

# First Press Weekly Update

December 11, 2022



## Prayer List

**IN THE HOSPITAL** – George Cradic – HVMC and Betty Dickson – HVMC

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Ruth S. Hess** upon her death on December 1, 2022, in Bristol, VA,

**CELEBRATION** – A rose has been placed in the chancel celebrating the birth of **Doreen Mae Drayne** who was born on December 2, 2022, in Winston-Salem, NC. Doreen is the daughter of Robbie and Emily Drayne and the granddaughter of Randell and Laura Drayne.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK** – Ted and Lucie Hagen; Chris; Peyton, Lyla and Hayes Lambton; Gary and Mary Beth Hallen; John and Heather Kunysz; Orris, Candi, Jordan and Duncan Harker; Arlene Kuhfuss; Ben and Jane Harris; Mark and Nancy Knisley; Bob and Carolyn Hauk; and Matt, Sarah, Mason and Lillian King.

**MISSIONARIES** – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

## White Gift Offering

We are receiving the **White Gift Offering** this morning. As in the past, First Presbyterian Church is assisting **Waverly Road Presbyterian Church** with supplies for their Food Pantry. If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may write a check to First Presbyterian Church with a notation for the Food Pantry. Checks may be placed in the offering plates.

## December Events at First Presbyterian

- **December Handbell Showcase – Today at 3:00 p.m.**  
Several local handbell choirs, including our own FPC bell choir, will combine for a festival concert in the Fellowship Center, as part of this year's Kingsport Music Club program offerings. Mark Davis will direct the combined choirs. The concert is open to the public free of charge, and all are welcome to attend!
- **Children's Nativity Pageant – December 18 during the 11:00 a.m. service**
- **Advent Music for Meditation – December 21, 12:00 p.m.**  
Alice will offer a half hour of beautiful organ and piano selections with readings.

## Christmas Eve Services

- \* **Contemporary Service** - 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center
- \* **Lessons and Carols Service** - 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
(Live-stream also available on YouTube or Facebook)

## Christmas Day Combined Service

**December 25 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

An informal service on Christmas morning, with hymn singing and scripture reading.

## New Year's Day Combined Service

**January 1 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

## Christmas Candle, Communion, Cocoa, and Christmas Carols Event

The Oasis of Kingsport will be hosting their second annual Christmas Candle, Communion, Cocoa, and Christmas Carols Event at 1102 Mill Street at 7:00 p.m. on **Friday, December 16**. Please bring your family and folding chairs, for this special Candle lighting event. Come have a cup of hot chocolate, roast marshmallows on the fire pit and join in the singing of carols. This is a free family fun-filled event. We would love to have you! See you there!

## Presbyterian Giving Catalog

Find the joy of alternative giving this Christmas. Visit the website at <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org> for ideas!

## **Birthdays This Week**

**December 11:** Karen Bunch, Ella Deakins

**December 13:** Marcia Porter, Sam Barbour, Sue Wells

**December 14:** Dotty Gray, Braylee Williams, Nafisa Banda

**December 15:** Wes Combs, Lee McConnell, Mack Gale

**December 17:** Liz Stothart

## **Love Offering for Ukrainian Refugee Family**

To help our Ukrainian Refugee friends celebrate their first Christmas in the United States, the Outreach Committee invites the congregation to pray for them and consider donating to a Love Offering for them. If you would like to participate in the offering, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with a note "Ukrainian Refugee Family." If you would prefer an alternative, consider a Food City gift card. Please send or drop off your donations to Bev Johnson before **December 12**. (The black mail box at the portico entrance or the collection plates will be fine also.)

## **Christmas Joy Offering**

On **December 18**, the Christmas Joy offering will be accepted. This offering supports our past and present church leaders and prepares the way for future church leaders. Envelopes will be included in the bulletin next week for your convenience.

## **Mitten Tree**

The 3-5-year-old Sunday School Class invites you to donate to our Mitten Tree. Help us help other children by donating mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks to keep little hands, heads and feet warm this winter! Please decorate the tree located in the church foyer with your donations. Items will be accepted through December. The children will gift the items to the Clothes Closet on Sunday, January 8, 2023. Thank you!

## **Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study**

The Knuckleheads meet Tuesdays from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Room 103-104.

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