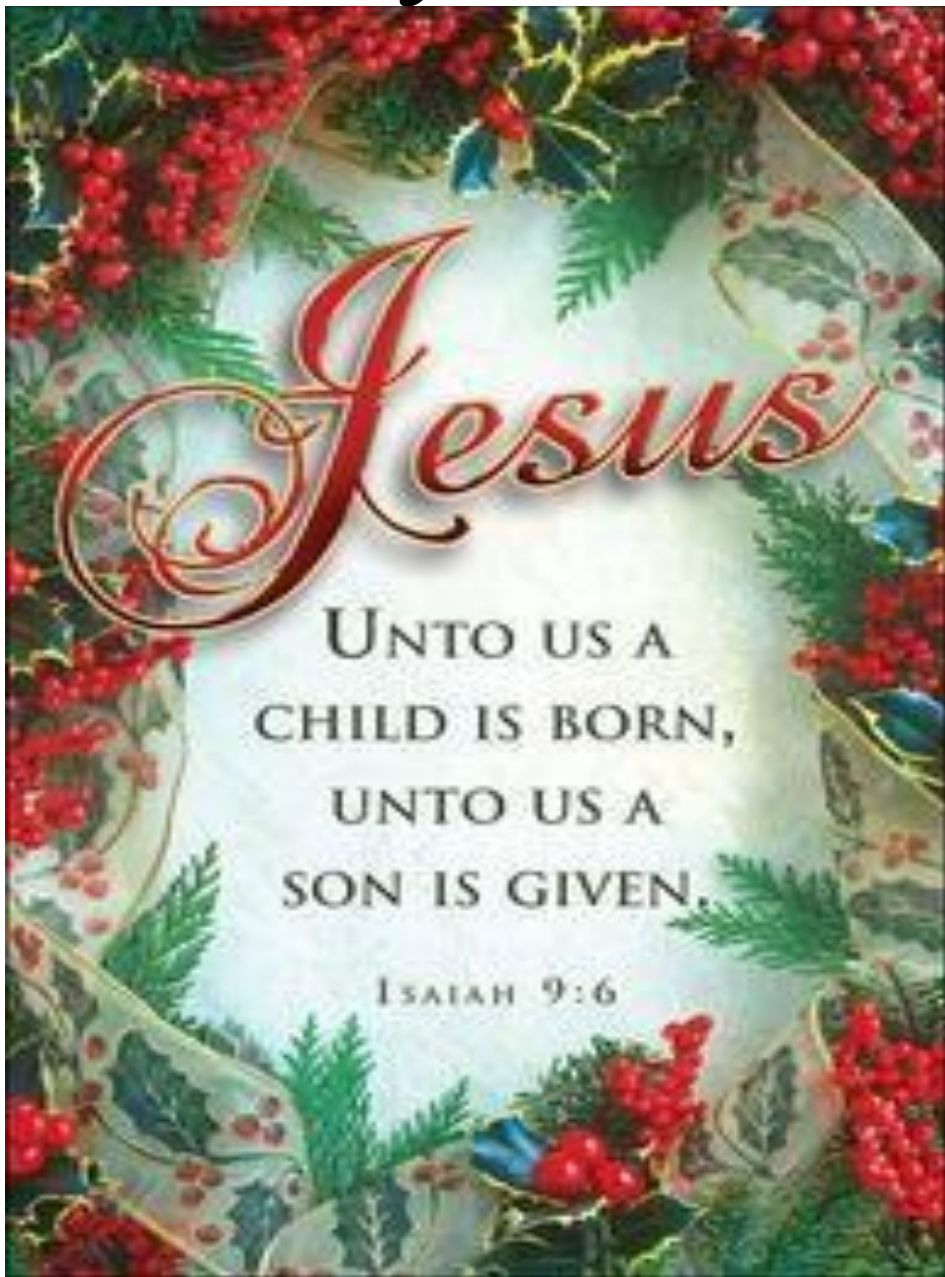


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December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

## *Jesus Christ Is Born!*

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*On this blessed morning, when we once again remember your perfect gift, salvation wrapped in a baby, grace encompassed in swaddling clothes, help us to hear your voice, to move beyond the trappings of the season, and to take a moment in the midst of busyness and dwell on your presence. Emmanuel, God with us.*

### – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

Pastor: Christ is born! Alleluia!

**People: Today salvation has appeared! Alleluia!**

Pastor: On earth choirs of angels are singing!

**People: In heaven archangels are rejoicing!**

Pastor: Today the just worship and say,

**People: Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

Liturgist

Be with us, O God, for this is your promise, your word to the world. Pour out the gift of your Spirit in this time, this place, and this gathering of your people. Let your promise be fulfilled, let your word become flesh, and let this world be made new; through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

## **HYMN:**

**“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

**Blue 22**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, you alone are holy, the perfection of goodness and glory. We confess that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory—afraid to trust your promise, failing to share your gifts. Forgive us, O God. Deliver us from sin and death and restore us to life and grace through the one you sent to save us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## **\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*KYRIE: *Lord have mercy upon us;  
Christ have mercy upon us;  
Lord have mercy upon us***

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news. Jesus has indeed come into the world to save us from our sins. Receive the gift of God's redeeming grace: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI:

***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. Amen. Amen.***

## \*SHARING THE PEACE: (Social Distancing)

May the peace and hope of Christmas be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

**HYMN: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Blue 37**

**– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –**

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Led by Liturgist  
**God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 1:1-9 Liturgist**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "Love Has Come" Bobbi Jo Huebner**

**GOSPEL: John 1:1-14 Pastor**

**SERMON: "Can You See the Light?" Pastor**

**HYMN:**

**“O Come All Ye Faithful”**

**Blue 41**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Pastor: Restore us, O Lord, God of hosts;**

**People: let your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

**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, now and forever. Amen**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Day by day, Dear Lord, of Thee three things we pray:  
to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,  
follow Thee more nearly, day by day.**

## INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Liturgist

We have already received the perfect gift: the grace of God in Jesus Christ—God’s Word made flesh. With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

*The offering plates are located at the front of the Chancel, or you can drop your offerings and tithes in the mail slot of the Parish House door. Thank you for your support of the mission of First Presbyterian Church.*

OFFERTORY:

Joe Balogh

**\* DOXOLOGY:**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise God, all creatures here below.***

***Praise God, above ye heavenly host.***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, giver of every good and perfect gift, receive the gifts we offer you this day—our resources, our time, our hearts, our lives. Use these gifts and use our lives to proclaim the good news that you are with us always; through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.**

**HYMN:**

**“Go, Tell It on the Mountains”**

**Red 205**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**Pastor**

**Pastor:** The blessing of God is with us—almighty Sovereign, merciful Savior, abiding Spirit.

**People:** **Alleluia!**

Pastor: Go and be a blessing in God's name. Share the gift of God's grace with all the world.

People: **Alleluia! Our Savior has come!**

Response: **"Amen, Amen"**  
(from "See the Little Baby")

**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –**

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Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harold & Rosemary's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Those Serving Among Us Today**

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Patty Gillon.

**Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Dec. 24- Bobbi Jo Huebner Carol Tragesser Frank Garofalo	Jan.1- Marguerite Patterson Jan.2- Terry Lape Jan.4- Jim Barak Tori Callaway
Dec. 25- Ken Day	
Dec. 31- Brett & Mary Lou Berish	

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

**TODAY:** Christmas Day; Worship at 10 am

**MONDAY:** Office Closed

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 10 am; New Year's Day

(**NOTE:** Bible Study & Plarn will reconvene in January)

### **Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Isaiah 63:7-9

Ps. 148

Hebrews 2:10-18;

Matthew 2:13-2

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERINGS:** Thank you for your faithful support of the church and its ministries. The offering plates are located on the windowsills at the front.

**HOAGIES:** Emma Burkley is taking orders each month for fresh hoagies for the high school band. The order form is at the front of the church.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** Each year, PCUSA churches receive a special offering at Christmas—the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for marginalized communities and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

**POTLUCK PARTY:** Our New Year's Eve Potluck has been canceled. Looking forward to fellowship in the New Year.



**HELP US FINISH THE YEAR** and plan for the next by returning your **Faith Promise Card**. If you have been blessed through the worship and programs of First Presbyterian, will you estimate how you believe God will provide to help us continue? If you have misplaced your card and letter, call the church office, or pick one up in the chancel. Also, you can make your faith promise online on our website. Additionally, today is the last Sunday of the year, help us finish well by dropping off your final gifts for 2022. Thank you.



**To make a onetime gift or to sign up for our online giving program, scan this QR code with your mobile device. All donations are processed through the Presbyterian Foundation and VANCO Giving Services and is secure and protected.**

	<b>December</b> (1/12th of budget)
Budget Amounts	\$12,713.58
Giving as of 12/18/22	\$2,536.00
Investment Income	\$1,365.51
Manse Rental	\$950.00
Fundraisers income	\$184.00
Month/Year to Date	\$5,035.51



## **Jesus - a poem**

*by: Mari Fitz-Wynn*

*Jesus.*

*His name is a complete sentence.*

*His name is an entire prayer.*

*His name alone brings healing.*

*His name guarantees salvation.*

*His name quenches the thirsty soul and fills the soul's hunger.*

*Jesus*

*His name is the perfect solution to every problem.*

*His name can resolve conflict.*

*He brings peace and calm into every situation.*

*His name is protection.*

*His name brings light when darkness is all around.*

*Jesus*

*His name is music, it is the sweetest melody.*

*His name is joy unspeakable.*

*His name is perfect*

*His name is altogether lovely, magnificent, glorious.*

*His name is Emmanuel, He is God with us.*

*Amen*



## PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers.

Please call the office with prayer needs, updates, and questions  
or e-mail the church at [office@fpresbv.org](mailto:office@fpresbv.org).

† John Amoroso † Kaiden Bane † Brian Barkby †  
Nuncio Battista † Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish †  
Nadine Brewer † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † Kathy Buckalew  
† Angel Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway †  
Sally Campbell † Jim Caristo † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Rev. Ian  
Chikoti † Michael Colla † Lou Comadina † Nancy Craig † Glenn  
Crownover † Marge Denitti † Dorothy Dodroskey † Dale Dominic †  
Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard  
Forsyth † Ed Friedenberger † Wyatt Fitzgibbons † Tekla Herilla †  
Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Earlene  
Kalakewich † Janet † June Kefover † Donna Kearns † Cameron  
Kennedy † Robert Korff † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † J.T. Mateka  
† Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori † Stephen Minetta †  
Bob Mohn † Phil & Lea Morrow † Mrs. Munsen † Lynette Murray †  
Tim and Melissa Nagelreiter † Mary Caroline Nicholas † Bob Palfrey  
† Dick Palfrey † June Palfrey † Nora Pelezar † Darlene Perrotta †  
Patty Pooley † Helen Pulgina † Kathie Putorti † Dennis Raymer †  
Dorothy Rogers † Clare Sartori † Sandy Seeley † Alina Shaw †  
Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna  
Smoyer † Loretta Sterner † Laura Stopka † Patty Strychalski †  
Sandy Walters † Joseph Waywood † Yauger Family † Kim Zunic †

**Pray for the safety and protection of First Responders (police, fire,  
EMTS), Military Personnel, Medical Personnel, and those affected  
by senseless violence and war.**

*( If you have a prayer concern or to update the list,  
please call the office at 724-929-7616 or fill out a prayer card and place in the  
offering plate)*



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<b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>	Susan Aten	929-6406
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Bill Callaway	929-5176
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## E L D E R S

### **Class of 2022**

Natalie Brewer  
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Sharon Zunic  
Jane Bonari  
Mary Beth Burkley

### **Class of 2024**

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### **Class of 2023**

Marguerite Patterson  
Dennis Peters  
Patty Gillon  
Eileen Kunca

### **Class of 2024**

Jessica Phillabaum  
Dave Neel

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service, and witness. As a Christ-centered church empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek God's plan for each of us and all of us. We welcome everyone to journey with us as we strive to grow in love, faith, trust, and discipleship.

(Adopted October 10, 1998; revised February 2, 2013)