



# First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

## December

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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#### ***From our Pastor***

Dear Friends at FPCD,

This is the earliest Christmas newsletter article I could find that I wrote to you after becoming your pastor. I admit—my message has not changed at all. My goal has always been to draw you as near as possible to the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope this is the legacy I leave with you, that you know him well. I pray that you continue to grow in your faith and relish in this wonderful season:

Why God? Often you hear that question. It might be “Why, God?” as if asking why did this adverse circumstance happen. Or, it might be “Why God?” as in *why should I think about the need for God?* The season of Advent poses this question to us and as we ponder its answer, hopefully you and I can respond with a well-reasoned argument of ‘here’s why I believe God is valuable and vital to the good life.’

Advent, means coming, arrival, official visit. In ancient Greek culture the visitation of a ruler meant preparing flattering speeches, improving the streets, hanging golden wreaths, giving money, making things magnificent. People anticipated this very special event because it was a ray of hope for those in need. People waited, but not idly because the king’s visit was a great honor. As Christians waiting for our King, we are to do exactly the same. Are you prepared?

Let’s consider just who our king is. Paul tells us He is “the image of God, who cannot be seen” and that God was pleased to fully dwell in King Jesus so that we can see what God is like. Our King is all powerful; having

created this world for us, He continues to hold it together. He also holds the church together. He makes us secure before God and presents you to God—together, whole, and holy so that you have complete peace with God. It’s a gift, and who would not want to cling to a wonderful gift like that? We learn more and more about this gift as we remain actively steadfast and not shifting from the hope He promises.

May that hope fill you with joy this year, and into 2023.

*Happy Advent,  
Pastor Ginger*



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The Duncanville Chamber of Commerce Presents

# Joys & Toys

a Community Christmas Concert

Join us Sunday

**December 4, 2022, 5 PM**

at DHS Shine Performance Hall

900 W. Camp Wisdom Road



*Featuring Performances by  
the Duncanville Community Chorus, DHS Chamber Choir  
& Duncanville Church Kids*



## You're Invited!

Come celebrate our community and provide toys for families who need our support through Duncanville Police Department's Santa Cop Program, which relies solely on local donations. We're in this together!

Presented by:



**DUNCANVILLE**  
Chamber of Commerce

Sponsored by:



**Frost**

If you would like to help sponsor this event,  
please contact the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce:  
(972) 780-4990

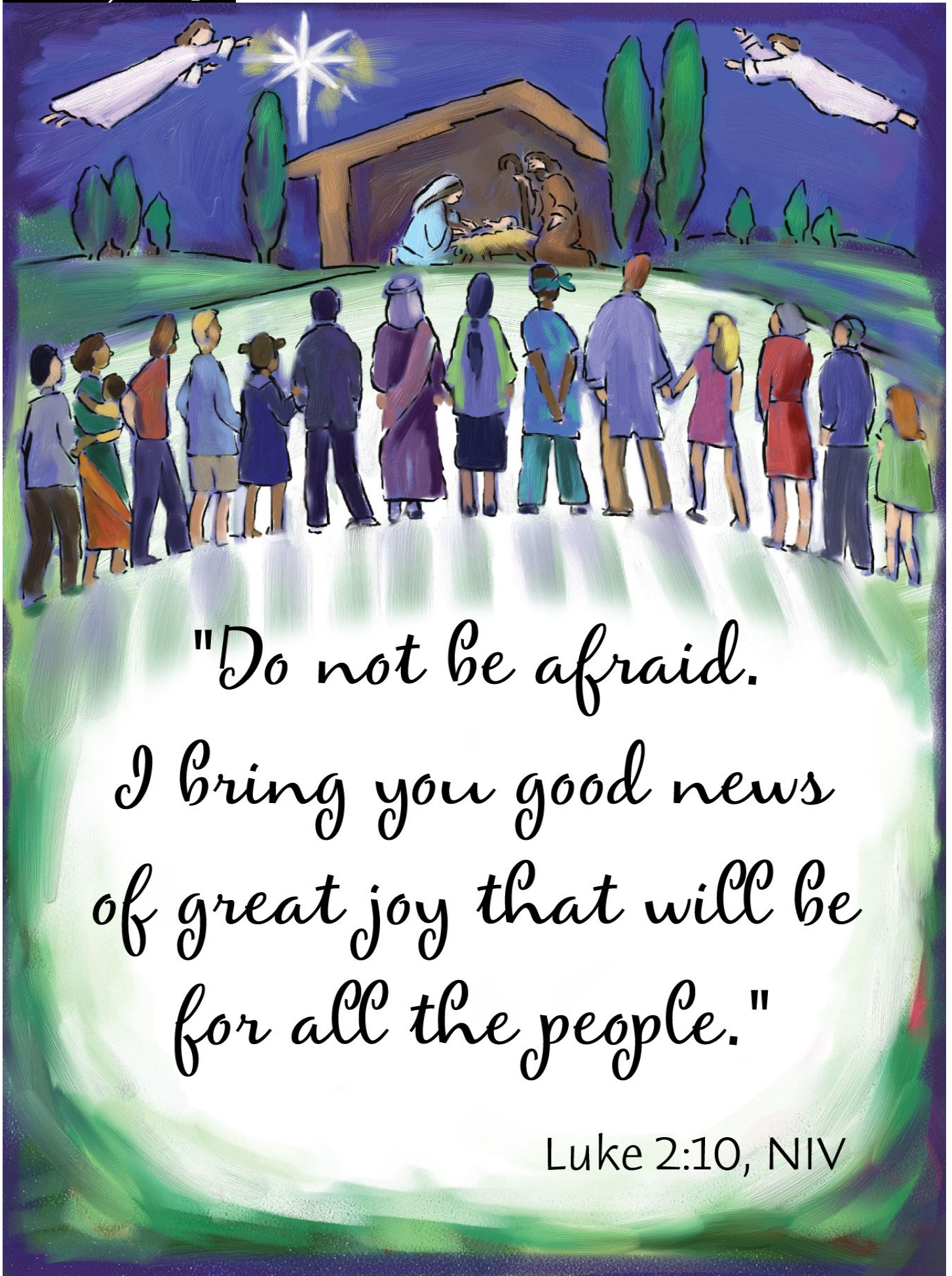


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"Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news  
of great joy that will be  
for all the people."

Luke 2:10, NIV



## **Worship Volunteer Schedule December 2022**

<b>December 4</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Assistant</b> <b>COMMUNION Servers</b>	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Brittany Haywood & Dub Guthrie Jennifer McWilliams Dennis Walters & Connie Steger
<b>December 11</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Assistant</b>	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Roy Watson & Joan Brown Jimmy Cordova
<b>December 18</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Assistant</b>	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Jimmy Cordova & Diane Pegues Allen Conley
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Assistant</b>	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Dennis Walters & Nancy Bergman Jimmy Cordova

... and his name shall be called

**Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.**

**Isaiah 9:6,  
ESV**




## 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](mailto:info@fpcd.org).

Thank you.

Darrell Ingram, December 4  
Caryn Benitez, December 15  
Eddie Everett, December 21  
Valerie Cordova, December 22  
Christian Laurent, December 24

Darlene Cowand, December 25  
Joan Brown, December 26  
Lucy Russell, December 26  
Janet Stahl, December 28  
Dameron Growe, December 30

		
2022 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
October	\$49,663	\$22,501
Jan - Oct	\$235,705	\$253,438

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education  
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.  
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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