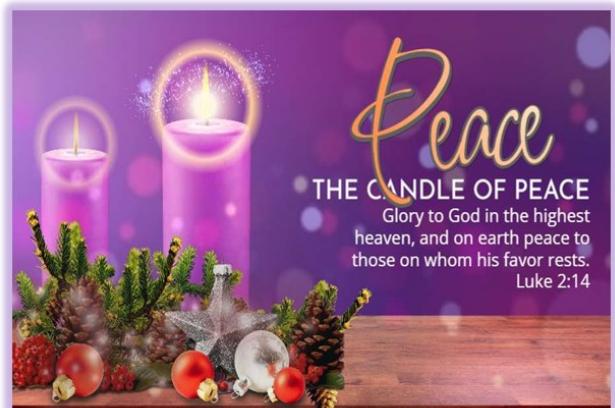




Service for the Lord's Day
With Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025



Preparation for Worship (Read before service for quiet meditation):

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6-7 KJV

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude “My Soul Cries Out With A Joyful Shout” (arr. Looney) Dr. Michael Hooper

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Liturgy of the Peace Candle Evie, & Lowry Marsh
Candlelight Vigil 10:45 AM

“Two Candles Are Lit” (Kirkpatrick)

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** (from Luke 1:68-69, 78-79)

Brent Canady

Worship (from Luke 1:68-69, 78-79) Brent Canale

People: He has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the house of His servant David.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the day
People: To give light to those who sit in darkness.

Reader: To guide our feet into the way of peace

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g of the Peace
and the Month of the Foundation of the Church.

Leader: May the peace of our

People: And also with you.

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“Prepare The Way”

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*Indicates standing for those who are able.



*Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy Savior, You are coming in power to bring all nations under Your rule. But who can endure the day of Your coming? We confess You as Lord, yet our paths remain crooked; our ways, rough. Show us the tender mercy of our God. Break in upon us from Your holy heights. Refine us with the fire of Your Spirit, that we may live as people of light, walk in ways of peace, and do works of love, to Your glory and praise, through our Lord and Savior Jesus.

(time of silent confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

(from Romans 3:24-26)

Leader: Paul writes about us sinners: "They are now justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood, effective through faith.

People: He did this to show his righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over the sins previously committed;

Leader: It was to prove at the present time that He Himself is righteous and that He justifies the one who has faith in Jesus."

All: My friends, believe the good news, through our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*All Sing

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 Emmanuel. Amen.

Anthem "An Invitation For Advent" (arr. Nolan) Chancel Choir

A Time for Young Christians (Fifth grade and up, please remain in worship) Kate Canady

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Reading Genesis 45: 1-8 Page 42, OT Pew Bible

Gospel Reading Luke 8: 40-56 Pages 68-69 , NT Pew Bible

Sermon "Punctuation Saves Lives!" Rev. Paul Casner

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (p.14, Hymnal)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offertory

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (arr. Hayes)

Dr. Michael Hooper

***Doxology**

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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The 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.

Words of Institution

(Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

Communion of the People

Prayer

***Hymn**

“People Look East”

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***Benediction**

(Philippians 4: 7)

And the peace of God that transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

***Benediction Response**

“Emmanuel” (McGee)

Chancel Choir

Taking out the Light of Christ

Postlude

“Like A Child” (Damon)

Dr. Michael Hooper

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the Worship Service this Sunday, December 7th for the purpose of electing the slate of candidates for the Class of 2028 selected by the Officer Nominating Committee.

The slate of candidates are:

**Joel Haithcote (Elder), Christy Jensen (Elder), Rob Marsh (Elder),
Willie Snell (Elder), and Brent Canady (Trustee)**



ALL THE ANGELS ARE TAKEN!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Your support helps bring smiles to children's faces and creates magical Christmas memories for them and their parents

Please return UNWRAPPED gifts with
The Angel attached by December 7th



We need Volunteers! 2 Ushers & 1 Hall Monitor
For 4:00pm and 7:00pm Services on Christmas Eve.
If you would like to volunteer, Please call or e-mail
Church office (931) 684-6541
First.pres.church600@gmail.com



Stewardship Is...



Love in Action



Reminder

Youth Group will meet immediately
following the potluck lunch
on Sunday, December 7th
to complete their service project.

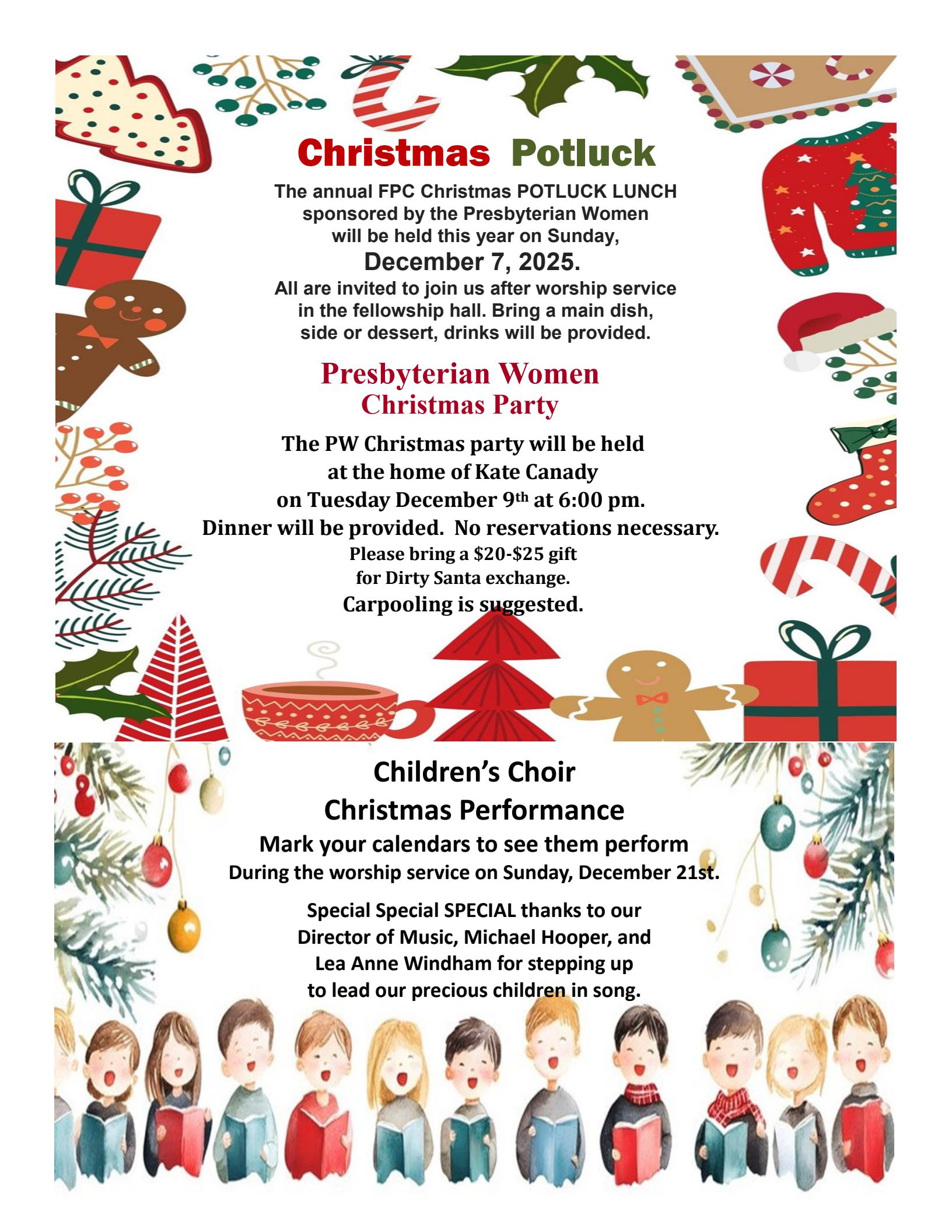
It's not too late to turn in your
Pledge card for 2025

Pledge cards are extremely helpful when determining the budget for the upcoming year. If you haven't turned one in yet please call or text Lisa to let her know your pledge or there are pledge cards in the back of the sanctuary you can fill out and drop in the offering plate.

Thank you all for all you do!

Time, Talents & Service Commitments for 2026
If you have not filled one out yet, Please do so.

They are in the back of the Sanctuary.
Thank you very much for your service
in His name!



Christmas Potluck

The annual FPC Christmas POTLUCK LUNCH
sponsored by the Presbyterian Women
will be held this year on Sunday,
December 7, 2025.

All are invited to join us after worship service
in the fellowship hall. Bring a main dish,
side or dessert, drinks will be provided.

Presbyterian Women Christmas Party

The PW Christmas party will be held
at the home of Kate Canady
on Tuesday December 9th at 6:00 pm.

Dinner will be provided. No reservations necessary.

Please bring a \$20-\$25 gift
for Dirty Santa exchange.

Carpooling is suggested.



Children's Choir

Christmas Performance

Mark your calendars to see them perform
During the worship service on Sunday, December 21st.

Special thanks to our
Director of Music, Michael Hooper, and
Lea Anne Windham for stepping up
to lead our precious children in song.





November 30, 2025 (Sunday) 1st Sunday of Advent “Hope”
10:00am Worship Service

December 7, 2025 (Sunday) 2nd Sunday of Advent “Peace”
10:00am Worship Service.

Annual FPC Christmas Lunch after worship service.

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women.

Bring a main dish, side or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

December 9, 2025 (Tuesday)

Presbyterian Women Christmas Party

6:00PM - Held at the home of Kate Canady, dinner will be provided.

Bring \$20-\$25 gift for dirty Santa exchange.

No reservations required.

December 14, 2025 (Sunday) 3rd Sunday of Advent “Joy”
10:00am Worship Service

December 21, 2025 (Sunday) 4th Sunday of Advent “Love”

10:00am Our Special Christmas in Music Sunday led by our Director of Music Dr. Michael Hooper and featuring our Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Children’s Choir.

Special Christmas Joy Offering

December 24, 2024 (Wednesday)

4:00pm Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Worship Service.

This will be a sweet and simple service lasting no longer than 40 minutes.

Perfect for those who do not like to drive after dark or families with young children.

7:00pm Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion Service.

December 28, 2024 (Sunday) 10:00am Hymn Sing Sunday

Please don't hesitate to contact the church office with any questions.



Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

As we continue the search for our next Pastor and discern the future direction of our congregation, we will be using a **Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT)**—an online survey designed to give us a clear picture of our church’s strengths, challenges, and priorities. Your participation is essential to this process.

The CAT will provide key indicators of our congregation’s vitality and will help the Session identify the leadership qualities most needed in our next Pastor, as well as opportunities for growth within our ministry.

Assessment Process

Accessing the Assessment:

During the week of **November 24, 2025**, we will email link to the online survey. Paper copies will be available through the church office, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for those who prefer a printed version.

Completing the Survey:

The assessment will take approximately **30–45 minutes**. Please set aside adequate time to respond thoughtfully.

If your household shares an email address, ensure that **each adult and young adult** completes an **individual** survey, as every person’s input is important.

Confidentiality:

All responses are **strictly anonymous**. There is no mechanism for identifying individual respondents, allowing you to answer with complete honesty.

Timeline:

The assessment will remain open to be completed at your discretion. **It will close on December 30, 2025**; please complete it by this date.

After the assessment has concluded, the Session will receive the comprehensive “Vital Signs” reports in preparation for our interpretation session, where we will review and discuss the findings.

Your thoughtful participation will greatly assist in shaping the future of First Presbyterian Church. We appreciate your commitment to this important work and ask that you look for the assessment link arriving in your inbox soon.

Sincerely,

The Session of First Presbyterian Church
Shelbyville, Tennessee

Calendar

Sunday, December 07, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am

Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Congregational Meeting right after Worship Service
Annual FPC Christmas Lunch after Worship Service

Angel Tree Gifts are due back
2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace

Monday, December 08, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 09, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

PW Christmas Party 6:00pm (Kate Canady's Home)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Chancel Choir 6:00pm

Thursday, December 11, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, December 12, 2025

AA Meeting 5:00pm

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am

Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Bring Your Good Sam Donations

3rd Day of Advent - Joy



December 08

Anna Marsh

December 08

Pat Lemmon

December 12

Gray Turner



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.



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)

Those in Military Service and their families.

Those who are serving abroad and at home.



Frieda Bone (Member)

Mary Brown (Member)

Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)

Patricia Farrar (Daughter of Pat Thompson)

Carol Filczer (Angie's Sister/Church Secretary)

Bill Garner (Brother-in-law of Helen Garner)

Cliff Garrard (Member)

Alan Gill (Brother In Law of Belinda Craig)

Emily Hall (Daughter of Dr. Carol Magnusson)

Edwin Holcombe (Member)

Fred Hunt (Member)

JD Idso (Deann Idso's Son)

Mike Jenne (Raychelle Flannagan's Brother In-Law)

Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

Tony Matusek (Member)

Chris & Savanna Morton (Family & Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)

Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

Baker Smith (Son of Lauren & Gage Smith/Grandson of Kathy & Richard Smith)

Barbara Singleton (Member)

Bill & Pat Singleton (Friend of Cathy Haithcote)

Barbara Steinke (Member)

Jeremiah Thomas (Grandson of Pat Thomas)

Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)

Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family/Friend)



♥ SERVERS ♥

Sunday, December 7, 2025 "Peace"

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Nancy June Brandon	Kate Canady	Katherine Marsh
Helen Garner	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Terry & Ginny Saylor	James Smith	Christy Jensen
Lay Liturgist: Brent Canady		
Advent Readers: John, Bea, Mary Ruth, Evie, & Lowry Marsh		
Communion Prep: Richard & Kristin Wilhelm		
Communion Servers: Mary Brown, Belinda Craig, Jim Ikard, Sarah Natale, James Smith		

Sunday, December 14, 2025 "Joy"

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Melanie Hamilton	Connie Crafton	Bea Marsh
Rob Marsh	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Roy & Lisa Turner	Raychelle Flannagan	Katherine Marsh
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Advent Reader
Jim Ikard		Terry & Ginny Saylor

Sunday, December 21, 2025 "Love"

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Michal Dobson	Kate Canady	Christy Jensen
James & Lori Smith	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Charlotte Williams	Ginny Saylor	Debby Snell
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Advent Readers
Pat Marsh		Michael & Carrie Hooper

Tuesday, December 24, 2025 4:00pm - Lessons & Carols Service

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Nursery
	Kate Canady	
	Hall Monitor	

Advent Readers: **Roy, Lisa, Grey, & Benjamin Turner**

Tuesday, December 24, 2025 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Service

Ushers/Greeters	Hall Monitor	Nursery
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Communion Prep: **Pat Thompson & Brooke Anne Farrar**

Communion Servers: **Kate Canady & James Smith**

Advent Readers: **Willie & Debby Snell**



If you know of someone that is homebound and they would like to receive communion. Please contact the church office.