



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

January 5, 2020



This Sunday we will install new Elders as the Session class of 2022. Please welcome Melanie Hamilton, Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith and Aaron Crafton and please congratulate our outgoing Session class: Tommy Anderton, Kristen Conley, Christy Jensen, Charlotte Williams. We also recognize a new Trustee, Pat Thomas. Trustees are not installed the way Elders are but their role is certainly as vital.

Elders are elected to the Session for three year terms and, as I note the “graduation date” of the new Session class, I particularly think how 2022 seems like light years from now. However, we know that the next three years will be an important time in the life of the church. With numerous demographic shifts going on in the culture of society and Christian churches, there are decisions to be made about the direction of this congregation that require thoughtful, spiritual leadership from the incoming Session class through the duration of their term. So tell your Session what you expect and then give them your support as they discern how to adapt to a changing world while holding onto unchanging scripture.

This Sunday is Epiphany. This is the day that we celebrate the manifestation of Christ Jesus to the gentiles, specifically the three wise men from the east of Israel. The star led them across time and space to find the baby Jesus and when they found Him, the promises of God were immediately available to people far beyond the geographical and religious borders of Hebrew society.

So at Epiphany we might consider two things. **First**, that we as a congregation and our body of Ruling Elders in the Session might all receive a divine epiphany. It should be among our greatest joys that God would manifest to us some previously unconsidered divine truth and wisdom. **Second**, we should remember that God is a mystery. The minute we think we have God figured out, we realize how much we have underestimated His reach, His love, and His grace.

Our God is constantly doing new things through us and through people we might not ever think of as God’s people.

See you in church!

Allen

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

Join us as we gather for worship of our Lord and Savior

JESUS CHRIST

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-2

New Testament: Ephesians 3:7-12

Sermon: "Servants of Grace"

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020
2nd Sunday of Christmas

Acolyte	Abby Hittle
Lay Liturgist	Pat Marsh
Ushers/Greeters	Kristin Conley Melanie Hamilton Aksel Jensen III Norma Zae Jensen
Hall Monitor	Linda Anderton
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	Abby & Maddie Hittle
Nursery	Susan Spears
Serving Holy Communion: Carol Magnuson Mike Matusek Leo Skelton Pat Thompson	

SERVING SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

Lay Liturgist	Connie Crafton
Ushers/Greeters	John Marsh Kathy Smith Lisa Turner Roy Turner
Hall Monitor	Nancy June Brandon
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	Katherine Marsh
Nursery	Pat Thomas

January 5th through January 17th

Sunday, January 5th

Installation of Elders
Book Club 3:30pm
APNC Meeting 5:30pm
in the ELA Classroom

Monday, January 6th

Property Meeting 5:00pm

Tuesday, January 7th

PDO Begins
Faith Development 5:30pm

Thursday, January 9th

Women's Council 4:30pm

Saturday, January 11th

Breakfast 8am
Removal of Christmas Decorations

Sunday, January 12th

Blessing of food donations

Monday, January 13th

Mission Meeting 5:30pm

Tuesday, January 14th

Night Circle 6:30pm
at the home of
Brenda Skelton

Friday, January 17th

Youth Lock-In



Prayerfully consider serving in 2020. FPC needs volunteers for the following:

Lay Liturgist, Ushers/Greeters, Hall Monitor, Children's Church Teachers, and Nursery Helpers.

Forms are at the back of the church or call the church office at 931.684.6541 or email: first.pres.church600@gmail.com.

Offering Envelopes & January Anchor Links **Located at the rear of the Sanctuary**



Food Item(s) for Good Samaritan~~Protein Foods

Bring your food donations on Sunday, January 12th for a special blessing.

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