

the Lamplighter

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 2018

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Christmas Celebration

It's time to share in the warmth and beauty of the Christmas season with the FPC family on Sunday, December 16th in the Cornerstone

We will have soup furnished by the Worship Committee. Please bring salads, sandwiches or a dessert to share. There will be entertainment from the Hand Bell Choir and Dulcimers.

We welcome readings, stories, poems, solos, duets and skits. Please sign up to share your talent by Sunday, December 9th.

*For more information, please see
Carolle Tracy or Donna Houston.*

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday

9:00am-2:30pm

LUNCH: A half hour between
11:30pm-12:30pm

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robyn Abel

Pastor

Candice Mendoza

Office Manager

Carolle Tracy, **Music Director**

Donna Houston, **Organist**

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**

ELDER/ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH

Donna Houston

Caren Gibson

FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Debbie Wyatt

RULING ELDERS ON SESSION

Mary Jo Dreher

Caren Gibson

Bobby Page

John Halcomb

Donna Houston

Jim Sowney

Prentice Knight

Debbie Wyatt

Becky Stubbs

DEACONS:

Pat Markell

Linda Knight

Woon Yen Prall

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Our Session had a very busy meeting on
Monday, November 26.

- ♦ There will be a lunch sponsored by our Living Waters team on Sunday, January 20th. At that lunch you will get to see some pictures and information about our latest installation in Guatemala.
- ♦ Session approved the working FPC budget for 2019. You can find out about that at the December 9th Congregational meeting.
- ♦ Session approved the date of December 30th as Pastor Robyn's last Sunday here as she retires. At the Congregational Meeting on December 9th the Congregation will officially vote to dissolve our relationship with her.
- ♦ Session approved payment to Pastor Robyn for two weeks' vacation time.
- ♦ Session approved bonuses to staff in appreciation for their work at FPC.



Advent/Christmas Activity Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

Hanging of the Greens at 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND:

Advent Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

Lighting of Candle of Hope-

Jim & Debbie Sowney

White Christmas Offering #1

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH:

Lighting of Candle of Peace-

Bob & Deb Thompson

White Christmas Offering #2

Annual Congregational Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH:

Lighting of Candle of Joy-

Larry & Sharon Smith

Christmas Celebration after worship with

Soup & Sandwich Potluck

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

WHITE CHRISTMAS BOX PACKING & DELIVERY

Would you like to help pack and/or deliver

White Christmas boxes? Packing will begin at

9:00 a.m. in the Cornerstone with delivery to

follow. Anyone interested in helping with

packing or deliveries should contact Caren

Gibson at (270) 586-6260 or (270) 647-2108 or

by email at caren.gibson55@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

Lighting of Candle of Love-Wyatt Family

PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering during

worship (Check out

www.presbyterianmission.org/christmasjoy to

find out where your donations go!)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH Lessons and Carols

@ 10pm

Special Music with Harp Soloist Maddie Arney

@ 9:30pm.

Come & worship God on Christmas Eve! This

service will include special music, along with

musical meditations from the FPC choir,

congregational Christmas hymns, including

Silent Night sung by candlelight. Come one,

come all, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus

Christ!



News & Notes

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 9 after worship

- ⇒ To elect elders for Class of 2021
- ⇒ To elect deacon for 2019 to replace resignation.
- ⇒ To elect deacon for 2021
- ⇒ To receive annual reports of committees and church ministry.
- ⇒ To receive information about year end financial report.
- ⇒ To receive information about 2019 budget approved by Session
- ⇒ To dissolve the pastoral relationship between FPC and Robyn Abel.

Thank you!

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELP PREPARE, SET UP, COOK, DELIVER, SERVE, CLEAN UP, ETC. FOR THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL BEAN SOUP FUNDRAISER. BECAUSE OF EVERYONE'S HARD WORK, WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE A TOTAL OF \$1 744.76 TO GO TOWARDS LOCAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE!



***ORDER FORMS FOR THIS YEAR'S
POINSETTIA'S ARE ON THE TABLE IN
THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. COST IS
\$6.00. PLACE YOUR ORDER AND
PAYMENT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.***



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
12-6 P.M.
IN THE CORNERSTONE**



Stewardship Corner

November Average Attendance: 63

Nov. 4	64
Nov. 11	59
Nov. 18	41
Nov. 25	63

November Weekly Offering Average: \$2,165.75

Nov. 4	\$2,330.00
Nov. 11	\$3,470.00
Nov. 18	\$1,390.00
Nov. 25	\$1,473.00

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,326.92

White Christmas

This year's White Christmas Offering will be on Sunday, Dec. 2nd and 9th. You may also bring in toiletry items as well as hats, gloves, etc. to place in the boxes. We will be packing and delivering the boxes on Tuesday, Dec. 18th beginning at 9 a.m. If you know of a family that could benefit from a box, please let the office know their information!



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Come



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December 2018 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

December

Saturday, December 1
Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Zech. 14:12–21
Phil. 2:1–11
Luke 19:41–48

BEGIN YEAR 1

Sunday, December 2
1st Sunday of Advent
Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Isa. 1:1–9
2 Peter 3:1–10
Matt. 25:1–13

Monday, December 3
Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
Isa. 1:10–20
1 Thess. 1:1–10
Luke 20:1–8

Tuesday, December 4
Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
Isa. 1:21–31
1 Thess. 2:1–12
Luke 20:9–18

Wednesday, December 5
Morning: Pss. 50;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
Isa. 2:1–4
1 Thess. 2:13–20
Luke 20:19–26

Thursday, December 6
Morning: Pss. 18:1–20;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Isa. 2:5–22
1 Thess. 3:1–13
Luke 20:27–40

Friday, December 7
Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 130; 16
Isa. 3:1–4:1
1 Thess. 4:1–12
Luke 20:41–21:4

Saturday, December 8
Morning: Pss. 90; 149
Evening: Pss. 80; 72
Isa. 4:2–6
1 Thess. 4:13–18
Luke 21:5–19

Sunday, December 9
2nd Sunday of Advent
Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Isa. 5:1–7
2 Peter 3:11–18
Luke 7:28–35

Monday, December 10
Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
Isa. 5:8–17
1 Thess. 5:1–11
Luke 21:20–28

Tuesday, December 11
Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
Isa. 5:18–25
1 Thess. 5:12–28
Luke 21:29–38

Wednesday, December 12
Morning: Pss. 50;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
Isa. 6:1–13
2 Thess. 1:1–12
John 7:53–8:11

Thursday, December 13
Morning: Pss. 18:1–20;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Isa. 7:1–9
2 Thess. 2:1–12
Luke 22:1–13

Friday, December 14
Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 130; 16
Isa. 7:10–25
2 Thess. 2:13–3:5
Luke 22:14–30

Saturday, December 15
Morning: Pss. 90; 149
Evening: Pss. 80; 72
Isa. 8:1–15
2 Thess. 3:6–18
Luke 22:31–38

Sunday, December 16
3rd Sunday of Advent
Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Isa. 13:1–13
Heb. 12:18–29
John 3:22–30

Monday, December 17
Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
Isa. 8:16–9:1
2 Peter 1:1–11
Luke 22:39–53

Tuesday, December 18
Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
Isa. 11:1–9
Eph. 6:10–20
John 3:16–21

Wednesday, December 19
Morning: Pss. 50;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
Isa. 11:10–16
Rev. 20:1–10
John 5:30–47

Thursday, December 20
Morning: Pss. 18:1–20;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Isa. 28:9–22
Rev. 20:11–21:8
Luke 1:5–25

Friday, December 21
Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 130; 16
Isa. 29:9–24
Rev. 21:9–21
Luke 1:26–38

Saturday, December 22
Morning: Pss. 90; 149
Evening: Pss. 80; 72
Isa. 31:1–9
Rev. 21:22–22:5
Luke 1:39–48a (48b–56)

Sunday, December 23
4th Sunday of Advent
Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Isa. 33:17–22
Rev. 22:6–11, 18–20
Luke 1:57–66

Monday, December 24
Nativity of the Lord /
Christmas Eve
Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 132; 114
Isa. 35:1–10
Rev. 22:12–17, 21
Luke 1:67–80

Tuesday, December 25
Nativity of the Lord /
Christmas Day
Morning: Pss. 2; 146
Evening: Pss. 98; 96
Zech. 2:10–13
1 John 4:7–16
John 3:31–36

Wednesday, December 26
Morning: Pss. 116;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 119:1–24;
27
2 Chron. 24:17–22
Acts 6:1–7
Acts 7:59–8:8

Thursday, December 27
Morning: Pss. 34;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 19; 121
Prov. 8:22–30
1 John 5:1–12
John 13:20–35

Friday, December 28
Morning: Pss. 2; 148
Evening: Pss. 110; 111
Isa. 49:13–23
Isa. 54:1–13
Matt. 18:1–14

Saturday, December 29
Morning: Pss. 96; 149
Evening: Pss. 132; 97
Isa. 12:1–6
Rev. 1:1–8
John 7:37–52

Sunday, December 30
1st Sunday after
Christmas
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 89:1–18;
39:19–52
Isa. 62:6–7, 10–12
Heb. 2:10–18
Matt. 1:18–25

Monday, December 31
Morning: Pss. 98; 145
Evening: Pss. 45; 96
Isa. 26:1–6
2 Cor. 5:16–6:2
John 8:12–19

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, December 2**
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER
USHERS: DANNY JOINER
Terry Joiner
- **Sunday, December 9**
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER
USHERS: DANNY JOINER
Terry Joiner
- **Sunday, December 16**
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER
USHERS: DANNY JOINER
Terry Joiner
- **Sunday, December 23**
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER
USHERS: DANNY JOINER
Terry Joiner
- **Sunday, December 30**
LECTOR: MARGARET CROWDER
USHERS: DANNY JOINER
Terry Joiner

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wednesdays, 4:45-5:45
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
- **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F @ 7:30pm; W @ 6pm; M. & Sat. 8am
- **Youth Group:** Sundays 6-7:30 pm

DECEMBER 2018

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Advent Breakfast White Christmas #1	3 Tim Crocker	4	5	6 Kristopher Sutton-Evanoff	7	8 Steve Thomas
9 Cong. Meeting White Christmas #2	10	11 Red Cross 12-6	12	13	14 Hailey & Tomas Williams	15
16 Christmas Celebration Nancy Thomas	17	18 White Christmas Pack & Delivery	19 Eleanor Caudill	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Lessons & Carols</i>	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26 Office Closed Frank Wakefield	27	28	29
30	31 Blake Sutton					

Looking Ahead

JANUARY

Elder of the Month: Becky Stubbs

Elder Helper of the Month: Donna Houston

Friend of the Month:

⇒ 1ST: OFFICE CLOSED

⇒ 6TH: SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH
TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS

RITI

*There is a sign up sheet on the board
in the educational wing for all those
who would be willing to help with t
his year's RITI here at FPC.*

*For more information,
please see Jane Rahm!*



Living Waters of the World Update

Our Living Waters team, Caren Gibson, Deb Thompson, and Donna Houston, along with in country staff worked in partnership with the Association Paz y Bien in Quetzeltepeque, Chiquimula, Guatemala to install a water purification system. We look forward to sharing pictures and stories with you on January 20, 2019 at a lunch after worship!



Worship Opportunities

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher: Prentice Knight

Time: Sunday, 9:30am-10:30am

9:30-9:45 — Coffee & Fellowship

9:45-10:30 — Class Time

Bible study & thoughtful discussion of the Scripture with the purpose of fostering spiritual growth & developing a better understanding of how a follower of Christ should live in the modern world.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday School

Time: 9:45am

TODDLERS

(ages 5 and under) are welcome in the nursery (ground floor of education wing) from 9:30am until worship finishes.

ADULT CHOIR

Wednesday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Upstairs, education wing

"Serve The Lord With Gladness; Come Before His Presence With Singing!" Psalm 100

(It's Biblical!!)

HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesday, 4:45-5:45



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