

Sharing the Life of the Church

AMID THESE BUSY DAYS, WE PAUSE FOR WORSHIP AND TO REMEMBER THE HEART OF THIS SEASON. WELCOME!

Coffee Hour – Please join us in the Harris Room at 10:00 for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Today’s coffee hour is hosted by **Christians in Action**. To host a coffee hour, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Harris Room.

Adult Sunday School Class - Our adult Sunday School class has been suspended until after the new year. Watch your bulletins for announcements.

Christmas Joy Offering - We will receive this annual PC(USA) special offering today through the end of the year. Please use the designated offering envelopes in the pews for your contributions.



WORSHIP WITH US ON CHRISTMAS EVE! We will have a Service of Lessons and Carols, Communion, and our traditional candle lighting. **Special prelude music begins at 6:45 and worship is at 7:00.** Bring your family and friends and share a memorable and sacred Christmas Eve.

Christmas Dinner Signups - There is still time to sign up as a volunteer to help with our annual Christmas Day Dinner. We need workers, as well as donations of food and baked goods. See the complete list of tasks and needed items in the foyer.

Collection for ARC - The Presbyterian Women are collecting paper products and personal hygiene items for the ARC of the MOV. See the list of needs on the bulletin board outside Harris Room and place your items around the Christmas tree in the Harris Room.

Something to Hug - During the holidays we are asking for extra donations of stuffed toys for use by law enforcement officers. Sadly, the instances of domestic calls and accidents increase during the Christmas season, and these toys help to comfort children caught up in these situations. Toys must be **NEW** with tags, and contain **NO** batteries, electronic devices, or rattles.

Warm & Fuzzy Tree - You can place warm gloves, mittens, hats, scarves and socks on the tree in the church foyer for our guests at the Christmas Day Dinner.

DEACONS' VISITATION SCHEDULE

WEEK OF: Dec. 22 - *Yvonne White*
Dec. 29 - *Susan Daugherty*

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	November	YTD
Income	\$15,501.99	\$191,242.45
Expenses	\$20,157.61	\$202,976.09
Diff. (+/-)	(\$ 4,655.62)	(\$ 11,733.64)
Avg. Attendance:	Nov.	YTD
8:30	13	16
10:30	75	63



MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE WEEK AT FPC



Sunday, December 22 **4th Sunday of Advent**

Guest preacher - Justin Bosley

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer; Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour; Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day; Sanctuary
S.E.T. (Children K-5); Room 204

Tuesday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship; Sanctuary / *Communion*
Special Music begins at 6:45

Wednesday, December 25 **Christmas Day**

- 12:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Day Dinner; Stevenson Hall

Sunday, December 29

- NO 8:30 Service of Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour; Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day; Sanctuary
S.E.T. (Children K-5); Room 204

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Be Born in Us Today

In 1865, Phillips Brooks, an Episcopal preacher from Boston, went on a Holy Land pilgrimage. Riding horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem for Christmas Eve worship at the Church of the Nativity was so moving that he wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The hymn's final stanza addresses the town's most famous newborn:

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

