

Anchor Links

January 2022



Happy New Year, Twenty Twenty-Two!

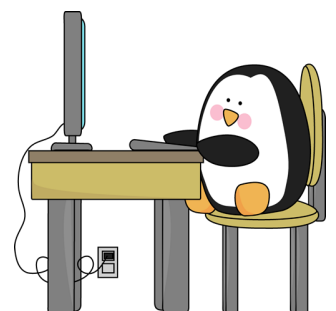
It will take me the whole month of January to make sure I get the year right – 2022.

Worship will begin the year back at the beginning where there were God and the Word. The Gospel could begin no earlier. The Prologue of John (1:1-18) then says that the Word set up His dwelling among humanity. In other words, “we are being told that the flesh of Jesus Christ is the new localization of God’s presence on earth,” Dr. Raymond Brown writes, “and that Jesus is the replacement of the ancient Tabernacle.” ([Anchor Bible Commentary](#), 33) In the deep darkness of our world and the ongoing exile from normalcy in the global pandemic, “we have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2) and are called to make room for God, who has revealed God’s self in Jesus. I believe to make room for God is the call to be like Jesus in his ministry by practicing hospitality to both God and those who bear the image of God, which I understand to be every human being. As I ended the sermon last Sunday, “We gather every Christmas Eve so that Jesus becomes enfleshed in us, so that we become the very body of Jesus in the world. That’s why we gather every Christmas Eve so that Jesus may become enfleshed in us. That’s what Christmas means: we become the very body of Jesus. That’s what happens this night before Christmas.” We, the Church, become the very body of Christ so that Jesus also may become enfleshed in all humanity.

In January, three new elders will be ordained and installed, and an elder and a trustee will be installed. A couple sermons, drawn from Paul’s first letter to Corinth, will focus on using our spiritual gifts and being the body of Christ. Each of us may want to reflect on the spiritual gifts God has given us and what part of the body of Christ we are or are gifted to be: hand, eye, mouth, ear, feet, etc. All humanity is called to be a part of the body of Christ. The body of Christ has plenty of room. For the New Year, as God has made room for you and me at the Table of our Lord, let us make room for everyone at the Lord’s Table.

In 2022, may all God’s children see the Light of Jesus shining more brightly upon them each day and find an open seat at the Table of our Lord in First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, Tennessee.

May the love and grace of Christ dwell with you,
Jim





hello january



Happy Birthday

January 2	Cindy Lamb
January 3	Sydnee Edwards
January 5	Jim Singleton
January 5	Jennie Kate Conley
January 6	Ben Craig
January 6	Pat Marsh
January 6	Mary Gore
January 6	Allen Haynes
January 7	Abbie Hittle
January 10	Laura-Grace Anderson
January 12	Kathy Smith
January 13	Lisa Turner
January 14	Arabella Gervais
January 15	Isaac Caperton
January 19	Kyle Segroves
January 19	Gavin Segroves
January 19	Shirley Luscinski
January 19	Walker Marsh
January 22	Sam Bradley
January 23	Mike Bone
January 23	Phillip Frisby
January 26	Holt Parsons
January 26	Diane Green
January 27	Paul Hardon
January 28	Richard Wilhelm



January 3rd	Office Closed
January 6th	Epiphany Service at 7:00pm
January 9th	Sunday School starts
January 10th	Mission Meeting at 5:30pm
January 11th	Worship & Music at 5:30pm in the ELA Room
January 14th	Office Closed
January 16th	Book Club Meeting at 3:30pm In the Fellowship Hall
January 18th	Pastoral Care Meeting at 10:00am
January 19th	Blood Drive from 10:00am-2:00pm Register at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Property

No Meeting in January

Mission

Monday, Jan. 10th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care

Tuesday, Jan. 18th @ 10:00am

Worship & Music

Tuesday, Jan. 11th @ 5:30pm

Faith Development

TBD

Session

Monday, Jan. 17th @ 5:30pm



Happy Anniversary

January 7th

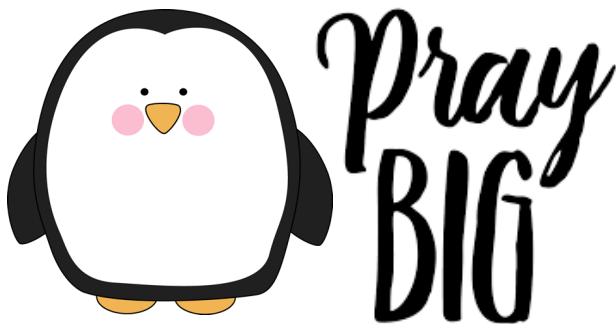
Pat & Mary Marsh



January 24th

David & Debbie Kee





LT Andy Canady (Member)

Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

Those in Military service and their families

Those who are serving abroad and at home

Patti Jo Bennett (Sister of Jim Sepull)

Carissa Craig (Belinda Craig's Daughter-In-Law)

Billie Crowell (Music Directory)

Mary Channell (Linda Anderton's mother)

Evelyn Davidson (Member)

Diane Green (Nursery Director)

Fred Hunt (Member)

Aksel Jensen, III (Member)

Family & Friends of Larry Kee (David Kee's Brother)

Carolyn Matusek (Member)

Family & Friends of Hugh Parker (Member)

Family & Friends of Nowlin Taylor (Former Member)

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church



Dear First Presbyterian Church family,

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift! Denise, Alex, and I have experienced your kindness and generosity since the day we arrived in Shelbyville. We look forward to ministry together for the New Year 2022 and years to come.

May the hope, peace, joy, and love that we know in the Christ Child be with you,

Pastor Jim

Sunday School classes will start back up on January 9th

Sunday School will be from 9:00-9:45am and Fellowship will start at 9:45am

Sunday School will consist of 5 different classes :

Preschool-1st, 2nd-5th, 6th-12th, Young Adult (under 40), Adult

Feasting on the Word Curriculum will explore the same Bible passage each week.

This makes it easy for families to live out their faith together. Explore the what, where, so what, and now what of each biblical passage from the lectionary.



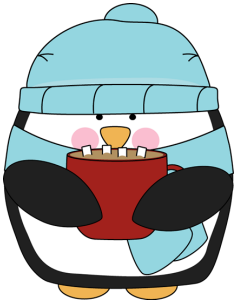
The Night Circle will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 6:00 PM at the church in the Russell Classroom. We will be studying Lesson 2: Tamar in our book, What My Grandmother Taught Me-Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. Books are available in the church office or at our meeting.

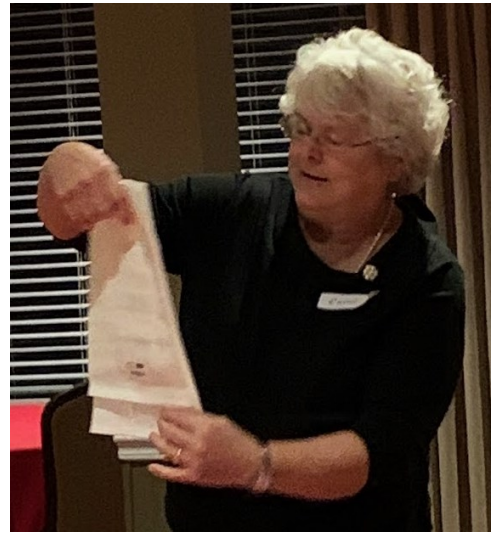
We will be taking up a monetary donation for the guidance counselor at East Side School to purchase undies for young children when they have an accident at school. Marylyn Caperton stays in contact with this school and knows that is something they really need.

Hope to see you on Jan. 11 at 6:00 P.M.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN







YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

LAUNCHING.... EXCITING NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY JANUARY 9TH – GROUP MEETING – STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.

A **New Young Adult Ministry** is being launched at FPC, which will be grounded in Bible Study, service projects, spiritual practices, and fellowship activities!

Here are some basics about this **exciting** Ministry:

- * The Ministry will be grounded in a faith-based Sunday School Group where those who are new to the Bible and those who are more advanced will both find a home! Denise Moran will teach and serve as the facilitator for the Group.
- * Service projects, spiritual practices, and fellowship activities will grow from the Group, as leadership roles emerge and rotate.
- * The Young Adult Ministry will sponsor and lead activities, which will be open Church-wide and to the community.

The “**Launch Meeting & Devotion**” will be held on
Sunday, January 9th..... START time is 9:00 a.m.

We have been assigned to the Young Adult classroom,
which is located next to the Choir Room.

We will be giving the room a new look, as we settle into the New Ministry.

Who can participate?

The Young Adult Ministry is open to adults who are under 40 OR have a child(ren) in elementary or high school.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Moran at 615.477.3049, or via email address at: deniselangmoran@gmail.com.



YOUTH PROJECT

THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, Jan 2, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Pastor Jim is calling all Youth to gather in the Fellowship Hall **THIS Sunday** to participate in a Project in preparation for the Epiphany Service, which will be held on Thursday, January 6th.

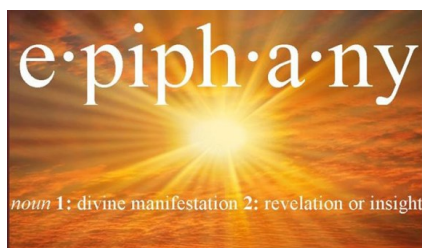
- WHO:** ALL YOUTH
- WHAT:** River Stone Painting & Inscribing
Devotion – To Better Understand our Project
Volunteer to Help Pastor Jim with the Epiphany Service
- DINNER:** Pizza & Drinks

This will be a fun time to get to know Pastor Jim and Denise, who will be providing a Pizza Dinner!

We have planned the time from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., so please come as soon as you can. Pastor Jim will need Youth to serve as readers and volunteers to help distribute the River Stones at the Epiphany Service, so please step up! He will be contacting Youth/Parents via email with more information.

Parents – a Parent Volunteer is needed to help set up/clean up for the Dinner.

(Please let Jim know if you can donate the time/energy to help.)



EPIPHANY SERVICE

Thursday, January 6th

7:00 p.m.

As we begin a New Year and a New Shared Ministry, please join together, as a Congregation, to celebrate Epiphany! We will just be emerging from the *Twelve Days of Christmas*, acknowledging the presence of the Wise Men, and showing gratitude to God for extending His open arms to the whole world, including gentiles.

During the Service, we will experience the stories of the Wise Men arriving to the house, explore the importance of the Word of God now dwelling amongst us, and receive a token for the New Year. The token will contain a Word from Scripture around which you will be asked by Pastor Jim to meditate, pray, and seek guidance & growth. Each Word will be used as a separate meditation by Pastor Jim during the upcoming e-Weekly series. Which Word will you receive? The Word will choose you! Come and experience Epiphany anew.....as we follow the *Star*, the *Word*, the *Light*....into a New Year of Shared Ministry!



Servers



Date	Ushers/Greeter	Hall Monitor	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church	Nursery
Jan. 2	Allen Haynes Toby Haynes	Nancy June Brandon	Pastor Jim	—	Bea Marsh
Jan. 6 7pm			—	—	Lauren Smith
Jan. 9	Brenda Skelton Brent Canady	Belinda Craig	Kate Canady	Bea Marsh	Norma Zae Jensen
Jan. 16	Belinda Craig Nancy June Brandon	Allen Haynes	Kate Canady	Kate Canady	Mary Marsh
Jan. 23	Pat Marsh Norma Zae Jensen	Gage Smith	Kate Canady	Katherine Marsh	Christy Jensen
Jan. 30	James Smith Lori Smith	Frieda Bone	Kate Canady	Belinda Craig	Pat Thomas
Feb. 6	Frieda Bone Charlotte Williams	Pat Thomas	Pastor Jim	Pat Marsh	Katherine Marsh
Feb. 13	Pat Thomas Melanie Hamilton	James Smith	Kate Canady	Kate Canady	Lisa Turner
Feb. 20	John Marsh Michal Dobson	Toby Haynes	Kate Canady	Katherine Marsh	Bea Marsh
Feb. 27	Helen Garner Margaret Smith	Brenda Skelton	Kate Canady	Bea Marsh	Lauren Smith

Choir
singing
'Still, Still, Still'
on the
Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service



If you are interesting in joining the Worship & Music Committee you can just show up to the next meeting on Tuesday, January 11th at 5:30pm in the ELA Classroom.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ginger Shofner at gbshofner@gmail.com

Backpack Program



Remember you can donate anytime to this great cause by putting your offering into the little envelopes in the back of the pews.



Thank You!

We said it before but wanted to say it again.
Thank you to all who helped in any and all ways.





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Chenel Gervais — Church Secretary

Diane Green — Nursery Director

Teresa Phillips — Parents' Day Out Director



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

TRUSTEES

Class of 2022

Pat Thomas

Class of 2023

Tommy Anderton

Class of 2024

Bailey Little

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 Facebook, Venmo, Vanco, Check or Cash.



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Calendar is up to date!
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