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## From the Pastor's Pen

Happy New Year, My First Prez Friends!

Christmastide lasts through Sunday, January 5, 2025 where we gather for first Sunday communion. Epiphany is coming on Monday, January 6, 2025. We shall have an Epiphany worship service at 7 p.m. so that we may remember the Light of the World manifested in Jesus Christ. If you read Matthew 2:1-12, you will see that the Holy Family is no longer in the stable without a room, but now in a house. The wise men finally arrived to worship Jesus and found him and his parents in a house rather than a palace or the stable. At Epiphany we remember these wise men and that very light of God that shined in "the thick darkness" that covered the peoples. As we begin our New Year, may we remember that we reflect that light of Jesus Christ, the very light of the world. The light of Jesus Christ shines through us to others, just like the sunlight shines through our church's beautiful stained-glass windows to tell the story of God's love. May the light of Jesus Christ shine through us to reveal the story of the love of God we know in Jesus to all the world.

As you may know, I like my *Peanuts* comic strip and keep a rolodex on my desk. On the third day of the year on this *Peanuts* rolodex, given to me by my young friends Caiden and Maddox several years ago, Lucy and her little brother Linus with his blanket in hand have a discussion. Lucy is jumping rope. Linus curiously asks, "Do you every pray, Lucy?" Lucy stops and looks Linus directly in the eye, as only a big sister can, and says, "That's kind of a personal question, isn't it? Are you trying to start an argument?" In the third scene, Lucy yells in the face of Linus, "I SUPPOSE YOU THINK YOU'RE SOMEBODY PRETTY SMART, DON'T YOU? I SUPPOSE YOU THINK...." In the final scene Linus is sitting on the curb with his thumb in his mouth and blanket in hand next to Charlie Brown and says, "You're right ... religion is a very tough subject!" (January 3, *Peanuts*, 2011 Dayspring Cards, Inc., Peanuts Worldwide) Two subjects difficult to discuss with one's family and friends are religion and politics. It is possible that religion and politics can bring a group of like-minded people closer, but these two touchy subjects can create a nuclear explosion, too. I have a feeling that it will only get touchier this year 2025. It is best we focus on loving God and loving neighbor with all we got for our New Year.

May the gentle, loving spirit of Jesus Christ be with you,

*Jim*





# Happy Birthday

January 3	Sydnee Carvell
January 5	Jennie Kate Pendergrass
January 5	Jim Singleton
January 6	Allen Haynes
January 6	Ben Craig
January 6	Mary Gore
January 6	Pat Marsh
January 7	Abby Hittle
January 12	Kathy Smith
January 13	Lisa Turner
January 16	Candyce Magee
January 19	Gavin Segroves
January 19	Kyle Segroves
January 19	Walker Marsh
January 23	Mike Bone
January 23	Phillip Frisby
January 25	Paul Haradon
January 26	Diane Green
January 26	Holt Parsons
January 28	Richard Wilhelm



Don't forget to bring your donations for Good Samaritan on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.



# Happy Anniversary



January 7<sup>th</sup>  
Pat & Mary Marsh



January 24<sup>th</sup>  
David & Debbie Kee

## Committee Meetings

### Mission Committee

Monday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

### Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00am

### Faith Development Committee

Monday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30pm

### Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm

### Session

Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

### Circle

Tuesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am

# January 2025



## *In Loving Memory of*



### Greg & Bob Garner

For Greg Garner Fund

Bill & Kathy Garner

### Knox Pitts

For Memorial Fund

R. Layne Holley

### Elaine Keene

For Backpack Fund

Lynne Sain

### Troy Turrentine

For Backpack Fund

Lynne Sain



### In honor of Helen Garner

For Greg Garner Fund

Bailey & Trena Little

### In honor of Bailey & Trena Little

For Backpack Fund

Helen Garner



### In honor of Roy & Lisa Turner

For Backpack Fund

Helen Garner

### In honor of Sherri Emerson

For Backpack Fund

Helen Garner



January 1	Office Closed
January 2	AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 3	AA Meeting 1:00pm
January 5	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am
January 6	Epiphany of the Lord Service 7:00pm
January 7	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
January 8	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
January 9	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Worship & Music Meeting 5:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 10	AA Meeting 1:00pm
January 12	"The Gathering" 8:45am Youth Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Bring your Good Sam Donations "Un-Decorate" Church following worship
January 13	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Mission Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
January 14	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Circle 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
January 15	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
January 16	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 17	AA Meeting 1:00pm
January 19	"The Gathering" 8:45am Youth Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am
January 20	Office Closed
January 21	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
January 22	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
January 23	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 24	AA Meeting 1:00pm
January 26	"The Gathering" 8:45am Youth Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am
January 27	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Session Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
January 28	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
January 29	Blood Drive 10:00am - 4:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm
January 30	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 31	Book Club Meeting at FPC 9:30am AA Meeting 1:00pm



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood  
Services**

**January 29th**

**10:00am- 4:00pm**

Our next blood drive will be here before we know it.

It's not too early to go online and register. Please join us in giving a pint.

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.



The next Book Club is meeting Friday, Jan. 31st , 9:30am  
at FPC in the fellowship hall. They will be Discussing

"The Women" by Kristen Hannah

**Up and coming...**

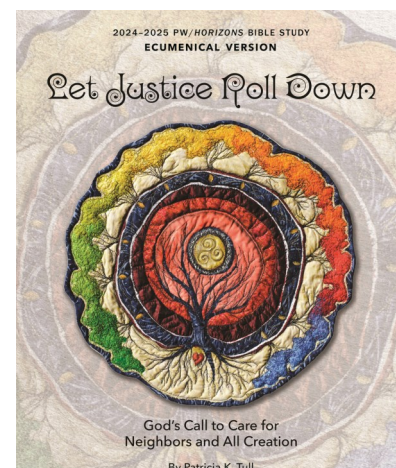
Feb. "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson

**FPC Shelbyville has graciously volunteered  
to host the Presbytery of  
Middle Tennessee Stated Meeting  
on February 8th.**



***Presbyterian  
Women***

The first PW Circle meeting of the new year will be held on  
Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the young adult room at the  
church. We will begin a new study entitled "Let Justice Roll  
Down". Study books are available in the church office.







## Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Party







## Blessing of the “Chemo Caps”

Gracious, loving and healing God, may your grace and blessings permeate these chemo caps, so they might warm, comfort, enfold and embrace those who receive them. May they be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of this congregation. May they provide sacred places of hope and well-being. May those who receive them be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and covered in love. Remind them that they are not forgotten in their sickness, pain, and treatment. We dedicate these chemo caps to your glory, knowing your great love for all your precious children, as we thank you for guiding the hands that have made them. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Gentle Healer we pray. Amen.



## Children's Choir Christmas Performance







**BackPacking** We packed 150 backpacks! Thank you to all those who came out to help. The boxes were distributed out by the school counselors this past week. All 150 were allocated. Our latest collection has our bill for December covered. Thank you to all who donated.





# Servers

## Sunday, January 5, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

**Melanie Hamilton**

**Christy Jensen**

**Bailey & Trena Little**

Lay Liturgist: **Charlotte Williams**

Flowers: **Candy Magee**

Communion Prep: **Michal Dobson & Mary Gore**

Communion Servers: **Jim Ikard, Richard Smith**

A Time for Young Christians

**Pastor Jim**

Hall Monitor

**Roy Turner**

Children's Church

**Christy Jensen**

Nursery

**Bea Marsh**

## Sunday, January 12, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

**Freida Bone**

**Sarah Natale**

**Willie & Debby Snell**

Lay Liturgist

**Pat Marsh**

A Time for Young Christians

**Kate Canady**

Hall Monitor

**Mary Marsh**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Belinda Craig**

Nursery

**Katherine Marsh**

Flowers

## Sunday, January 19, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

**Nancy June Brandon**

**Michal Dobson**

**Richard & Kristin Wilhelm**

Lay Liturgist

**Jim Ikard**

A Time for Young Christians

**Kate Canady**

Hall Monitor

**Raychelle Flannagan**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Grace Wilhelm**

Nursery

**Lisa Turner**

Flowers

## Sunday, January 26, 2025

Ushers/Greeters

**Belinda Craig**

**Pat Thomas**

**Terry & Ginny Saylor**

Lay Liturgist

**Grace Wilhelm**

A Time for Young Christians

**Connie Crafton**

Hall Monitor

**Willie Snell**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Cathy Ikard**

Nursery

**Debby Snell**

Flowers





# Prayer Requests

**LCDR Andy Canady** (Member)

**Airman Chase Blanton** (Member)

**Airman Caleb Fletcher**

(Grandson of Susan Spears)

**Pvt. Oscar Taylor**

(Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew)

**Airman Anna Powell**

(Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)

**WO1 John & WO1 Carlee Moran**

(Nephew & Niece of Jim & Denise Moran)

**Those in Military Service and their families.**

**Those who are serving abroad and at home.**

**Jenny Baker Barber** (Ginger Shofner's cousin)

**Kyle Brown** (Friend of the Church)

**Mary Brown** (Member)

**Renea Collins** (Friend of Ginger Shofner)

**Catherine Daugherty** (Former Member)

**Kay Dennis** (Friend of the Ikard's)

**Cliff Garrard** (Member)

**Edwin Holcombe** (Member)

**Fred Hunt** (Member)

**Anna Kaiser** (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

**David Kee** (Member)

**Naomi Luna** (Member)

**Carolyn & Tony Matusek** (Member)

**Joe Powell** (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

**Josh Rice** (Great Nephew of Bailey & Trena Little)

**Barbara Singleton** (Member)

**Kenneth Smith** (Cousin of James & Lori Smith)

**Barbara Steinke** (Member)

**Chris Stephens** (Son in Law of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

**Jeremiah Thomas** (Pat Thomas' Grandson)

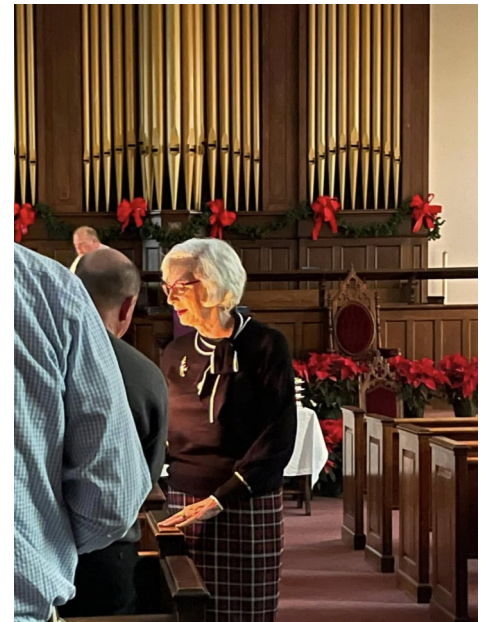
**Doug Treadway** (Member)

**Weaver Family** (Friends of the Pendergrass')

**Bob Wilson** (Friend of Susan Spears)

**Kaemey Young** (Daughter of Tuner Family Friend)

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at (931)684-6541 or send an email to [first.pres.church600@gmail.com](mailto:first.pres.church600@gmail.com).



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service



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**Jessica O'Neal**  
Director of Children's Education

**Chenel Gervais**  
Church Secretary

**Teresa Phillips**  
Parents' Day Out Director



**WORSHIP**  
EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM



## SESSION

### Class of 2025

Mary Brown, Jim Ikard  
John Marsh, LeaAnne Windham

### Class of 2026

Linda Anderton, Belinda Craig,  
Mike Matusek, Richard Smith

### Class of 2027

Kate Canady, Aaron Crafton,  
Sarah Natale, James Smith

## TRUSTEES

### Class of 2025

Lisa Turner

### Class of 2026

Kathy Smith

### Class of 2027

Pat Thomas

**Session minutes are available in the church office for any member of the congregation to review.**

We have a variety of options for tithing and offerings. They can be made by Vanco, Check, Cash, or Venmo @FirstPresbyterianChurch.

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