



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

Striking the Hour

Prelude "Sleepers, Wake" Bach

Welcome, Joys and Concerns of the Church

### Candle Lighting and Responsive Litany for Advent from Isaiah

We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears in to pruning hooks;

**Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any-more.**

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
**The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together, and a little child will lead them.**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

**Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and for give us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

First Lesson:

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head. Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19*

*Deceived by Subtle Snares of Hell*

UXBRIDGE

*Text: Watts/Music: Mason*

Second Lesson:

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. Genesis 22:15-18*

+Congregational Hymn # 370 "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA

Third Lesson:

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior. Isaiah 9:2-7*

"Of the Father's Love" Raney

Fourth Lesson:

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. Isaiah 11:1-9*

"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper" JEFFERSON

Fifth Lesson:

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary. Luke 1:26-38*

"Gabriel's Message" Basque Folk Tune, arr. Pettman

Sixth Lesson:

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. Luke 2:1-14*

Seventh Lesson:

*The shepherds go to the manger. Luke 2:15-20*

"The Angel's Song"

Leavitt

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Still, Still, Still" Hayes

+Doxology, # 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Eighth Lesson:

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. Matthew 2:1-12*

"Beautiful Light" Shackley

Ninth Lesson:

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. John 1:1-14*

"The Work of Christmas" Forrest

+Sending Hymn # 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so

**Please join in unison reading of the bold print**

## Prayer Concerns

**Sandra Mims**  
Health Concerns

**Jon & Dorothy Fortman**  
Health Concerns

**Toni Oakes**  
(Ed Oakes' Sister)  
Health Concerns

**Ginny Oakes**  
(Ed Oakes' Mother)  
Health Concerns

**Bonnie Boyd**  
Health Concerns

**Allison L. Jones**  
(Scott Jones' Mother)  
Health Concerns

**Amy Sullivan**  
(Pam Sullivan's Daughter-In-Law)  
Health Concerns

**Lyla Fulton (2 Years Old)**  
(Holly Longton's Great Niece)  
Cancer Diagnosis

**Ronnie Richardson**  
(Taylor Richardson's Father)  
Health Concerns

**Desiree Krieger**  
Recovery from back surgery

**Patty Jones Family**  
Prayer Concerns for Family

**The Family of James Pope**  
(Family Friend)  
Prayer Request

**Tom Young**  
Recovery from Knee Surgery

**Susan Smith**  
Recovery from Knee Surgery

**Katy Voorhees**  
Recovery from Surgery

**Becky Owings & Family**  
On the loss of John Owings

**Jim Loveland**  
Holly Longton's Father  
Recovery from Stroke

Prayer requests should be  
communicated through  
the Church Office.

## THE CHURCH AT WORK

We welcome you to  
First Presbyterian Church!

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth through five years old).

**Restrooms** are located on both floors in the Education Building. Follow the signs or ask a friendly face who will be happy to help you find anything you need.

### Today

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.

Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Lessons & Carols

Joy Gift Program

Fellowship Lunch following

Worship (Shepherding Group 1)

### Wednesday

12:30 p.m.

Bible Study

5:00 p.m.

Worship & Music Meeting

### Thursday

11:00 a.m.

PCDP Christmas Program

"This Is The Stable"

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

### Next Sunday

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship

### Helping Hands

Blankets

Peanut Butter

Boxed Cereal

Canned Chili

Canned Soups

Chef Boyardee Items

## Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator Hope DeVenney, Clerk

### Class of 2025

Collene Albright-3

Hope Devenney-4

Taylor Richardson-2

Tom Richardson-3

### Class of 2026

Maridith Geuder-1

Tori Pumphrey-4

Lezli Waits-4

Steve Wilkes-2

### Class of 2027

Fran Brown-1

Marthalie Porter-1

Steve Porter-2

Susan Smith-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

### Diaconate

### Class of 2025

Dorothy Fortman-1

Hillary Richardson-3

Anna Jones -4

### Class of 2026

Hope Oakes-3

Eric Waits-4

Sue Hatcher-3

### Class of 2027

Lee Hackett-1

Mary Nelson-1

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Last Sunday's Attendance: 53

### Helping Hands Blanket Drive

Blankets will be accepted for the colder temperatures of the winter for those in need.

New blankets may be dropped off in the education building. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please reference Helping Hands-Blanket Drive.

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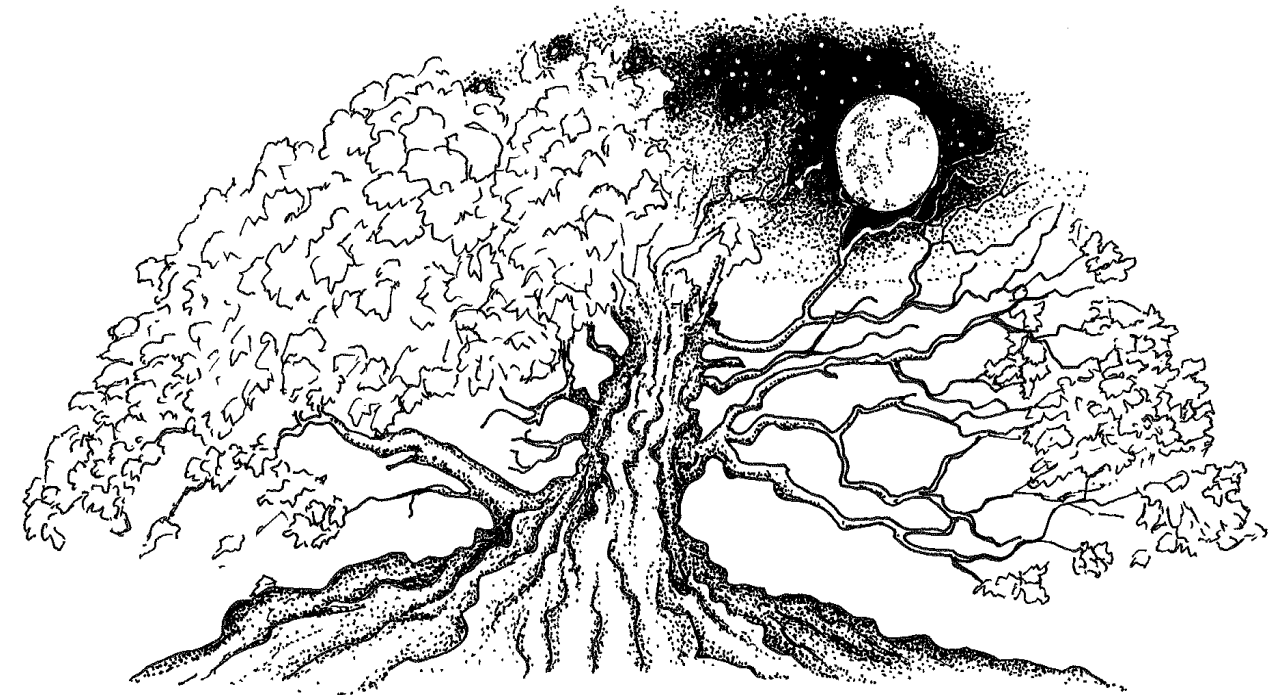
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with  
God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

## Lessons and Carols

December 15, 2024

Reverend B.J. Chain

