



**The  
VIEW**

*We VIEW Life  
through the Cross*

**First Presbyterian  
Church**

Rev. Burnetta Armour  
*Pastor*

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*Rev. Burnetta Armour*  
**Pastor's Ponderings**



**Preparing to Meet Jesus Again**

If we are honest, for many of us Advent is not our favorite season of the church year. For some, it's simply a countdown to Christmas and the real celebration. For others, it's Christmas lite. For still others, it's that time of the year when the mean old pastors won't let the church sing Christmas Carols even though people have been singing them since they started playing Christmas songs on the radio in October. Hateful pastors! However, we miss a beautiful faith opportunity when we view Advent as something to be counted down, as Christmas lite, or as that time of the Christian year when the pastor forces the church to sing those drab, boring Advent songs. What we miss is the opportunity to open ourselves to meet Jesus again for the first time—to be awed by him and to fall in love with him again.

I was reminded of this need for time to rediscover the stories of Jesus in a devotional reading from my *Celtic Daily Prayer* book. The Scripture passages for this reading were Psalm 39:2, Isaiah 61:1-3, and John 20:1-16, and the devotional is given below for you to ponder:

As a young Dutch-Jewish refugee, Johanna-Ruth Dobschiner found an illustrated children's Bible in the home she was evacuated to, and re-read the familiar stories of Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Pharoah, Joshua, Saul, David, Solomon, Haman, Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Malachi...

*Almost unconsciously I entered a part of history previously unknown to me, yet strangely familiar. It still dealt with the people of Israel, but new characters had entered the scene, names I had never been taught, names which had never been mentioned at home or in school lessons. Scenes which took place in Synagogue and Bible according to this Bible, registered a blank when searching my memory. Yet all the stories were so obviously Jewish...One person outshone all others in these stories—a prophet born in Israel. As the weeks and months passed by, his life became part of mine. The readings about him and incidents concerning him*

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## Pastor's Ponderings

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*became more important to me than anything else in my own environment. I found I could tolerate my isolation without frustration, always longing for the next opportunity to learn more about him for he had become my hero.*

Then, the cross:

*While still reading of his agonies, in myself I wished for him to show the power that was his and free himself from that cross. I knew he would do it, and as I read on I waited eagerly for the moment when this would be described...Instead, "It is finished." I had lost the one I loved dearly, although I had never met him, except within the pages of this book. Now all was lost to me.*

*According to the custom of my people, I mourned him for seven days. My thoughts were wholly centered on my loss and a deep sense of depression settled upon me. I was weepy, edgy, moody, and unhappy. True, I had suffered disappointment, but why not act as an adult and read the remaining pages of the book?*

*The first day of the week, and Mary finds his grave empty, the body stolen. What next! Having fought back tears for so long, Mary now gave way to her grief. She felt as I had done during these past ten days, and again I joined in her sorrow. ...and then continued reading...*

*--J.B. Dobschiner, Selected to Live*

When was the last time you met Jesus the way that Johanna-Ruth Dobschiner did? When was the last time his story made you cry or moved you to want to deepen your relationship with him? Has the story of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection become so mundane to us—so commonplace—that it no longer moves us to feel or act? Have we heard it so much that we've lost the wonder, shock, and awe of it?

This is why we need Advent. We need time to prepare our hearts for a new interpretation of the old story. We need time to wait for our eyes to be opened to Jesus' new revelation of himself that he is bringing to us. We need time to put aside the old, tired interpretations of the story of his life and let him give us new ones for this time and this place. Advent is our time to meet Jesus again for the first time. Will you be open to what you find when he comes to you in the old and new stories?

*Peace and Love in Christ  
Pastor Burnett*



## Sermon & Scriptures for Advent

### DECEMBER

#### 12/3/2023-First Sunday in Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9

*Oh That You Would Tear Open the Heavens*

#### 12/10/2023-Second Sunday in Advent

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:8-15

*The Waiting is the Good Part*

#### 12/17/2023-Third Sunday in Advent

Choir Cantata

*What Sweeter Music*

#### 12/24/2023-Fourth Sunday in Advent

MORNING SERVICE

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

*There's Something About Mary*

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**Sunday, December 24th**  
**6:00 P.M.**

# Point of View

*Jean Kelly*

## It's a Wrap!

Six years ago, Jim Hiers called me to ask if I'd be interested in serving on Session as Worship Elder. I told Jim that I was flattered to be asked but that I didn't feel qualified for that role as my background was in Advertising and Public Relations. A little time went by and once again, Jim Hiers called. Due to some changes, the position of Communications Elder on Session was open. I said yes and here I am today, six years later, about to wrap up my service. It's been an amazing experience and one I'll miss as I move on to my new life in the Ozarks.

Looking back, there are lots of memories. I served under 4 different pastors, made it through the Pandemic, we updated our live-streaming and the church website, celebrated the burning of the mortgage, observed First Presbyterian's 25-year anniversary, and took every opportunity to communicate about our church. I want to thank all who shared my enthusiasm and put up with my incessant emails and text messages.

Special thanks to the Communications Committee who never missed a deadline and always stepped up to create another amazing issue of the newsletter: to Dick Frost, the best proofreader ever; to Adele Page for her photographs; to Kim Ciriello for her social media expertise; and to Penny Murdoch, an all-around creative and amazing person!

Best wishes to the upcoming Communications Elder, Nancy Webber. It's been a great six years, and now it's time for me to say "it's a wrap!"

**PM & PW  
Christmas Party  
Tuesday, December 12, 1:00 p.m.  
Chicago Pizza  
Demorest, GA  
(see page 8)**

Join FPC Cornelia as we kick off the Advent season

*Christmas in Mt. Airy*

Sunday, December 3  
4 PM

Mt. Airy Chapel  
699 Grandview Avenue

The Cornelia First Presbyterian Church invites you to kick off the Advent Season by worshipping in their over 100+ year-old Chapel, on **Sunday afternoon, December 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** Join fellow FPC Church families in this quaint setting.

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service**

**Sunday Evening  
December 24  
6:00 p.m.**



**Honoring Our Church Veterans**

- David Cook .....Navy
- Jim Crawford ..... Army
- Roy Ficklin ..... Army
- Bill Francis ..... Army
- Dick Frost..... Air Force
- Jim Hiers ..... Army
- Tom Leslie .....Navy
- Charles Massingale ..... Air Force
- Bruce Morgan ..... Air Force
- Trevor Morgan ..... Marines
- John Rogers ..... Air Force
- Wes Wessely ..... Army
- Bob Wiley .....Navy
- Bill Woods..... Army

*With Respect, Honor,  
and Gratitude,  
**Thank You!***



*Seated in front, Phillip Richardson, brother of Lindalee Walters. Middle row, Roy Ficklin, Jim Crawford, Rev. Roe Callaway, Bill Woods, Bruce Morgan, Back row, David Cook, Tom Leslie, Bob Wiley, and John Rogers. (Unable to attend, Bill Francis, Dick Frost, Jim Hiers, Charles Massingale, Trevor Morgan, and Wes Wessely.)*

Despite overcast skies and a light rain, the first Veterans Day and Flag Retirement Ceremony was well attended. Many of us had never been to a Flag Retirement and it was a very interesting and emotional event. The process started with a Welcome by Bruce Morgan, an opening prayer by Pastor Burnetta, then an introduction of the Scouts of America who

were there to share the process of retiring old American flags.

A flag was unfolded from the triangle, opened wide, and the cutting of the blue section was started. The next cut was cutting the flag in half vertically, then in sections horizontally, all before the individual pieces were burned. During this process, one of the Scout leaders read the story of Old Glory, explaining the meaning of the stars on blue, the red and white stripes.

After the first flag was burned, the remaining flags were folded into triangles as each veteran took one and placed it in the fire. As each veteran placed a flag into the fire, the expressions of each of the faces was very solemn, some reliving not too pleasant memories. To each and every veteran, we honor you, respect you, and we owe you our gratitude for all the sacrifices you gave us.

After the flag burning, we enjoyed hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, cookies, and sodas. A special thank you to the Presbyterian Men for this wonderful celebration.

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# VETERANS DAY

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*Bruce and Pastor Burnetta opening the ceremony. The cards shown are typical of the number of cards many of the veterans received from across the country. Many veterans have never received cards before and some said they have never been verbally thanked.*



*The Scoutmaster Randee Todd Harrington takes some of the old, wornout flags from the collection box for burning. A LOT of flags were retired.*

*As the flag was being cut, Scout Lexi Schmidt read 'They Call Me Old Glory.'*

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*The Veterans raised their hands while Bruce read the Oath of a Veteran.*



# VETERANS DAY

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Jim Crawford



Roy Ficklin



Tom Leslie

David Cook

Rev. Dr. Roe Callaway



Bruce Morgan



Phil Richardson,  
brother of  
Lindalee Walters



John Rogers



Bob Wiley



Bill Woods

**"They Call Me Old Glory"**  
A New Poem for Our Great Old Flag  
© By Charlie Zahm, [www.charliezahm.com](http://www.charliezahm.com)

*They call me Old Glory, I fly over this land I love  
And I am more than just a flag that you'll see wave above.  
I've stood for freedom and for faith two centuries and more,  
Your fathers' fathers cherished me, and their fathers gone before.*

*I was there in Philadelphia where they wrote the Declaration,  
Now I'm in the homes of patriots yes all across this nation.  
You'll see my colors proudly fly from Rocky Mountain towers...  
But mostly, I'm in the hearts of those who love this land of ours.*

*This red is for the blood that flowed on the grass of Bunker Hill.  
The white is for the light that shines on soldiers' graves so still.  
The blue is for the hope that morning skies give us each day,  
These colors join to make me strong and they'll never fade away.*

*I flew above the brave young men in the jungles where I'd lead 'em  
You'll see me at the Alamo, the shrine to Texas freedom.  
I wave above Pearl Harbor where some forever sleep.  
You'll see me in old veterans' eyes and in the memories they keep.*

*I'm above the hills of Arlington, where just the other day  
Another hero found his rest, now with the best he lays.  
I was wrapped in a tight triangle for the grieving widow there,  
I felt her tears fall on my cloth as she closed her eyes in prayer.*

*I know today misguided souls might think you'd be a fool  
To teach your children some old rhyme that you once learned in school.  
But I tell you now that pledge you make with your hand upon your chest  
Is a pledge to honor those who gave it all that you'd be blessed...*

*That you'd be blessed to live in freedom, without hunger without fear,  
That you'd be blessed to raise your family, so for all your given years  
Remember those who fought and died for me, they'd do it all again  
So when you pledge allegiance, you thank all veterans then.*

*So for this Country's sons and daughters, this pledge I make so true:  
You fight to keep me flying high, and I'll inspire you,  
You'll see me waving in the breeze above the old town square  
And you'll know that by my colors that's Old Glory flying there.*

*Yes, they call me Old Glory and I've been around a while  
And I may have a rip and tear from a long and dusty mile,  
But I'll ne'er forget the morning when God first planted me  
And as long as you believe, I'll fly from sea to shining sea.*





## December will be filled with Music

*Nancy Webber*

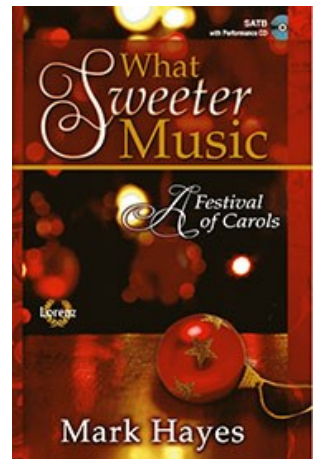
### Christmas cantata will be a festival of carols

On Sunday, December 17, the annual Christmas cantata will be presented during the morning worship service at 11 a.m. This year's cantata is *What Sweeter Music: A Festival of Carols* by Mark Hayes.

The program will be sung by the FPC choir and accompanied by a small instrumental ensemble, both under the direction of our choir director David Arvold. The cantata includes 15 familiar Christmas carols plus several original songs. Narrations connect each musical movement to tell the story of Christ's birth.

The congregation will be invited to sing along with several of the carols, such as "Silent Night," "The First Nowell," and "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

Plan to join us for a morning of wonderful music as we celebrate the coming of Emmanuel, "God with us."



### Group to present classical concert at FPC

The Georgia Musicale Group will present a selection of classical music pieces on Friday, December 1, at 7 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary. The hour-long free concert will include both piano and vocal pieces by Debussy, Holst, Chopin, and Mendelssohn, among others.

The performance will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

The Georgia Musicale Group was incorporated in 2016 as a nonprofit organization. In the last several years, the group has experienced rapid growth with more than one hundred performers including pianists, various instrumentalists, and vocalists.

In addition to professional musicians, GMG members come from diverse backgrounds, such as scientists, medical doctors, lawyers, and teachers. Many of them were involved in music when they were younger but had to stop due to their careers. Their love of music remained, however, and GMG is a vehicle that allows them to pursue this love again.

The artists performing in the December 1 concert:

**Julie Woodall**, a retired elementary school music teacher who earned her music and fine arts degrees at the University of Georgia. Currently, she is a private piano teacher and serves as the organist/choir director at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Dahlonega.

**Annette Russo**, who has studied both piano and voice for several years and has participated in a variety of vocal experiences including church and community choirs and solos. After graduating from Rutgers College in New Jersey, she taught 1st and 3rd grades for 35 years.

**Chigusa Morimoto**, who has earned degrees in vocal music from Nagoya University of Arts in Japan and the International College of Music in Germany. She worked as a voice trainer in Japan and has been living in Georgia since 2021. Last year she started teaching Japanese children's songs to children in the area.

**Utako Tanigawa**, one of the founders of GMG, who owned a private school and several restaurants in Japan before moving to the U.S. She earned degrees in computer science and information systems and has held executive positions in global corporations for thirty years. Following a life-threatening diagnosis, she returned to music for solace and therapy. She has participated in several international amateur competitions.



Lindalee Walters

**PM & PW JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our Presbyterian Women and our Presbyterian Men's groups will enjoy a joint Christmas party on **Tuesday, December 12**, at Chicago Pizza in Demorest. We will eat at 1 p.m., and we have a separate room reserved. The ONEsies are invited to join us. Each person will individually order from the menu and pay accordingly. We will have a Naughty Santa gift exchange, and each person should bring a small (\$10) wrapped gift to participate. Please let Lindalee Walters or Bruce Morgan know if you plan to attend. Spouses are invited.



**NEW OFFICERS**

Congratulations to the new PW Officers who will be installed on December 10, during our morning worship:

- Immediate Past Moderator .... Lindalee Walters
- Moderator..... Judy Winski
- Vice Moderator..... Elaine Wiegert
- Secretary..... Bernice Rogers
- Treasurer ..... Betty Royds
- Historian..... Penny Murdoch

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

PW will host hospitality hour and have a Christmas Bazaar following worship on **Sunday, December 3**. Plan to enjoy cookies and beverages while you shop for handcrafted Christmas items by our church women. This will be a perfect way to support missions and find a gift for someone special.



**CT COMMITTEE MEETING**

PW Coordinating Team will meet on **Tuesday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m.**

**PW BIBLE STUDY**

There will be no Bible Study in December.

**Something New!**

Beginning on January 9th and the 2nd Tuesday of each month thereafter, PW will meet for Bible study and lunch at noon in the Fellowship hall. **THIS IS A NEW DAY AND TIME.**

Each woman should bring her own lunch, and dessert and beverages will be provided.

The Bible study leader on January 9 is Judy Winski. We will cover chapters 4 and 5 in the Sacred Encounters book. Linda Leslie is the hostess for January.

It is our hope that meeting later in the day may provide more women with the ability to join us for study, prayer, and fellowship.

**KNIT'n'STITCH**

Knit and Stitch meets **every Wednesday at 2 p.m.** You are invited to participate even if you do not knit, since there are other projects involved. Any questions, contact Linda Leslie.

**ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS**

**Zoom Prayer Meetings** 're-Zoomed' on October 19. In December, the Zoom prayer meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on December 7, 14, and 28. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you want to receive the link each week, contact Lindalee Walters.







*Lindalee Walters*

## Luncheon for Volunteers

Presbyterian Women were pleased to be able to serve lunch for the volunteers at the Community Helping Hands Clinic on November 13. These volunteers work with White County residents who need medical assistance and who are unable to afford the care and prescription costs.

Gene White, member of the Board of Directors for the Clinic, expressed his appreciation to the PW and to the Church for making the event possible.



*Jean Kelly*

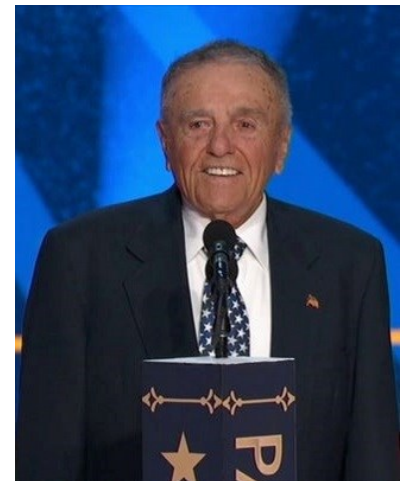
A group of ONEsies met at Soda Fountain Café for lunch on Friday, November 17. As always the food was great and the fellowship even better.

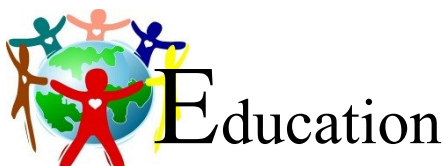
For our December get-together we will be joining the PM/PW combined Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 12, at Noon, at the Chicago Pizza in Demorest, between Cornelia and Clarksville, on Old 441. If you want to participate in the fun Naughty Santa game, please bring a wrapped \$10 gift. Please let Lindalee Walters know, no later than Sunday, December 10, if you plan to go to the Christmas Party as she needs to give the restaurant a head count.

### **Congratulations to Andy Negra!**

Our ONEsies friend and Sautee resident, Andy Negra, received the Salute to Service Patriot Award Thursday, November 16th, at the Fox News Patriot Awards in Nashville.

We're proud to know you, Andy! You are truly an amazing, 99 year-old WW II veteran.

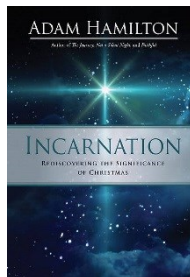




Elaine Wiegert

## Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

On November 29, the Wednesday Bible Study Group began the Advent Study of *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton. The title may seem familiar, and you may already have this book on your bookshelf. We studied this book during the pandemic online. Many were unable to join us, so we decided to read it again. Please pull that book off the shelf, purchase a book if you do not have one, or simply come and join us on Wednesday during Advent as we view the videos and discuss both the book and the videos, preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Savior.



## Advent Devotionals:

*A Calendar of Devotions* by Sam McGlothlin is available in the Upper Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy for your family.

## Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour after Worship is scheduled for the first Sunday of each month.



We don't have much time before Worship to visit with each other, and after church is a perfect time. And, this also gives us an opportunity to get to know our visitors.

Volunteers are needed to host the reception. We want to keep it simple with just cookies and drinks (water, sweet and unsweet tea, coffee if you want), napkins (no plates), unless you are celebrating a special occasion.

Please sign up in the Upper Narthex with your availability to host one Sunday.

**Remember to keep it simple.**

Thank you in advance.

## Session Scripts

Bruce Morgan

At the November meeting, your Session:

- ◆ Gladly accepted an active "friend" into membership,
- ◆ Approved the October Financial Report,
- ◆ Heard an update on our stewardship season,
- ◆ Heard a report from Commissioners to the Fall Presbytery Meeting,
- ◆ Heard the plan for our upcoming Year of Discernment,
- ◆ Appointed an Executive Director of The Growing Place,
- ◆ Heard an update on activity in Building and Grounds,
- ◆ Accepted the resignation of one of our Deacons,
- ◆ Scheduled the Ordination and Installation of new officers,
- ◆ Prayed for needs in our congregation and set the next meeting for December 17th.

## December Birthdays

*If we missed your birthday,  
please let us know.*

REGINA CLONTS  
 JURATE DEMERITT  
 RITA MORGAN  
 JOHN ROGERS  
 BETTY ROYDS  
 DALE WILLIAMS  
 BILL WOODS  
 POLLY WOODS





DECEMBER 3..... Phil Baughman  
 DECEMBER 10 ..... Jennie Geiger  
 DECEMBER 17..... Penny Murdoch  
 DECEMBER 24 AM ..... Judy Massingale  
 DECEMBER 24 Eve..... Judy Massingale  
 DECEMBER 31..... Rachel Romfo

Greeters

Charles Massingale & Hugh Walters

*Thank you for your willingness to serve.*



*Elaine Wiegert*

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings for Coffee and Conversation. During December we will be discussing texts from Isaiah, Mark, Luke, and I Corinthians. The topics for discussion in December will be:

DECEMBER 3..... I Corinthians 1:3-9  
*In and Through Grace*

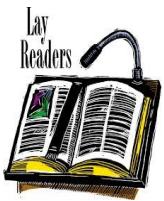
DECEMBER 10 ..... Mark 1:1-8  
*Preparing the Way*

DECEMBER 17..... Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
*Release for Captives*

DECEMBER 24..... Luke 1:26-38  
*Who, Me?*

DECEMBER 31..... Luke 2:22-40  
*Nurturing Faith*

*Come join us!*



### Liturgists for the Month DECEMBER

DECEMBER 3 ..... Phil Baughman  
 DECEMBER 10 ..... Charles Massingale  
 DECEMBER 17 ..... James Geiger  
 DECEMBER 24 ..... Penny Murdoch  
 DECEMBER 31 ..... Judy Massingale

*Thank you all for your willingness to serve.*

## Hats Off to our Talented FPC Family



*Congratulations to David Arvola, Director of The Believers Band, for the wonderful Veterans Day concert. Their concert was like the icing on the cake for a memorable patriotic day. Wife Clair, played several percussion instruments adding to the delightful music.*



*On Tuesday, November 14th, James Geiger conducted the world premier of his new work for string orchestra at Piedmont University in Demorest. Entitled "Forbidden Zone," the piece was well received by the crowd in attendance. Around a dozen FPC Cleveland Choir members were there to support and cheer on their accompanist.*



I can't believe we are almost halfway through the school year!

In the month of October and November, we have learned about pumpkins, turkeys, thankfulness, and last, but not least, Thanksgiving!

We had our Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, November 16th, right before the start of our Thanksgiving break! We had a tiny Thanksgiving presentation where we recited our five Bible verses that we have learned through the year so far, and we sang a song about wanting to be thankful for what the Lord has done! Amen! The kids did so well! We had our "little feast" with our families and friends.

We are making fun memories at The Growing Place!



*Penny Murdoch is showing Cara how to use Meshach the Manatee as a puppet. Penny made the puppet as well as the Sloth puppet used in TGP.*



Melody Thomason

### Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

We had another successful Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive. A Pizza and Packing Party was enjoyed by an elite group who brought articles and packed them, while others packed their shoeboxes at home and brought them in to add to our numbers. We had over 50 shoeboxes filled with articles that children in foreign countries could use, and have fun with. The gifts we send are used



to bring joy to the children and introduce the idea of people far away who care and, ultimately, a God who cares.

Thanks to all who participated. We dedicated the boxes in our church service Sunday, November 19th.

### Local Mission White Christmas

Our church is joining others in our community by adopting families to sponsor. We have 3 families with 2 children each. The families have asked for assistance and have given ideas for items their children would like. We have a Christmas tree in the upper Narthex with Angels on them. Each Angel will be in duplicate and have an item requested on them, clothing or toys. Take the Angels apart and leave one in the basket and take one with you.

It is requested that you not wrap the gifts but tape the Angel to the item when you return them. They can be returned to the church at any time, the last day being December 10th.

### Friendship Nursing Home

The residents and staff are always so appreciative of the coffee pods when we bring them. Let's shower them with coffee for Christmas!



### Buildings & Grounds

Hugh Walters

The latest thing that had to be replaced was the Touch Pad lock on the front door. The existing codes have been activated, but you need to touch the pad to reveal the numbers. Once the numbers are entered, you must press the # sign.

The new lock doesn't automatically lock when closed. You must turn the deadbolt lever on the inside to lock the door behind you.

Upon leaving, to lock the door on the outside, press and hold the # key for 2 seconds. Always be sure to lock this door when you leave.

## Worship CALENDAR 2023

**December 3rd ..... ADVENT BEGINS**  
1st Sunday in Advent

**December 10th ..... 2nd Sunday in Advent**

**December 17th .... CHRISTMAS CANTATA**  
3rd Sunday in Advent

**December 24th ..... ADVENT ENDS**  
4th Sunday in Advent

**11:00 a.m.—WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Communion will be served**

**December 24th ..... CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**6:00 p.m. ....CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

# From God's Garden

A very special "Thank You" to those who have contributed the beautiful flowers and displayed them to brighten the sanctuary for our Sunday Worship Services. These flowers add a bright spot and make our Worship Service feel so very special.



*This floral arrangement on November 5 was in celebration of Elaine Wiegert's birthday.*

*These beautiful mums on November 12 were donated by the Clark family in memory of Stewart Clark.*



*These flowers on November 19 were donated by Phil and Nanette Baughman in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary.*



*This rose bud, on November 19 was to welcome Evie Jane, born to our former TGP director, Chloe Mohler. Evie was born November 17, 2023.*

If you'd like to provide flowers for Sunday service, please sign up in the upper Narthex or contact the church office with the preferred date and the occasion you're commemorating. ***If you are willing to be a Flower Coordinator please contact the Church Office.***



We enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving meal which ended with pumpkin pie bars and whipped cream. Nice fellowship that included helping load the Christmas shoeboxes into the sanctuary and carrying Christmas decorations from the basement to the workroom for the decorating committee. Thanks to all who helped.

We celebrated a front-page photo (above the fold) in the White County News of our Veteran's Day celebration and a thank you message from Roe Calloway.

Our December meeting will be at the PM/PW Christmas Party on December 12th. The combined PW/PM Christmas Party is December

12th at 1:00 at Chicago's Pizza, in Demorest, between Cornelia and Clarksville, on Old 441. Several have already signed up but if you are planning to come please let Lindalee know for a head count. If you want to participate in the Naughty Santa game, please bring a wrapped \$10 gift.



**Christmas in the Mountains Parade**  
**Saturday, December 2**  
**5-8 pm**  
**Stop by the church for Hot Chocolate**



**SUNDAYS**  
 Coffee & Conversation 10 am  
 Church Services 11:00 am In-Person and Online  
 Hospitality Hour after Worship the first Sunday of the month  
 Wednesday Bible Study at 12:30 pm In-Person ONLY  
 PW CT Meeting, PW Bible Study, & Zoom Prayer Meeting  
 In-Person/Zoom  
 VALET PARKING available Sunday mornings starting at 10:45 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 First Sunday of Advent <b>PEACE</b> PW Christmas Bazaar Worship Service 11 am and Online	4 <b>FREE LUNCH!</b> Project 11:30-12:30	5	6 ADVENT BIBLE STUDY 12:30 pm In-Person PW CT Meeting 10 am In-Person & Zoom Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	7 Mah Jongg 1 pm	8 Mah Jongg 1 pm	9 Mah Jongg 1 pm
10 Second Sunday of Advent <b>LOVE</b> Worship Service 11 am and Online	11	12 PM & PW Christmas Party	13 ADVENT BIBLE STUDY 12:30 pm In-Person Knit'n'Stitch 2 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	14 Mah Jongg 1 pm	15 Mah Jongg 1 pm	16 Mah Jongg 1 pm
17 Third Sunday of Advent <b>JOY</b> Cantata Worship Service 11 am and Online	18	19	20 ADVENT BIBLE STUDY 12:30 pm In-Person Knit'n'Stitch 2 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	21 Mah Jongg 1 pm	22 Mah Jongg 1 pm	23 Mah Jongg 1 pm
24 Fourth Sunday of Advent <b>HOPE</b> Worship & Communion 11 am and Online Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm	25 Happy Birthday, Jesus!	26	27 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	28 Mah Jongg 1 pm	29 Mah Jongg 1 pm	30 Mah Jongg 1 pm
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