

First Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Christmas/New Year's Eve Service
December 31, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude: Carolyn McPherson, guest pianist

Welcome

Gathering Song: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - No. 39

Confession and Peace

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading:

Lamentations 3 - selected verses

Christmas Message:

"Hope in Chaos"

Responding to the Word

Christmas Songs: Lyrics on Screen

"Away in a Manger" - No. 115

"The First Nowell" - No. 147

News of the Church and Community

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

Hymn of Sending: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" - No. 127

Blessing and Offering

Postlude



Serving Today

SOUND:
LITURGIST:

Dan Dietrich
Caroline Pearson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Jerry Holmes; Valerie Joh; Michael Holt; Will, Debra and Alexis Jennings; Lew Huettel; and Susan Jackson.

CELEBRATION – On December 22, 2023, The Bristol Herald Courier named **Claudia Byrd** as Bristolian of the Year. She was given this award for helping children and families in the greater Bristol area.

Birthdays This Week

Dec. 31: Kim Plemmons, Anson Hagan, Charlie Lively

Jan. 1: Parker Wilkins

Jan. 2: Sharon Engel

Jan. 3: George Cradic, Lorrie Cooper

Jan. 5: Dan Dietrich, Thomas Tatchi, Bill Richardson

Jan. 6: Nic Clemmer

Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 1** for New Year's Day. The Clothes Closet will be closed on **Tuesday, January 2**.

Poinsettias

If you placed a poinsettia in the church in memory or honor of someone this Christmas season, we thank you for adding to the beauty of our church. Those who purchased poinsettias may take them home after the service.

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 Fellowship Center with your donations. Items will be accepted through December. The children will gift the items to the Clothes Closet on **Sunday, January 7, 2024**. Thank you!

Rekindling Update

We will be updating the Rekindling data mid-January. If you wish to add your talents and willingness to volunteer to those who have already completed their forms please pick up a copy of the information from the Rekindling box in the foyer and **return it to the same box by 14th**. Please write **Completed** on the outside of the envelope and don't forget to include your name on the forms. Questions – contact Jane Harris (423-239-9477) or Catherine Tucker (423-782-7782).

Second Harvest in January

FPC volunteers will kick off a new year of service at Second Harvest Food Bank on **January 17**. There will only be a morning session between 10 and noon on this date. Check your calendars and let Bob Stoots know if you'd like to help (call or text 423-782-6280).