



December

First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

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From Our Pastor

The Center of the Home, The Center of the City

Each year at Christmas, my family puts up an English Village in the living room by the front window. It is a lot of trouble to unpack and arrange each piece with all the "people" that make it come to life. I recruit whomever I can find to help build it. Each year a new piece is added, sometimes a building but often now, as small as a streetlight, a caroler, or a child with a sleigh.

While the look of the village changes every year and with each addition—or the creativity of that year's builder—one thing remains the same: on the highest spot in the back row is the town's church. A tree stands beside the church with two cardinals sitting on its bare, snow-covered branches. In front of the church the pastor hands out a loaf of bread to an old woman and a small child who together seek help from the church. The child holds up her apron to receive the bread. Lights in the church illumine glowing crosses in its windows. Carolers adorn the main walkway. The mood is festive and bright with gift-giving, singing, sleigh riding, eating and dancing.

As I look at this village each year, especially considering this year's events, I realize the meaning of hope behind each piece. Cardinals are known as the Christmas bird, their scarlet feathers brightening the entire landscape as they perch themselves against a barren, snowy backdrop.

It reminds us of the crimson blood of Christ, which beckons us to remember that He has become our peace in all circumstances. The bread offered by the church is the physical sustenance of our spiritual need each day brings. The town offers gifts of sacrifice amidst the joy of song.

So many of the activities of the little English village represent the gift that has been given to us by God our Father—the Lord Jesus Christ and His church. The entire city is affected by Christ's church, which stands strong on the hill as if a sentinel constantly watching over the city. The church inspires hope for all the city's citizens, rich and poor alike; healthy and needing healing; lonely and needing love, filling us all with the hope of a certain future. My hope for you this Christmas season is that you enter the church and your soul becomes full; and then you exit the church to reach out and offer the same hope to the people in your city. May all these symbols of our Lord's birth warm your heart this year.

Much love,
Pastor Ginger

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PW Annual Christmas Auction

When:

Begins: Thursday, December 2

Closes: Monday, December 13 at midnight

Where: Online at FPCD.org

Winners may pick up their items from the church beginning Tuesday, December 14 and thereafter. Where feasible, auction items will be displayed in Fellowship Hall during this time period so that you may come and see them personally.

Please remember this is a fund-raiser and we need your support. We use these funds to help the following organizations:

- Heifer International
- Presbyterian Women's National Mission
- Presbyterian Pan American School, Kingsville TX
- Bridges Safe House, Cedar Hill TX
- Mission of Good Shepherd Children's Home, Belize

Thank you!

Jocelyn Bolles and Joan Brown

Christmas Choir Cantata

Join us for our Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 19 at 10:30 AM.

The Choir will be performing "I Hear the Prophet Callin', The Christmas Story from Prophecy to Fulfillment" by Pepper Choplin.

Bring a friend!

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"Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news
of great joy that will be
for all the people."

Luke 2:10, NIV

**Worship Volunteer Schedule
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December 5	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Paul Griffith & Diane Pegues Logan Russell
December 12	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Dennis Walters & Nancy Bergman Jennifer McWilliams
December 19	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Jaime Cordova & Darlene Cowand Jimmy Cordova
December 26	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sean Russell & Brenda Everett Allen Conley

For unto you
is born this day
in the city of David
a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
Impact Youth
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.
— 6:30 p.m.

Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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



2021 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
October	\$15,583	\$22,668
Jan-Oct	\$318,283*	\$349,998**

* \$79,910 of this for building repairs
**\$154,084 of this for building projects