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## From the Pastor's Pen

My Advent and Christmas friends,

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight!" we can hear John the Baptist cry out from the waters of the Jordan River. John spoke to the faithful who came to be baptized. Scripture says, "They were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when (John) saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance.'" This name calling judgment makes me squirm a little bit because the Pharisees and Sadducees were the "church leaders" of the day. They were the respected around the community. Being good synagogue goers and examples of faithfulness, those faithful servants of God were the men you would want your children to emulate. From what we know of the Pharisees and Sadducees in the New Testament, however, they were as good at sinning as any synagogue worshipper. Kind of like the church today, isn't it? Elders and regular worshippers alike, we are all sinners standing in the need of God's mercy. We all need to hear John the Baptist crying out from the Jordan River to all us sinners to prepare for the coming of the Lord and to get on the straight and narrow path of the Lord. You and I may feel like we got all the time in the world to prepare. But really, do we?

The Advent songs and Christmas carols remind us, too, of our need to prepare the way of the Lord. One of the less familiar Advent hymns we shall sing the Second Sunday of Advent: "Savior of the Nations, Come." This hymn looks to the birth of Jesus to the virgin Mary. The reformer Martin Luther (16<sup>th</sup> century) took the hymn originally written by Ambrose of Milan (4<sup>th</sup> century) and rewrote it. In verses 3 and 4, Luther's version speaks of our being saved from sin through the Holy One who is coming: "You, the chosen Holy One, Have o'er sin the victory won. Boundless shall Your kingdom be; when shall we its glories see?"; "Brightly does Your manger shine, glorious is its light divine. Let not sin o'er-cloud this light; ever by our faith thus bright." The Advent hymn looks to the hope we sinners have in Jesus, whose manger shines bright with divine light and forgiveness through faith in him. This December, let us make this journey of Advent together to the manger side on Christmas Eve.

Have faith, Christmas is coming!

May the Hope and Joy of the season be with you,

Jim





|             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| December 8  | Anna Marsh         |
| December 8  | Pat Lemmon         |
| December 12 | Graham Turner      |
| December 16 | Christy Jensen     |
| December 16 | Tony Matusek       |
| December 17 | Emily Anne Windham |
| December 18 | Edwin Holcombe     |
| December 18 | Robert Windham     |
| December 19 | Margaret Smith     |
| December 20 | Mary Marsh         |
| December 21 | Dana Edwards       |
| December 21 | Lewis Obenchain    |
| December 21 | Michal Dobson      |
| December 23 | Karisa Matusek     |
| December 26 | Sara Flannagan     |
| December 26 | Blair Turner       |
| December 31 | Ellen Treadway     |

## Time & Talents for 2023

If you have not filled one out yet please do so.  
They are in the back of the Sanctuary on the Gold Paper.



## Meetings

Property Committee  
Monday, Dec. 12th @ 5:00pm

Mission Committee  
Monday, Dec. 12th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee  
Tuesday, Dec. 13th @ 11:00am

Faith Development Committee  
Monday, Dec. 12th @ 6:00pm

*Worship & Music Committee*  
TBD

Budget/Finance Committee  
Wednesday, Dec. 7th @ noon

Cong. Life & Fellowship Committee  
TBD

Session  
Thursday, Dec. 19th @ 5:30pm

Presbyterian Women  
Tuesday, Jan. 10th @ 10:00am

Elder & Trustee Elect  
Sunday, Dec. 18th @ 11:15



25 December 19th  
Mike & Karisa Matusek

December 27th  
Linda & Cliff Garrard

**Join us! Bring a friend! Tell your neighbors! Let's celebrate this time together!**

## **The Season of Advent at First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville**

**December 11, 2022** (Sunday) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent "Joy" – Worship Service at 10:00am The children will present: "The Nativity

through Song and Scripture." Come watch our children tell the story of Jesus' birth through Christmas songs and get ready for this special season.

Join us after worship for a Christmas Luncheon hosted by our Presbyterian Women

"Joy to the Lord..." Christmas Caroling is at 4:00 - 7:00pm Fun for all ages. Bring your friends. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall. This will be cancelled if it is raining.

**December 18, 2022** (Sunday) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent "Love" - Worship Service at 10:00am with a Special Christmas Joy Offering

"Blue Christmas" Service at 5:00pm - Bring your sadness and leave with HOPE.

**December 24, 2022** (Saturday) Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with communion at 5:00pm

**December 25, 2022** (Sunday) Christmas Day – Worship Service at 10:00am

**January 1, 2023** (Sunday) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas Worship Service at 10:00am

**January 6, 2023** (Friday) Epiphany of the Lord Service Worship at 7:00pm

**January 7, 2023** (Saturday) "UN-decorate Church" at 10:00am This is a great opportunity to help out and fellowship.

"Many hands make light work"

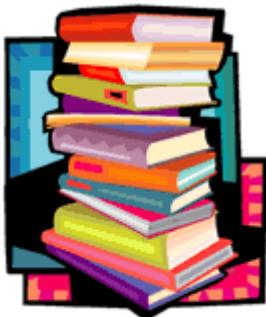


**"Joy to the Lord..." Christmas Caroling**

**Sunday, Dec. 11th 4:00pm - 7:00pm**



Fun for all ages. Bring your friends. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your phones and/or flashlights for light. We will be visiting our members on the Shut-In List. Upon returning to the church from caroling we will have hot chocolate & lite refreshments. This will be cancelled if it is raining.



## Book Club

The Book Club is meeting Friday, December 16th, 9:00am at Coffee Break.  
They will be discussing "Letters From Father Christmas" by J. R. Tolkien

### Up and coming...

|          |                                  |                   |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| January  | "True Grit"                      | Charles Portis    |
| February | "Seabiscuit: An American Legend" | Laura Hillenbrand |

*Please join us for fun, food and fellowship  
at the*

## *First Presbyterian Women's Christmas Party*



All Ladies  
are  
Invited!!!

*Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>*

*River Bend Country Club*

*Menu: Chicken Breast, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Cheesecake*

*6:00pm*

*\*Please bring a wrapped \$10 gift to exchange*

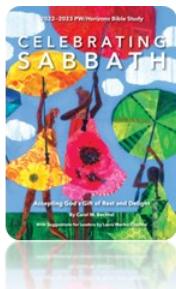
*Cost is \$20.00 (This includes dinner, drinks, tax, and gratuity.)*

*Payable to Ginny Saylor*

*Please make your reservation and payment by **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>***



**JOY**



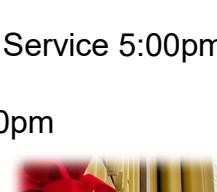
Presbyterian Women study books for Circle are now available at a cost of \$11 and are available in the church office. If paying by check please make it to Presbyterian Women.

Now is a great time to join circle as we start this new study. Please join us on Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 10:00am.



# December



|             |  |   |
|-------------|--|---|
| December 4  | Cantata at First Christian 2:00pm        |    |
| December 5  | Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm                 |   |
| December 6  | Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm                 |   |
| December 7  | AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm             |   |
|             | Budget/Finance Meeting noon              |   |
|             | Chancel Choir 5:00pm                     |   |
|             | Wonderful Wed. Dinner 6:00pm             |   |
|             | Bible Study 6:35pm                       |   |
|             | Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm        |   |
| December 8  | AA Meeting 7:00pm                        |   |
| December 9  | AA Meeting 1:00pm                        |   |
| December 11 | ANGELS are DUE back Unwrapped            |   |
|             | Children's Performance during worship    |   |
|             | Christmas Luncheon after worship         |   |
|             | Christmas Caroling 4:00-7:00pm           |   |
| December 12 | Property Meeting 5:0pm                   |   |
|             | Mission Meeting 5:30pm                   |   |
|             | Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm                 |   |
| December 13 | Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am            |   |
|             | PW Christmas Party 6:00pm                |   |
|             | AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm             |   |
| December 15 | PDO Christmas Open House 12:30-2:00pm    |   |
|             | AA Meeting 7:00pm                        |   |
| December 16 | Book Club Meeting at Coffee Break 9:00am |   |
|             | AA Meeting 1:00pm                        |   |
| December 18 | Elder & Trustee Elect Meeting 11:15am    |   |
|             | Blue Christmas Service 5:00pm            |   |
|             | Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm                 |   |
| December 19 | Session Meeting 5:30pm                   |   |
| December 20 | AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm             |   |
| December 22 | AA Meeting 7:00pm                        |   |
| December 23 | AA Meeting 1:00pm                        |   |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Communion Service 5:00pm   |   |
| December 25 | NO SUNDAY SCHOOL                         |   |
| December 27 | AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm             |   |
| December 29 | AA Meeting 7:00pm                        |   |
| December 30 | AA Meeting 1:00pm                        |  |



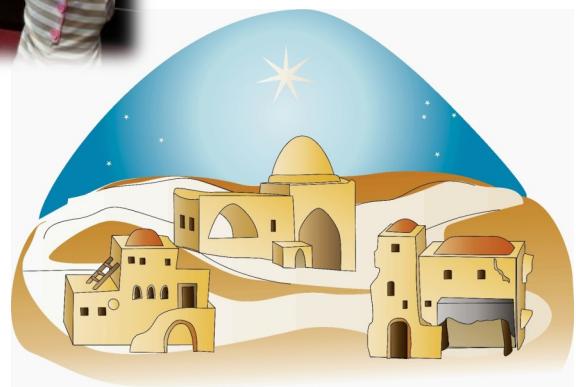
## Veterans Day at Parents' Day Out

Special thanks to

**Steve Northcutt & Matt Doak**



# HOPE



Bring your Good Sam donations Sunday, Dec. 11th  
Good Sam is particularly in need of:

**VEGETABLES, Vienna Sausage, Tuna, Canned Protein, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Rice, Cereal** (Right now they are blessed with an Overabundance of soup & canned spaghetti O's, canned ravioli, etc.)





## BackPacking- it is that time again! So for your current update-

A. We are going to pack 150 boxes **this Sunday, Dec. 4th**, night! More than we've ever done. Please- if you've ever helped- come on back! And bring your knife or box cutter. We'll have a brief word from Pastor Jim @ **5:00pm**, a bit to eat to keep our energy up- and then circle the room assembly-line style.

It'll be a Party for a couple of hours!

B. If you'd like a little more involvement- at **10:00am on Saturday, Dec. 3rd**, we need about a dozen or so to break the pallet loads down and wheel cases into the Fellowship Hall. Usually about an hour or so, and some good muscle work. Please let Richard Smith know if you'd like to play in this game. [RT.Smith@Live.com](mailto:RT.Smith@Live.com) 931-580-7630

C. And for those who feel called- remember the little brown envelopes in the pew racks?

Total budget for this school year is at least \$13,500. So every little bit counts.



# PEACE

## Parents' Day Out

Special thanks to  
Kate Canady  
for coming in and  
enthusiastically reading  
to the kids.





Angels are on the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall.

Please note the Angel Tag is the ONLY way we will know who the gifts belong to.

Please return UNWRAPPED gifts with the Angel attached by **Dec. 11th.**

# JOY



Next Pastoral Care meeting is  
Dec. 13th at 11:00am  
in the ELA Room.  
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Pastoral Care Committee  
put together bags for all of the  
Shut Ins and delivered them.  
They were full of goodies



American  
Red Cross

Blood  
Services

**January 18th 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](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.



# Prayer Requests

**Azayla** (Granddaughter of a friend of Brent & Kate Canady)  
**J.L. & Helen Barker** (Father & Mother of Raychelle Flannagan)  
**Katelyn Carter** (Friend of Helen Garner)  
**Sandra Crowell** (Relative of Donna Sepull)  
**Evelyn Davidson** (Member)  
**Denise Geenen** (Friend of James Smith)  
**Edwin Holcombe** (Member)  
**Fred Hunt** (Member)  
**Carolyn Keely Latham** (Friend of Ginger Shofner)  
**Shirley Luscinski** (Friend of the congregation)  
**Carolyn Matusek** (Members)  
**Jamie Monk** (Jennie Kate Pendergrass' Cousin)  
**Family & Friends of Harold Moore** (Nephew of Bailey & Trena Little)  
**Jo Newton** (Friend of many in the congregation)  
**Jennie Schutte-Patrick** (Bea Marsh's Sister-in-law)  
**Family of Mary Grace Phillips** (Friend of many & Al-Anon Leader)  
**Family & Friends of Rachel Copeland Pickett** (Friend of Ginger Shofner)  
**Family & Friends of Bob Scruggs** (Former Pianist/Organist & Friend)  
**Willa Kate Shofner** (Member)

**LT Andy Canady** (Member)  
**Airman Chase Blanton** (Member)  
**Those in Military Service and their families**  
**Those who are serving abroad and at home**

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).

*In  
Loving  
Memory of*

Elaine Holcombe

For Memorial Fund  
Ginger Shofner



Bob Scruggs

For Memorial Fund  
Ginger Shofner

Danny Reed

For Memorial Fund  
Ginger Shofner

Virginia Delatorre

For Memorial Fund  
Ginger Shofner



**LOVE**



# Servers

## Sunday, December 4, 2022 "Peace"

|   |                             |                         |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ushers/Greeters   | A Time for Young Christians | Children's Church       |
| <b>Norma Zae Jensen</b>   | <b>Pastor Jim</b>           | <b>Marylyn Caperton</b> |
| <b>Nancy June Brandon</b>   | Hall Monitor                | Nursery                 |
| <b>Margaret Smith &amp; Belinda Craig</b>   | <b>Pat Marsh</b>            | <b>Mary Marsh</b>       |
| Communion Prep: <b>Mike &amp; Karisa Matusek</b>  |                             |                         |
| Communion Servers: <b>Brent Canady, Katherine Marsh, Lori Sain-Smith, Terry Saylor, Kristin Wilhelm</b> |                             |                         |
| Advent Readers: <b>Mike, Karisa &amp; Ean Matusek</b>   |                             |                         |

## Sunday, December 11, 2022 "Joy"

|  |                             |                         |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ushers/Greeters  | A Time for Young Christians | Children's Church       |
| <b>Brent Canady</b>  | <b>Connie Crafton</b>       | <b>Belinda Craig</b>    |
| <b>Marylyn Caperton</b>  | Hall Monitor                | Nursery                 |
| <b>Helen Garner &amp; Kathy Smith</b>  | <b>Richard Smith</b>        | <b>Norma Zae Jensen</b> |
| Advent Readers: <b>Rob, Katherine, Walker, Maddie, Anna &amp; Kate Marsh</b> |                             |                         |

## Sunday, December 18, 2022 "Love"

|   |                             |                   |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Ushers/Greeters                                     | A Time for Young Christians | Children's Church |
| <b>Melanie Hamilton</b>                             | <b>Kate Canandy</b>         | <b>Bea Marsh</b>  |
| <b>Charlotte Williams</b>                           | Hall Monitor                | Nursery           |
| <b>James &amp; Lori Smith</b>                       | <b>Evan Pendergrass</b>     | <b>Pat Thomas</b> |
| Advent Readers: <b>Jim Ikard &amp; Cathy Powell</b> |                             |                   |

## Sunday, December 18, 2022 "Blue Christmas" 5:00pm

|                         |              |         |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Ushers/Greeters         | Hall Monitor | Nursery |
| <b>Melanie Hamilton</b> |              |         |

## Saturday, December 24, 2022 "Christmas Eve" 5:00pm

|   |              |         |
|---|--------------|---------|
| Ushers/Greeters                                       | Hall Monitor | Nursery |
| <b>Rob Marsh</b>                                      |              |         |
| <b>Ginny Saylor</b>                                   |              |         |
| <b>Kristin Wilhelm</b>                                |              |         |
| Communion Prep: <b>Pat Thompson</b>                   |              |         |
| Communion Servers: <b>Brent Canady, Terry Saylor,</b> |              |         |
| Advent Readers: <b>Aaron &amp; Connie Crafton</b>     |              |         |

## Sunday, December 25 2022 "Nativity of the Lord"

|                              |                                      |                                   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ushers/Greeters              | A Time for Young Christians          |                                   |
| <b>Frieda Bone</b>           | <b>Pastor Jim</b>                    |                                   |
| <b>Roy &amp; Lisa Turner</b> | Hall Monitor<br><b>Belinda Craig</b> | Nursery<br><b>Katherine Marsh</b> |



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**Billie Crowell**

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**Diane Green**

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**Teresa Phillips**

Parents' Day Out Director



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# Advent

hope · peace · joy · love

## SESSION

### Class of 2022

Aaron Crafton, Melanie Hamilton,  
Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith

### Class of 2023

Helen Garner, Christy Jensen,  
Kristin Wilhelm, Terry Saylor

### Class of 2024

Brent Canady,  
**Katherine Marsh (Clerk of Session),**  
Lori Sain-Smith, Drew Turner

### Class of 2025

Mary Brown, Jim Ikard  
John Marsh, LeaAnne Windham

## TRUSTEES

### Class of 2022

Pat Thomas

### Class of 2023

Tommy Anderton

### Class of 2024

Bailey Little

### Class of 2025

Lisa Turner

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

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

