

# LOVE

NOW FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE REMAIN...  
AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.



1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 (CEB)

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HADDON HEIGHTS

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**December 21, 2025**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

*Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.  
Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.*

**\*Indicates those who are able may stand.**



All hymns today are in the **RED Hymnal**,  
***The Worshiping Church***, unless otherwise noted.



*The Poinsettias displayed on the Chancel today are given in  
memory and in honor of our loved ones, and to the Glory of God.  
(The list of dedications is included in your bulletin.)*



Introit: Cherub Choir "All Because Jesus Is Born" *Kim Muni, Director*

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: Christmas Joy Offering

*Cheryl Hauske*

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "How Great Our Joy!"

*arr. Lloyd Larson*

*Covenant Ringers; Dr. Chris Thomas, Director*

## **We Come Into God's Presence**

**Call to Worship** (L–Leader / P–People)

L: Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem:

**P: The Messiah is coming.**

L: Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph:

**P: The Messiah is coming.**

L: Not announced by priests or kings, but by angels:

**P: The Messiah is coming.**

L: Nothing is impossible with God, for:

**P: The Messiah is coming.**

L: Let us praise God!

\*Gathering Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035  
(856) 547-6139 † [www.fpchaddonheights.org](http://www.fpchaddonheights.org)

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music     Mike Rugge, Organist



## We Prepare to Hear God's Word

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Great God, as we behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story points us to your glory, yet we struggle to join in the song of praise. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things that matter little that we overlook the good news of great joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith, hope and love because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ Amen.

Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

L: People of God, there is nothing that we could do or leave undone.

**P: That would prevent God from loving us.**

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

### \*Affirmation of Faith:

John 1

**P: We believe the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**

L: So we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**P: In his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

L: The law indeed was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**P: No one has ever seen God. It is God, the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.**

## We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Calvin & Chancel Choirs Anthem: "Sing Noel! Ring the Christmas Bell"

By Patrick Liebergen

Dr. Chris Thomas (Director) & Bruce Erwin (Violin)

**First Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 2:1-6

(NT, p.2)

\*Hymn: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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**Second Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 2:7-12

(NT, p.2)

## Hymn of Preparation: "Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken"

Listen to the Word that God has spoken;  
Listen to the One who is close at hand;  
Listen to the voice that began creation;  
Listen even if you don't understand.

**Sermon:** "Dreams of Warnings"

*Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko*

## We Respond to God's Word

### Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Emmanuel, God Is With Us" *by Amy Grant*  
*7 & Green Band; Jenni Maienza (Vocals)*

\*Doxology: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" #185 (refrain)

\*Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People / 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 forgive 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.**

## We Go to Live God's Word

\*Closing Hymn: "The First Noel" #162 (vv. 1-4)

### Benediction (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent  
one from the other.**

Choral Response

L: Our worship together has ended.

**P: Now our service begins.**

Postlude

*7 & Green Band*

## Sunday, Dec. 21

9:00am - Calvins & Cherubs Rehearsal  
9:30am - Sunday School for All Ages  
9:30am - Covenant Ringers Rehearsal  
10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB  
2:00pm - Blue Christmas Service,  
Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church

## THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

### Wednesday, Dec. 24



7:00pm - Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

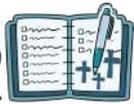
### Thursday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!!





# PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

The family & friends of Shirley Renshaw

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Sandy Langford
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Shirley Renshaw
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcic
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina

- Ed Trout
- Nancy Wilk
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- The Berkelbach family, Karen Mazak's daughter & son-in-law
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Carol & Dick Boyle, sister & brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Rev. Daniel Park, friend of the Heusers
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son

*pray without ceasing*  
1 Thessalonians 5:17



### Greeters

Leslie & Rick Clark

### Deacons

Kyle Jaremko  
Margie Kent  
Ellie Wyckoff

### LiveStream

Korey Owens  
Erin Gallagher

### Counters

Vicki Clarke  
Dan Mullan  
Hal Wyckoff

### Nursery

Abby Burrough  
& Maria Masi

### SS: Adults

Class-led  
Room 2

### Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza  
Nursery

### SS: PreK-Grade 2

Kate Colantonio  
Room 3

### SS: Grades 3-5

Cara Blair  
Room 7

### SS: Grades 6-8

Rick Clark  
Room 6



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
candlelight service  
WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 24  
at 7:00 PM

Join us for cookies & wassail punch after the service.



**Deacons' World Famous Pancake Breakfast!**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**  
9:30am: Coffee & Pancakes  
10:30am: Worship in the Social Hall

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

THE POINSETTIAS IN THE CHANCEL DISPLAY HAVE BEEN PLACED IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES BY THOSE PERSONS LISTED HEREIN.  
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND ...

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>
Al & Betty Andrews.....	Al & Anne Andrews
Sandeep Bharadwaj.....	Pat Burrough Thompson
Marie & Bill Bozek .....	Phyllis & Mike Bozek
Joseph Brown .....	Candy & Paul Frantz
Dorthea Charles Brown	Corso Family
Buck & Eva Buchanan ...	Pat & Tony Masi
Susan Burrough .....	Sally Burrough
Jim & Kay Burrough .....	Their Children
Ward & Eleanor Campbell, Sr. ....	Beth & David Eastman
Ward Campbell, Jr. ....	Beth & David Eastman
Harris Carter .....	Phyllis Carter
William & Elsie Cooney.....	Sharon Cole
Jane Corso .....	Corso Family
Lee Davis.....	Helen Davis
Anne Dent.....	Pat & Tony Masi
Anne & Fred DiRenzo....	Ellie & Hal Wyckoff
Roderick & Dorothy Dodds .....	Bruce & Joanne Erwin
John A. Durham .....	His Family
Edward & Martha Eastman .....	Beth & David Eastman
Pat & Dick Edwards.....	Sandy Langford

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>
Jack & Ella Erwin.....	Bruce & Joanne Erwin
Maura Goldberg .....	The Hudson Family
Dwayne Hudson.....	The Rautamen Family
Wally & Edna Hudson ...	The Hudson Family
Eleanor & Nate Ives .....	Judy & Doug Wilson
Joshua.....	Sally Burrough
Rich Langford .....	Sandy Langford
James, Anne, John & Joy Lomax .....	Al & Anne Andrews
Nick, Judy & Nicky Masi .....	Tony & Pat Masi
Mary Masi.....	Laura & Maria Masi Hal & Carole Leadbeater
Ethreba Maxwell.....	Leadbeater
Nolan Miller .....	Marjorie Miller
Dorothy Mary Minerva .....	Marjorie Miller
Molly & Keene Mitchell.....	Polly Mitchell
Brewster & Martha Mitchell.....	Polly Mitchell
Rev. Calvin Moon & Lee Davis.....	Linda & Jeff Moon
Carl & Bobbie Niedermayer .....	Their Family
Stephanie, Walter, Alma & Neldon .....	Juliet & Nick Jaremko
Mary Ann Newnam .....	George Newnam Candace Lowden & Phil Stick

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IN MEMORY OF

GIVEN BY

Our Parents..... Candy & Paul Frantz

Our Parents  
& Siblings..... Bruce & Margie Kent

Our Parents &  
Grandparents..... Cathy & Brian Zobel

Our Parents..... Hal & Carole  
Leadbeater

Chuck & Dot Pawling .... Their Family

Marie & Bruce Peters ... Marjorie Miller

Cleo & Bill Reeves ..... Karen & Bill Reeves

Art & Shirley Ritter..... Their Grandchildren

Marion Truax  
Her Children &  
Grandchildren

IN HONOR OF

GIVEN BY

The Burroughs ..... Anonymous

Our Children &  
Grandchildren..... Brian & Cathy Zobel

Our Children &  
Grandsons..... Karen & Bill Reeves

Our Church Family ..... Karen & Bill Reeves

Our Church Family     The Jaremko Family

Gus & Yolanda Corso .... The Corso Family

Helen Davis ..... Linda & Jeff Moon

My Family ..... Sharon Cole

Our Family ..... Marie & Bruce Kent

FPCHH and New Song  
Church Families ..... Brian & Cathy Zobel

Fran and Charlie ..... Marjorie Miller

Jack, Lucas, Gabe,  
Scarlett, & Calvin ..... Linda & Jeff Moon

Crista James..... Reilly James-Wolfenstein  
& Cheryl Walmsley

IN MEMORY OF

GIVEN BY

Dr. Martin Swiecicki ..... Gloria Swiecicki

Barbara & John  
VanWickle ..... Karen & Bill Reeves

Betty & Phil Warnke..... Phyllis & Mike Bozek

Lillie G. Whelpley ..... Gloria Swiecicki

Gregory Williams ..... Ann & Pete Williams

Holly Williams..... Candy & Paul Frantz

Yoda, Moe & Sammy .... Reilly James-  
Wolfenstein

John & Rose Marie     Jeff, Ro, & Ellen  
Yurkow ..... Hudson

Mimi & Greg Yurkow .... The Hudson Family

IN HONOR OF

GIVEN BY

Our Grandchildren..... Corky & Patti Pawling

Eliza, Kyle, Susannah,  
& Simon ..... Juliet & Nick Jaremko

Linda, Wanda, Sandy,  
& Brenda..... Helen Davis

Loved Ones ..... Candy & Paul Frantz

Maria Masi..... Laura Masi

Tony & Pat Masi ..... Laura & Maria Masi

The Merry Muckers ..... Phyllis Bozek

Phebe Moon ..... Linda & Jeff Moon

Mike Ruge ..... Chancel Choir

Chris Thomas ..... Chancel Choir

Cheryl Walmsley     Reilly James-Wolfenstein  
(Nanny) ..... & Crista James

Pauline & Hal Wyckoff .. Ellie & Hal Wyckoff

## Scripture Verses for Today's Service

### First Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-6 (NRSV)

#### *The Visit of the Magi*

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

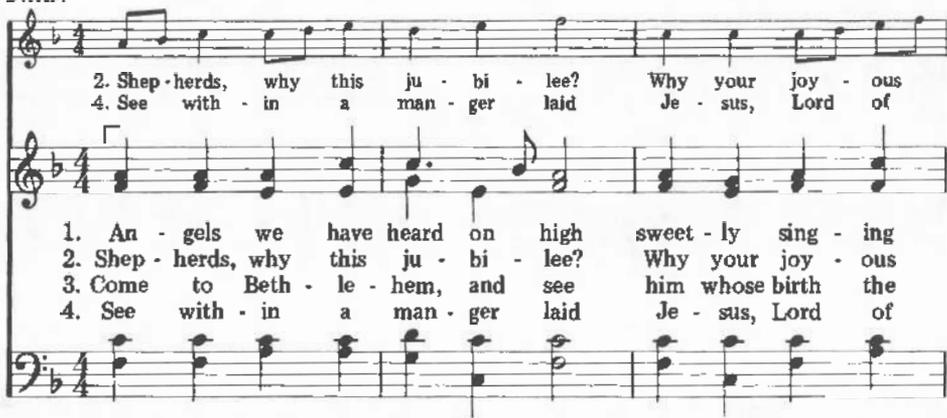
### Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:7-12 (NRSV)

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

# 152 Angels We Have Heard on High

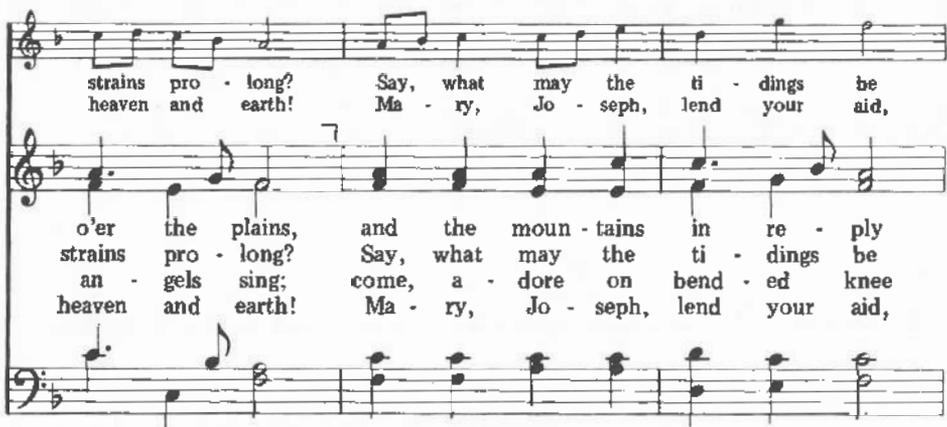
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace . . . Lk. 2:14

Descant



2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of

1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see him whose birth the  
4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of



strains pro - long? Say, what may the ti - dings be  
heaven and earth! Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

o'er the plains, and the moun - tains in re - ply  
strains pro - long? Say, what may the ti - dings be  
an - gels sing; come, a - dore on bend - ed knee  
heaven and earth! Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

## Refrain



which in - spire your heaven - ly song? Ah!  
sing with us our Sav - ior's birth.

ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
which in - spire your heaven - ly song? Glo  
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
sing with us our Sav - ior's birth.

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MUSIC: Traditional French melody, 18th C.; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1937; desc. Richard E. Gerig, 1956

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# 185 We Three Kings of Orient Are

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem . . . Magi from the east came . . . Mt. 2:1

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far  
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,  
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;  
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom,  
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.  
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds thro' the earth and skies.

## Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

# The First Noel, the Angel Did Say 162

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about . . . Mt. 1:18

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the  
 3. And by the light of that same star three wise men  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their  
 east, be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great  
 came from coun - try far, to seek for a king was their in -  
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and

*Refrain*

sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
 light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No - el, No -  
 tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

5. Then entered in those wise men three, 6. Then let us all with one accord  
 full reverently upon their knee, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
 and offered there in his presence who hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
 their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. and with his blood our life hath bought.  
*(Ref.)* *(Ref.)*

# Church Announcements

THIS  
WEEK  
Dec 21

## Missions Service Sunday Next Sunday, December 28



Join us after worship on **Sunday, December 28**, to assemble utensil packets for Cathedral Kitchen. The previous times we have made these packets, we've made around 525. To put this into perspective, Cathedral Kitchen is serving about 800 per day. So, please stay after the service on the 28th and let's see if we can beat our previous record!

## Christmas Eve Offering

This year our Christmas Eve Donation will be donated to the IHOC Serenity House located at 8th and Station Aves. in Haddon Heights.

A total of nine men along with a House Manager will be living in this wonderfully restored transitional living facility. Our donation helps with their operating expenses such as transportation, insurance, & utility bills. Thanks for supporting their journey to independence. **(Please note this is separate from the Christmas Joy Offering which will be taken today.)**



## Every Time Someone Pledges, An Angel Earns Its Wings!



Another reference to an oldie but goodie: in *It's a Wonderful Life* angels earned their wings whenever a bell rang. In our church, our pledging families give wings to our church angels. Who are they? They are the many volunteers who help with Christian Ed, music & worship, mission, care & membership, fellowship, all musical areas, finance – you name it, we have the angels. As of this week, we are at 85% of our goal, **with \$42,882 still needed** in pledged dollars to meet the budget. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider your commitment for 2026 and let us

know as soon as possible. **Be part of the final 15% and give our church angels wings!** We'd hate to have to *clip* them with budget cuts due to insufficient funds. Pledges can be submitted online by scanning the **QR code** here (or using the **link in your e-News**, or by filling out a **pledge card** in the narthex.



**STEWARDSHIP 2026** Thank you from Your Stewardship Committee

# PLEASE NOTE!

Any contributions made via PayPal after **11:59 PM on Friday, December 26**, will be attributed to the 2026 calendar year on your giving statements. Thanks!



## Christmas Cards for Our Homebound Congregants

The Care Committee has labeled Christmas cards (available in the pews) which can be mailed to our members & friends that are not able to worship in person with us. Please take one to wish those who are homebound a Merry Christmas. Also, **if you have any unused Christmas cards, please leave them on the piano in the parlor** for use by the Care Committee. Thank you!



## Volunteer Opportunities at Cathedral Kitchen

Pre-pandemic, a group of six people from our church volunteered monthly at Cathedral Kitchen. Much has changed since then, including a recent drastic increase in the number of visitors for their dinner service. In 2026, the Mission Committee has decided to volunteer at/for Cathedral Kitchen in 2 ways:

### Friday, January 9, 1:00 to 2:30pm:

- 4 volunteers needed to help with the Pre-Dinner Service (**Contact Marci Spiegle if you are interested in helping with this!**)

### February (date is tbd):

- several volunteers needed to assemble the much-needed utensil packets one day during the week.



## Our Hat & Mitten Tree Is Blooming!

The Mission Committee's hat & mitten tree is in *full bloom* in our parlor — but, even though there was no room at the inn (*Luke 2:7*), there's *always* room on our tree for more hats, mittens, gloves, & scarves! Help us provide abundantly for those in need during these cold winter months by bringing in an item or two this month.



## 2025 Pledge Reminder!

Just a kind reminder that we're nearing the end of the 2025 pledge period. As we continue our ministry this season, we invite you to catch up on your 2025 pledge before the end of the year. Please see Karen Reeves with any questions regarding your contributions. Thank you for being such a meaningful part of our church family.

# Blue Christmas

*worship service*

SUNDAY | DEC. 21 | 2PM

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION!**

Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church  
18 West Merchant St. | Audubon



Join churches in our community for a shared service as we lay down the grief we carry through this season & seek reassurance from Christ through lament, prayer, scripture & music.

## 2026 Offering Envelopes Available for Pick-Up

Don't forget to pick up your 2026 offering envelopes in the parlor! Contact the office if you need your box delivered to you, or if you would like envelopes and were not assigned any.



## Staff Gifts for Christmas

We're blessed to have an outstanding staff who work diligently all year long to make our worship experience meaningful & enjoyable. Please show your appreciation for all they do by contributing to a holiday staff gift for them! Place your donation in the bucket in the parlor, or mail a check to FPC (with "Staff Holiday Gift" in the memo). The total will be divided among all our staff members. Thank you for continuing this church tradition.



## Sunday School Update

Don't forget ... there's NO Sunday School on Dec. 28 or Jan. 4. We hope to see everyone on Jan. 11 for a great winter session! **You are needed!** Find smiles, warmth, laughter and fun teaching a Sunday School class! We have three classes of children waiting for your leadership & care: PreK-Gr.2; Grades 3-5; & Grades



6-8. Give yourself the gift of service and love. A great New Year resolution would be to share your talents by teaching a class, or 2, or 3! You can sign up on the board in the Parlor, by scanning the QR code here, or clicking the link in your weekly e-News.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PLEASE NOTE THESE OFFICE HOURS & ABSENCES:

Wednesday, Dec. 24 & Thursday, Dec. 25: Office Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 31 & Thursday, Jan. 1: Office Closed

Thursday, Dec. 25 - Thursday, Jan. 1:  
**Pastor Eliza on Vacation\***

\*Please contact Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, in a pastoral emergency.