



First Presbyterian Church

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**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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How suitable that right before the season of Advent, the season of waiting for something very, very special, we have Thanksgiving. Each year we eat together as the body of Christ before we celebrate the holiday with our family and friends. This year we were given colorful paper leaves to put on a Thanksgiving wreath. Children and adults participated--thankful for Sunday School, God, mom and dad, books, school, Legos, history, holidays, husbands and wives, freedom, family, shoes, and church. We love the fact that we have food, God's love and our church family. We are all thankful for the opportunity to serve this church.

Thus we enter Advent, the season of waiting, with thanksgiving. During the waiting, we thankfully anticipate all that Christmas means. Think about how much waiting we do as Christians besides waiting for the day of Jesus' birth (kids would add waiting for Christmas presents!). We wait for relatives to arrive and dinner to be cooked. We wait for answered prayers, wait to hear from that college or about a new job prospect or the outcome of a test, or for that perfect someone. We wait for a good report from the doctor. We wait for a better world. Isn't it great that we have each other while we are waiting? When the anticipated arrival happens and the celebration is shared, how much more joy do we have!

Think of God waiting to work out God's plan for us. God describes the goodness of God's world, the things He cares about; the hurt of our rebellion, and yet the hope we have when we follow. The entire Bible tells us God waits until the timing is just right to maximize the reward for all of us. What are you waiting for this season? Is it temporal things?

Something magical to overcome all your problems? Or, are you not waiting at all, but pursuing your own daily desires? This season I encourage you to find the Lord who is worth waiting for.

Marty Goetz wrote this song,
*Behold, our God is near, He's
comin' quickly
Very soon, He will appear
He's the beginning, and He has
no end,
Every word He has spoken, He'll
do
For His name it is Faithful and
True*

*And he'll come to his temple to
rule and to reign,
And the nations will tremble and
fear
But all of Your people will say in
that day,
"This is the Lord, we have waited
for Him
And at last He is here!"*

So thankful for our Savior, and for all
of you!

Pastor Ginger



Calling all CCCCs

*That's right, we need CCCCs – Caring Compassionate
Community-focused Citizens!*

*We need these citizens to help us reach out to our
community to share the love of Jesus with them and to
help meet their needs spiritually, emotionally and
financially.*

*We would like these CCCCs to join us for our second
Think Tank meeting Thursday, January 2 at 6:30 in the
church library.*

*Think Tank is the brainstorm team that helped FPCD
develop Festival of Hope several years ago. We would
like to impact our community again and would
appreciate your input.*

*If you can't join us, but have an idea of how First
Presbyterian Church Duncanville can be a factor in our
community, please email me at*

*dingram@dingramcpa.com or Ginger at
ghertenstein@fpcd.org*

*Your fellow CCCC,
Sharon Ingram*

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December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
1 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	2  7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	3	4 5:30 PM Youth Worship Arts 6:30 PM Fearless Youth Group 7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	5  6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	6	7 6 PM PW Christmas Auction & Dinner																																																																																				
8 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Youth Christmas Program 5:30 PM Staff Dinner in Waxahachie	9	10  7 PM Sarah Circle	11 1 PM Agape Circle 6:30 PM Fearless Youth Group 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14																																																																																				
15 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Choir Christmas Concert 3rd Sunday Potluck <small>Newsletter Articles Due!</small>	16	17	18 10 AM Finance 4 PM Parking Lot Ministry 6:30 PM Fearless Youth Group 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 6:30 PM Session/Deacon Christmas Party	20	21																																																																																				
22 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	23 <div> The Sandwich Project <hr/> Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless </div>	24 6 PM Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas! (Office Closed)	26	27	28																																																																																				
29 10:30 AM Hymn Sing	30	31	<div> <div> Nov 2019 <table> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> </table> </div> <div> Jan 2020 <table> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table> </div> </div>				S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Worship Volunteer Schedule December 2019

December 1	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry Communion Servers Communion Preparer	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Jack Pegues, Bobby Reed Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Candice Morris Paul Griffith & Dub Guthrie Irving Kezar, Jeff Thorpe, Diane Pegues, Jack Pegues, Anna Murphy Lori Glover
December 8	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Darlene Cowand Eugene Jimmerson, Sean Russell Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Jocelyn Bolles Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand
December 15	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Doris Metzger & Jocelyn Bolles Dub Guthrie, Paul Griffith Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Doris Metzger Vanessa Cordova & Brenda Everett
December 22	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Vanessa Cordova & Jason Cordova Jack Pegues, Darrell Ingram Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Sharon Ingram Marna Bayless & Connie Steger
December 29	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Candice Morris & Gary Morris Larry Lewis, Jaime Cordova Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Jocelyn Bolles Jeff Thorpe & Joan Brown

December Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org.

Thank you.

Darrell Ingram, December 4	Christian Laurent, December 24
Caryn Benitez, December 15	Darlene Cowand, December 25
Eddie Everett, December 21	Joan Brown, December 26
Valerie Cordova, December 22	Lucy Russell, December 26
Dean Hertenstein, December 22	Janet Stahl, December 28
	Dameron Growe, December 30



2019 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
Oct	\$18,603	\$34,852
Jan - Oct	\$236,947	\$224,800

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group

— 6:00 p.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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