

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merry Christmas!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG SERVICE — Join us for a fun and joyful musical morning on Sunday, December 26, 10:30 AM! Families or groups of people are invited to sing a carol together. Come prepared with what you would like to share. Let's make this a celebration!

OFFICE CLOSED — The office will be closed Monday, December 27-Monday, January 3. If you need an elder, please contact Paul Griffith.

END OF YEAR GIVING — End-of-year donations may be mailed, dropped off in the locked mailbox on the porch of the Fellowship Hall Building, given online through PayPal, or slipped under the office door. Please seal your donation in an envelope. All money received by Dec. 31 will be counted for this year.

DISASTER RELIEF — If you would like to help with Kentucky Disaster Relief, we are collecting donations for this through Sunday, January 9. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Disaster Relief" in the memo line.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE — Worship with us in the New Year! Join us on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, 10:30 AM, to hear a word from guest preacher Jonathan Adams.

INFORMATION FOR GUESTS AND VISITORS

We would like to extend a special welcome to guests and visitors. If this is your first visit with us, please let us know by filling out the pad which is passed during the "Welcome." Assisted hearing devices are available in the sound room should you need one. You are important!

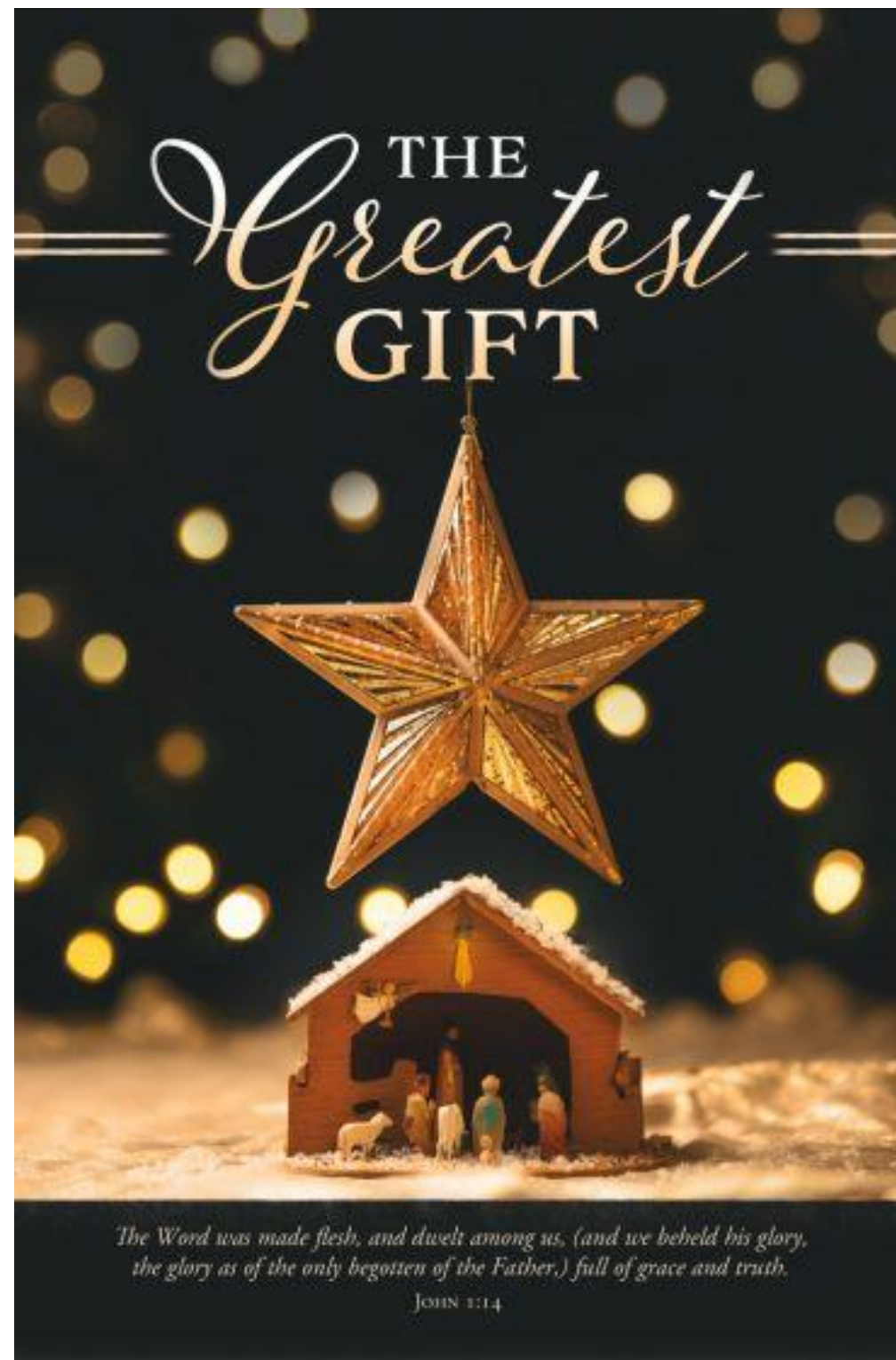
For children:

- Nursery care is provided for ages 0-4 in the Education bldg.
- Children are invited to come forward during Children's Moment.
- Children are welcome to stay with you during church.
- Children's bulletins and activity boxes are available in the narthex.



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Connecting with God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the community



FIRST Presbyterian Church

Friday, December 24, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve Service

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jaime Cordova

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. . . . Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, 133R

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION

Recitation of Verses

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Away in a Manger, 158R

THE PROPHECY

Jaime Cordova

Isaiah 11:6-7, 12:2-6

OFFERING

CHRISTMAS CAROL

How Great Our Joy, 144R, v. 1-2

THE STORY

Carol Orwig

Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM

O Come, All Ye Faithful

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Rev. Dr. Ginger Hertenstein

PRAYER & 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.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER (Unison)

Jaime Cordova

O God, the gift of Your Holy Child Jesus causes this night to outshine all darkness. Give us such love and wonder for Him and for each other, that with shepherds and kings, wise men and children, we come to adore this child, our promised King. As you came in the stillness of that quiet night, enter our lives this night. Overcome our shame with the glad news of Your love so that we may walk in unity, give others great hope, and live faithfully for Him. Amen

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Silent Night, 147R

vs. 1 in German, Carol Orwig

vs. 1-3 in English, congregation

The ushers, after lighting the taper from the Christ candle will light the candles of the congregation. (Please do not tilt the lighted candle.)

BENEDICTION

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Joy to the World, 125R, v. 1 & 4

The "R" stands for *Hymnal for Worship & Celebration*.

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*Carry the love of
Christ in your hearts
and into the world.
Amen*