



# *the* Lamplighter

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DECEMBER 2022

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## LESSONS & CAROLS



*Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 24 at 9 pm.  
Our annual Christmas Eve tradition of hymns, readings and  
candlelight. You are also invited to arrive early to enjoy  
'A Celtic Kentucky Christmas' which begins at 8:15 pm.*

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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

Jason Matteson

### Music Director

Donna Houston, **Organist**

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**

## ELDER/ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH

Bob Heidbrink

Nancy Thomas

## FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Nancy Thomas

## RULING ELDERS ON SESSION

Jane Rahm

John Halcomb

Bob Thompson

Bob Heidbrink

Barry Hain

Nancy Thomas

Becky Stubbs

## DEACONS:

Marcella Davis

Linda Knight

Meredith Halcomb

## *Pastor's Pen*

### *Preparing for What's Next*

We have now entered Advent, the start of the Church Year, the time of waiting and preparation for Christ's arrival. At FPC, we'll be talking about this a lot in worship, in Bible Study, in our celebrations and fellowship opportunities.

But what does it mean to Prepare? Prepare for What? Prepare How?

Advent by definition shapes how we live our lives. We are living in an in-between time today, between Christ's incarnation as the child Jesus and Christ's return as the Son of Man. There is great tension in this time, living in the space from the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God and the Day of the Lord.

We are preparing for what Jesus is calling us to do and be. We are preparing as we ask the Holy Spirit to transform us and guide us. We are preparing as we seek God in fulfilling our own creation, our own creativity, and our own destiny.

In the darkest of days, we have the Hope of Christ's coming. In the darkest of days, we know that the Prince of Peace reigns. In the darkest of days, we experience the Joy of Jesus. In the darkest of days, we feel the Boundless Love of our God with limitless grace.

We prepare in these moments to be the followers God needs us to be. To see the world as it is and to see the world as it should be and participate with Christ in making it happen. On earth as it is in heaven.

Prepare and pray. Reflect and rest. Listen and love.

Love God and neighbor as we wait for Christ's coming. It's the only way to live!

*Pastor Daniel*





# Advent/Christmas Activity Schedule

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Advent Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Lighting of Candle of Hope

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Lighting of Candle of Peace

White Christmas Offering

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Lighting of Candle of Joy

White Christmas Offering

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Lighting of Candle of Love

Christmas Celebration after Worship

PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering during  
worship (Check out

[www.presbyterianmission.org/christmasjoy](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/christmasjoy) to  
find out where your donations go!)

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Our annual tradition of hymns, readings, and  
candlelight happens at 9 pm. Please join us and  
invite family and friends! This year's pre-show  
which begins at 8:15 pm is 'A Celtic Kentucky  
Christmas'.



**Sunday, December 25**

## PAJAMA SUNDAY

Join us for Worship on Christmas  
morning in your Christmas  
pajamas, or fun sweaters. Bring a  
thermos for hot cocoa or cider!



# News & Notes

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Please sign up to share your talents with us! It can be a musical number, a skit, reading of a story, etc. Also, there will be a baked potato potluck and toppings & extras are needed. Check the sign up sheets in the educational wing for the celebration & potluck!



## *White Christmas*

Donations will be accepted for White Christmas on December 4 & 11. 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 help is needed, Saturday, December 17 at 9 am in the Cornerstone.



2022 ANNUAL BEAN SOUP  
TOTAL RAISED: \$2,364.00

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO  
HELPED IN ANY WAY! THANKS TO  
EVERYONE'S HARD WORK, OUR  
SUPPORT FOR LOCAL MISSIONS  
WILL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT!

**Reminder:** Don't forget this Sunday, December 4 is 'Undie Sunday' sponsored by the Matthew 25 Clothes Closet. Please bring any donations of new packaged underwear (for adults & children) and place them in the basket by the Christmas tree.

***There is also a need for men's and women's sweatpants and sweatshirts. Those donations can be brought in anytime during office hours.***

***FPC has purchased poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary this season. If you would like to make a small donation, you are welcome to do so!***





## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Don't miss the **Annual Congregational Meeting** to be held after worship on **Sunday, December 11**. We will be voting on new elders, our pastor's terms of call, and the 2023 FPC operating budget will be presented.
- \* From the nominating committee – names of prospective new elders – to be voted on December 11.
- \* From the Finance Committee, Session approved the 2023 operating budget.
- \* Session voted to waive the fee for use of the Cornerstone for BRASS fundraiser on Wednesday, November 30.
- \* Session enjoyed a conversation with Western Kentucky COM representative Matthew Covington. We discussed programs at FPC that we are particularly excited about and goals and dreams for the future. We are especially excited about our new members this year, the latest of which will be presented during worship on Sunday, **December 18 Celebration Sunday**, followed by a special celebration in the Cornerstone featuring a baked potato bar, salads, desserts, and Celebration of some of the talents represented in our congregation.
- \* From Facilities Committee (formerly Building and Maintenance – new name!) - Be sure to notice the newly beautifully lit sanctuary windows behind the pulpit. In addition, the ancient cloth wiring to the ceiling lights in the parlor have been brought up to code. Approval of payment of electrical bid for that work.



## Stewardship Corner

### November Average Attendance: 55

Nov. 6 55

Nov. 13 52

Nov. 20 55

Nov. 27 59

### November Weekly Offering Average: \$1,979.50

Nov. 6 \$1,307.00

Nov. 13 \$2,635.00

Nov. 20 \$1,096.00

Nov. 27 \$2,880.00

### Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget: \$2,472.85



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## December 2022 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.*

### **Thursday, December 1**

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 2**

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 3**

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

### **Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent**

Morning: Pss. 24; 150  
Evening: Pss. 25; 110  
Isa. 5:1–7  
2 Pet. 3:11–18  
Luke 7:28–35

### **Monday, December 5**

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

### **Tuesday, December 6**

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

### **Wednesday, December 7**

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 8**

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 9**

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

### **Saturday, December 10**

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

### **Sunday, December 11**

#### **Third 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 12**

Morning: Pss. 122; 145  
Evening: Pss. 40; 67  
Isa. 8:16–9:1  
2 Pet. 1:1–11  
Luke 22:39–53

### **Tuesday, December 13**

Morning: Pss. 33; 146  
Evening: Pss. 85; 94  
Isa. 9:2–7  
2 Pet. 1:12–21  
Luke 22:54–69

### **Wednesday, December 14**

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 53; 17  
Isa. 9:8–17  
2 Pet. 2:1–10a  
Mark 1:1–8

### **Thursday, December 15**

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 62  
Isa. 9:18–10:4  
2 Pet. 2:10b–16  
Matt. 3:1–12

**Friday, December 16**

Morning: Pss. 102; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 130; 16  
 Isa. 10:5–19  
 2 Pet. 2:17–22  
 Matt. 11:2–15

**Saturday, December 17**

Morning: Pss. 90; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 80; 72  
 Isa. 10:20–27  
 Jude 17–25  
 Luke 3:1–9

**Sunday, December 18****Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Morning: Pss. 24; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 25; 110  
 Isa. 11:1–9  
 Eph. 6:10–20  
 John 3:16–21

**Monday, December 19**

Morning: Pss. 122; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 40; 67  
 Isa. 11:10–16  
 Rev. 20:1–10  
 John 5:30–47

**Tuesday, December 20**

Morning: Pss. 33; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 85; 94  
 Isa. 28:9–22  
 Rev. 20:11–21:8  
 Luke 1:5–25

**Wednesday, December 21**

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 53; 17  
 Isa. 29:9–24  
 Rev. 21:9–21  
 Luke 1:26–38

**Thursday, December 22**

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20;  
 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 126; 62  
 Isa. 31:1–9  
 Rev. 21:22–22:5  
 Luke 1:39–48a (48b–56)

**Friday, December 23**

Morning: Pss. 102; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 130; 16  
 Isa. 33:17–22  
 Rev. 22:6–11, 18–20  
 Luke 1:57–66

**Saturday, December 24****Christmas Eve**

Morning: Pss. 90; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 80; 72  
 Isa. 35:1–10  
 Rev. 22:12–17, 21  
 Luke 1:67–80

**Sunday, December 25****Nativity of Jesus  
Christ/Christmas Day**

Morning: Pss. 2; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 98; 96  
 Zech. 2:10–13  
 1 John 4:7–16  
 John 3:31–36

**Monday, December 26**

Morning: Pss. 116; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 119:1–24; 27  
 2 Chr. 24:17–22  
 Acts 6:1–7  
 Acts 7:59–8:8

**Tuesday, December 27**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 19; 121  
 Prov. 8:22–30  
 1 John 5:1–12  
 John 13:20–35

**Wednesday, December 28**

Morning: Pss. 2; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 110; 111  
 Isa. 49:13–23  
 Isa. 54:1–13  
 Matt. 18:1–14

**Thursday, December 29**

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 132; 97  
 Isa. 12:1–6  
 Rev. 1:1–8  
 John 7:37–52

**Friday, December 30**

Morning: Pss. 93; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 89:1–18;  
 89:19–52  
 Isa. 25:1–9  
 Rev. 1:19–20  
 John 7:53–8:11

**Saturday, December 31**

Morning: Pss. 98; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 45; 96  
 Isa. 26:1–6  
 2 Cor. 5:16–6:2  
 John 8:12–19

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### Elder of the Month:

Bob Heidbrink

### Elder Helper:

Nancy Thomas

### Ushers:

Bob & Deb Thompson  
Craig & Chris Kessler

### Lector

Keith Lawrence

WEEKLY EVENTS &  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**HAND BELLS:** Wed. at 5:15 pm

**CHOIR:** Wed. at 6:30 pm

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FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Sandy Sparley</i>	2 TLC Christmas Potluck	3 <i>Tim Crocker</i>
4 <i>Communion</i>	5	6 Red Cross 12-6	7	8 <i>Steve Thomas</i>	9 <i>Mae Williams</i>	10
11 Congregational Meeting	12	13	14 <i>Haley / Tomas Jr Williams</i>	15	16 <i>Nancy Thomas</i>	17
18 Christmas Cel- ebration/Potlu Potluck	19 <i>Eleanor Caudill</i>	20	21	22	23	24 Celtic KY 8:15 Lessons & Carols 9 pm
25 Pajama Sunday	26 Office Closed <i>Frank Wakefield</i>	27	28	29	30	31

\*Birthdays in italics

Pastor Daniel on vacation/study leave 12/26-12/29



# Looking Ahead

## JANUARY

Elder of the Month: Bob Thompson  
Elder Helper of the Month: Nancy Thomas  
Friend of the Month: Debbie Wyatt

- ◇ January 1—RIT
- ◇ January 2—Office Closed (New Year's Observed)
- ◇ January 8—Taking Down the Green/Soup Lunch



## ROOM IN THE INN OPENS IN JANUARY!

This winter, FPC is again providing dinner, showers, laundry, and overnight shelter to folks without homes every Wednesday night in January and February, plus, as is our tradition, January 1<sup>st</sup>, a Sunday next year. Each week, we will need volunteers to set up, provide dinner, stay overnight, take down, and do laundry. It's also helpful to have an "emergency" helper—someone to run a last-minute errand, for instance.

In 2023, we have a total of nine nights to cover. Many hands make light work! Please consider what time and talent you might offer this winter to keep this vital program running.

Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA4AB28A3F8C70-room1>, or on the sign up sheet in the education wing.

You can find detailed information about procedures and rules in this document: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PUCIb7C57emtPTkYFL2ZC-ZIKrs040SI/view?usp=sharing>

*And Bailey would be delighted to answer any questions you have!*



# Worship Opportunities

## **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Sundays at 9:30 am in the CORNERSTONE  
*(ZOOM link sent via email for those unable to attend)*

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sundays at 9:45 am with Ms. Shirley

## **KIDS' CLUB**

Each Sunday after worship  
*(check email for schedule updates)*



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