

the Lamplighter

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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AN IT'S-ALMOST-

Christmas Potluck

THE YOUNG DISCIPLES INVITE YOU
TO CELEBRATE WITH THEM!



DECEMBER 12, 2021
after worship
BRING A DISH TO SHARE
or just bring yourself!



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
9:00am-2:30pm

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Daniel Van Beek

Pastor

Bailey Pickens, **Community**

Connections Director

Candice Mendoza

Office Manager

Donna Houston, **Organist**

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**

ELDER/ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH

Larry Smith

Woon Yen Prall

FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Pat Chai

RULING ELDERS ON SESSION

Woon Yen Prall

Caren Gibson

Larry Smith

John Halcomb

CJ Hall

Bob Thompson

Jane Rahm

Cathy Stratton

DEACONS:

Marcella Davis

Donna Houston

Meredith Halcomb

Pastor's Pen

While You Wait

Beloved, once I was the kind of person to hurry everything up! Moving from one stage to the next as fast as I could. Couldn't wait to grow up. Couldn't wait to be at the adults table.

This Advent, we've already started contemplating what it means to wait and what we should do while we wait. Christianity is not a one-hour photo lab. We don't get what we want right after we pray for it or right after we meet about it or right after we want it manifested into the universe...even if it is the right and true and just thing that God wants for us. Waiting is the hardest part. Knowing that we are beloved. Knowing that our faith is secure in God. Knowing that we are called to do uncomfortable things in the name of the Liberating One called Jesus.

We wait in great hope, and in peace, and in joy, and in love. We are reminded of Who we wait for, and What we wait for. The coming of Christ, the beginning of the beloved community, the Kingdom of God. Waiting is hard, but we do not wait alone. We are together and we are active as we replicate the life Jesus lived. We are together and we are held by the grace God has for all of us as we follow the urgings of the Holy Spirit for us to develop a closeness that the Holy One desires for us so deeply.

While You Wait... breathe. While You Wait... pray. While You Wait... listen. Love. Laugh. The great in-breaking of God as a child is so incredibly radical that we have taken it for granted. See what joy and absurdity lies in the Creator and Redeemer of the world living as we live, crying as we cry, and dying as we die. Hear and feel this Advent season how extraordinary the love of God is for you and spread that good news all around. Amen.

Pastor Daniel

Join us for our 4-week Advent Bible Study on the book of Isaiah Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Cornerstone (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22). The books "Unto Us a Child Is Born" have arrived and will be available at Bible Study (suggested \$10).

TYLER D. MAYFIELD

Foreword by
WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

UNTO US
A CHILD
IS BORN

ISAIAH,
ADVENT,
and Our
JEWISH
NEIGHBORS

Advent/Christmas Activity Schedule

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Advent Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Lighting of Candle of Hope
White Christmas Offering #1
ADVENT CONSPIRACY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Lighting of Candle of Peace
White Christmas Offering #2
ADVENT CONSPIRACY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Lighting of Candle of Joy
Christmas Celebration after worship with
Soup & Sandwich Potluck
White Christmas Offering #3
ADVENT CONSPIRACY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Lighting of Candle of Love
PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering during
worship (Check out
www.presbyterianmission.org/christmasjoy to
find out where your donations go!)

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

WHITE CHRISTMAS BOX PACKING & DELIVERY
Would you like to help pack and/or deliver
White Christmas boxes? Packing will begin at
9:30 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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Lessons and Carols at 8 p.m.
This service will include special music from
chancel bells and More!, Congregational
hymns, Christmas hymns, including Silent
Night sung by candlelight. Come one, come
all, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!



ADVENT CONSPIRACY GIFTS 2021

Boys and Girls Club of Franklin-Simpson
Simpson County Literacy Program
Habitat for Humanity of Simpson County
Living Waters for the World

News & Notes

NON-LOCAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE

UPDATE

- * From FPC Yard Sale profits in 2021 we were able to give financial support to the following ministries beyond Simpson County:
- * KIVA Program (small business start-up loans to third world persons)
- * Aid to victims of hurricanes in Haiti and Louisiana through Presbyterian Disaster Relief.
- * Aid to Bowling Green Refugee Center, Buckhorn Children's Ministries, and Feeding America



The **Matthew 25 Clothes Closet** is in need of the following new or gently used items: Adult sweatpants (L-2X); Men's Winter coats (XL-3X); Men's warm gloves; and Kids' Snow gloves (all sizes).

If you would like to volunteer with processing donations or assisting clients in the Clothes Closet, please contact Cathy Stratton at (270) 223-6548.

ORDER FORMS FOR THIS YEAR'S POINSETTIA'S ARE ON THE TABLES IN THE SANCTUARY AND EDUCATIONAL WING. COST IS \$8.00. PLACE YOUR ORDER AND PAYMENT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.



Stewardship Corner

November Average Attendance: 62

Nov. 7 73
Nov. 14 53
Nov. 21 68
Nov. 28 54

November Weekly Offering Average: \$1,570.85

Nov. 7 \$3,180.00
Nov. 14 \$1,287.00
Nov. 21 \$935.00
Nov. 28 \$880.00

**Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,096.15**

White Christmas

Donations are currently being collected for this year's White Christmas Offering. You may place your offering in the offering plate marked 'White Christmas'.

Also, you may bring in toiletry items such as: soap, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. and place these donations in the box in the parlor. *Packing & delivery date is December 20.*



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved the 2022 Budget Recommendation from the Finance Committee
- Elected Donna Houston as Clerk of Session for 2022
- Elected Bob Thompson as Treasurer for 2022
- Approved Jane Rahm as Chair and John Halcomb to serve as Elders for the 2022 Nominating Committee
- Approved the wedding of Angie & Dallas Whiles in the FPC Sanctuary on December 23, 2021
- Created a Task Force to develop guidelines for operating budget funds to be allocated to committees
- Approved Christian Service donations to International Center and Buckhorn
- Received Nominating Committee report of officers and nominees for December 5 Congregational Meeting



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December 2021 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Wednesday, December 1

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
Amos 3:12–4:5
2 Peter 3:1–10
Matt. 21:23–32

Thursday, December 2

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Amos 4:6–13
2 Peter 3:11–18
Matt. 21:33–46

Friday, December 3

Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 130; 16
Amos 5:1–17
Jude 1–16
Matt. 22:1–14

Saturday, December 4

Morning: Pss. 90; 149
Evening: Pss. 80; 72
Amos 5:18–27
Jude 17–25
Matt. 22:15–22

Sunday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Amos 6:1–14
2 Thess. 1:5–12
Luke 1:57–68

Monday, December 6

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
Amos 7:1–9
Rev. 1:1–8
Matt. 22:23–33

Tuesday, December 7

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
Amos 7:10–17
Rev. 1:9–16
Matt. 22:34–46

Wednesday, December 8

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
Amos 8:1–14
Rev. 1:17–2:7
Matt. 23:1–12

Thursday, December 9

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Amos 9:1–10
Rev. 2:8–17
Matt. 23:13–26

Friday, December 10

Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 130; 16
Hag. 1:1–15
Rev. 2:18–29
Matt. 23:27–39

Saturday, December 11

Morning: Pss. 90; 149
Evening: Pss. 80; 72
Hag. 2:1–9
Rev. 3:1–6
Matt. 24:1–14

Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Amos 9:11–15
2 Thess. 2:1–3, 13–17
John 5:30–47

Monday, December 13

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
Zech. 1:7–17
Rev. 3:7–13
Matt. 24:15–31

Tuesday, December 14

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
Zech. 2:1–13
Rev. 3:14–22
Matt. 24:32–44

Wednesday, December 15

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
Zech. 3:1–10
Rev. 4:1–8
Matt. 24:45–51

Thursday, December 16

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Zech. 4:1–14
Rev. 4:9–5:5
Matt. 25:1–13

Friday, December 17

Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 130; 16
Zech. 7:8–8:8
Rev. 5:6–14
Matt. 25:14–30

Saturday, December 18

Morning: Pss. 90; 149
Evening: Pss. 80; 72
Gen. 3:8–15
Rev. 12:1–10
John 3:16–21

Sunday, December 19
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Zeph. 3:14–20
Titus 1:1–16
Luke 1:1–25

Monday, December 20

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
1 Sam. 2:1b–10
Titus 2:1–10
Luke 1:26–36

Tuesday, December 21

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
2 Sam. 7:1–17
Titus 2:11–3:8a
Luke 1:39–48a (48b–56)

Wednesday, December 22

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
2 Sam. 7:18–29
Gal. 3:1–14
Luke 1:57–66

Thursday, December 23

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Jer. 31:10–14
Gal. 3:15–22
Luke 1:67–80 or Matt. 1:1–17

Friday, December 24
Nativity of the Lord /
Christmas Eve

Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 132; 114
Isa. 60:1–6
Gal. 3:23–4:7
Matt. 1:18–25

Saturday, December 25
Nativity of the Lord /
Christmas Day

Morning: Pss. 2; 149
Evening: Pss. 98; 96
Micah 4:1–5; 5:2–4
1 John 4:7–16
John 3:31–36

Sunday, December 26
First Sunday of Christmas

Morning: Pss. 116; 150
Evening: Pss. 119:1–24; 27
1 Sam. 1:1–2, 7b–28
Col. 1:9–20
Luke 2:22–40

Monday, December 27

Morning: Pss. 34; 145
Evening: Pss. 19; 121
Prov. 8:22–30
1 John 5:1–12
John 13:20–35

Tuesday, December 28

Morning: Pss. 2; 146
Evening: Pss. 110; 111
Isa. 49:13–23
Isa. 54:1–13
Matt. 18:1–14

Wednesday, December 29

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 97
2 Sam. 23:13–17b
2 John 1–13
John 2:1–11

Thursday, December 30

Morning: Pss. 93; 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 89:1–18;
89:19–52
1 Kings 17:17–24
3 John 1–15
John 4:46–54

Friday, December 31

Morning: Pss. 98; 148
Evening: Pss. 45; 96
1 Kings 3:5–14
James 4:13–17; 5:7–11
John 5:1–15

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Elder of the Month:

Larry Smith

Elder Helper:

Woon Yen Prall

Ushers:

Woon Yen Prall

Curry Davis

Lector

Sylvia Pulliam

WEEKLY EVENTS &
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MEETINGS

Congregational-Sun. Dec. 5

Bldg. & Maint. Wed. Dec. 15 4 pm

Pastor Daniel will be out Dec. 25-31

Guest Preacher Dec. 26-Bailey Pickens

DECEMBER 2021

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Sandy Sparley</i>	2	3 <i>Tim Crocker</i>	4
5	6	7 RED CROSS 12-6	8 <i>Steve Thomas</i>	9 <i>Mae Williams</i>	10	11
12 Christmas Potluck	13	14 <i>Haley Williams</i> <i>Thomas Williams Jr</i>	15	16 <i>Nancy Thomas</i>	17	18
19 Joy Offering <i>Eleanor Caudill</i>	20	21	22	23	24 Lessons and Carols 8 pm	25
26 <i>Frank</i> Wakefield	27	28	29	30	31	

*Birthdays in italics

Looking Ahead

JANUARY

Elder of the Month: Jane Rahm

Elder Helper of the Month: Cathy Stratton

Friend of the Month: Debbie Wyatt

- ⇒ 4th-Fellowship meets at 2 pm
- ⇒ 9th-Soup Lunch/Taking down the Green
- ⇒ 11th-Matthew 25 meets at 4 pm
- ⇒ 20th-Young Disciples meets at 4:30 pm
- ⇒ 22nd-SESSION RETREAT



The Matthew 25 Clothes Closet served 33 individuals as of November 29, 2021. In total, we distributed more than 382 items to families and individuals during the month of November.

Currently, we need Men's coats. We have found new coats that cost \$28.00. Last year we distributed several of these coats, they are warm, light-weight, and can fit into a backpack. Which is essential for a homeless person. If you would like to give a gift of a coat to the homeless, please drop your donation either at the office, in the mail, or in the offering plate with a notation of "coats".

*This month several times I found myself reflecting on **Matthew 7:7**-Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. Last month we **asked** for socks and everyone responded. We would like to express our gratefulness and thanks to all for your generosity. Our church is serving our community in a beautiful way. Not only are people **seeking** helps with their clothing needs, but more and more churches and individuals are **seeking** to join us with our Clothes Closet mission. Because of your prayers and support when we hear a **knock** at the Clothes Closet door it will be opened.*

-Cathy Stratton

Worship Opportunities

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sundays at 9:45 am in the CORNERSTONE

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Cornerstone

KIDS' CLUB:

DECEMBER 5: AFTER WORSHIP

DECEMBER 12: SECRET SANTA EXCHANGE

DECEMBER 19 & DECEMBER 26:

NO KIDS' CLUB-CHRISTMAS BREAK

YOUTH SCHEDULE:

DECEMBER 5: SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM

DECEMBER 12: CHRISTMAS POTLUCK (NO GOOGLE MEET)

DECEMBER 19: SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM

DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2:

NO YOUTH EVENTS-CHRISTMAS BREAK



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