

*Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service*



December 26, 2021

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Children and Adult Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

Youth Choir 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

Adult Choir 7:00 P.M. Wednesday

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We Gather in God's Name

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

... May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

INTROIT "Away In a Manger" Brooklyn Dunton, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We are God's beloved people!

PEOPLE: **Called to lives of kindness, humility and compassion!**

LEADER: God seeks to clothe us with love and to bind us together in
harmony.

PEOPLE: **God desires that we bear with one another and forgive as Christ forgives.**

LEADER: We are God's beloved people!

PEOPLE: **Called to lives of peace and patience; called to live with grateful hearts.**

LEADER: Let us praise the Lord from the heavens and the earth!

PEOPLE: **Let us worship the God in whatever we do!**

HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 121
O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all on earth.

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How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.
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!

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, it's only been one day since the Christmas celebration and we are exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down. We are being reminded of the "normalcy" of life returning to us but we want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as your chosen ones, those who find your presence in our lives at all times. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Give Us Light"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 148 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The Friendly Beasts"

FPC Youth Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "And Whatever You Do..."

HYMN "What Child Is This"

No. 145

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give our thanks and praise...

HYMN

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

No. 151

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

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Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

**BENEDICTION
RESPONSE**

"Dona nobis pacem"
Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Dona nobis pacem.

No. 752

Welcome Guests!

We pray you will experience the presence of the living God as you worship with us today, and that you will be encouraged in your relationship with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you would like to know more about FPC, please contact us. If you are searching for a church family, please consider making First Presbyterian Church of London your church home.

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Prayer Requests

Please keep these on your prayer list. Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing power and comfort in the days ahead. Give thanks for God's healing.

- **Wynona Brown:** As Wynona continues to feel better, continue to pray for healing of Wynona's foot and for her increased comfort. Pray that her upcoming doctor's appointment will provide her with information about the next steps to take.
- **Caroline Robinson—** Please pray for continued healing, comfort and peace. She is grateful for the church's prayers.
- **Joan Grant:** Give thanks for continued good improvement. She has completed her fourth infusion and in her own words, she is doing "great." Keep her and her healing in your prayers.
- **Rodney Spinks:** Joan Grant's grandson who recently had a heart attack and developed a virus, has now returned home for care. He is undergoing physical therapy and is on dialysis but is doing well. Please keep him in your prayers..
- **Sue Ryan:** Please pray for Sue as she continues to heal. Her oxygen levels are improving and we pray that they continue to do so. Pray also for her husband during this time.
- **Judy House:** Please keep Judy and her husband, neighbors and friends of Kay McCracken, in your prayers. She began her chemotherapy treatments last week, and the first one went well. Pray for continued good results.
- **Tom Hagedorn:** Please continue to pray for Tom as he recovers from surgery and continues treatment.
- **Steve Gray:** Steve (brother of Larry Gray) is in the hospital in Alabama in ICU from Covid and on a ventilator. Vickie, his wife, is better and now out of the hospital.
- **Randall Allen:** Please keep Randall, a friend of the church, in your prayers. He has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is now receiving guidance on care and treatment.
- **First Presbyterian Church:** Please keep the church staff, volunteers, and the whole church family in your prayers during this time. Times are challenging in regard to the virus, and we want just to think and pray about every member of our First Presbyterian family. Everyone needs a prayer, even if they don't know it!
- **Tornado survivors:** Please be sure to keep all those affected by the recent tornado outbreak in Western Kentucky as well as other states. There will be a long period of cleanup and recovery. Many lives were lost and many have been forever changed. There are multiple ways to help listed on the insert but we can certainly start with our prayers and continue that while we are offering other help, both financial and material.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool and Elementary school classes are offered for our youth. Please see Karen Jewell with any questions!

Adult class: Richard Webb will be starting a new series called "The Little Voice Inside your Head" on Jan. 2 immediately following the church service.

Covid Protocol

With the on-going covid pandemic as well as the yearly flu season we would like to encourage our friends and members to continue to wear your mask and stay socially distant. It is hoped we will soon be able to greet each other with a warm and loving hug. While most are fully vaccinated we want everyone to feel safe to come, in person, to our worship service and enjoy the fellowship of God's children.

January Birthdays

1st Kerry Phelps
3rd Greg Weston
4th Lisa Burns
5th Hailey Burns
8th Katherine Gray
10th Laci Hackney
11th Thea Robinson
Brad Hackney
12th Karen Jewell
14th Erik Mills
21st Carlisle Howard
26th Bill Collins
27th Blakely Callahan

Jan. Anniversaries

17th Russ & Christina Bacon

Dec. Birthdays

1st Simeon Hodges
3rd Sean Ryan
8th Ruth Cornelius
9th Sara Caldwell Mills
11th Bob Haarsma
14th Bill Putman
16th Kim Taylor
17th Faith de la Pena
19th Rebecca Phelps
20th Forrest Hibbitts
21st Conner Kelley
David de la Pena
22nd Bob Williams
28th Kris Haarsma
29th Melanie Callahan
31st Pat Kelley

Anniversaries

19th Sam & Beverly Grigsby
29th Sean & Griffin Ryan

**It is truly a blessing
and a wonder from
God! Please join
with us as we help
Griffin and Sean
Ryan
prepare for the
arrival of
Campbell Grace
Ryan!**



You are invited to a baby shower for Pastor Griffin, Pastor Sean, and Campbell Grace Ryan on Friday, January 7, 2022, at 5:30 at the church.

RSVP is appreciated but not required. Call Karen Jewell at 606- 309-3517. They are registered at WalMart and Target.

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God is our refuge and strength



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Mayfield, Ky., Dec. 12, 2021. Courtesy of State Farm (CC BY 2.0)

As night fell on December 10, powerful tornadoes ripped across several states, ending the lives of more than 100 people and wreaking devastation across many communities by morning. In the wake of these catastrophic storms, it is the role of people of faith to shine as light in this bleakest of winters. We are called to be the hands and feet of God to help to rebuild the lives of those who have experienced significant loss. We are invited to stand with them — and to stand together — bearing witness by our gifts and prayers that God is indeed incarnate among us.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/DT21, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device. Text PDA to 41444 to donate.

ACT: • Gift of the Heart Kits are a hands-on way to help others this Advent season (pcusa.info/heart).

- To register your interest in future rebuilding efforts, email PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org. You will be notified when volunteer opportunities are available.

Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares), download resources at pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: *As we learn of another natural disaster, we pray. For those experiencing loss, may they feel comfort only your Holy Spirit can bring. We pray for wisdom and strength as they work to restore and repair their communities. May we heed your call, o God, to be co-creators with you in the caring of creation. May the hope, peace and love of the Christ child comfort and keep us all.*

—Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency



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Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS. HOPE



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

DT21-BI

While people's homes and businesses have been destroyed one area that had not received as much attention is those that depend on the agricultural industry for their livelihood.: **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** released just a few of the items needed by storm-affected counties.

Roofing metal and screws, Barbed Wire- woven wire- 6-foot T-posts with clips- Fence post drivers- Fencing pliers- Hammers- wood posts- Metal electric fence posts- electric fence wire- insulators Solar Fence Chargers- Poly Wire- Leather work gloves- cattle and horse feed.

This list was sent out by **The Kentucky Horse Counsel**. So much of what they have lost is not covered by insurance. This is just a few of the things that are needed and are not thought of by the general public.

If you know people that have been affected by the storms, whether directly or indirectly, they may need help in areas that you may not feel comfortable. These storms can cause long term trauma to adults and children. Here are places that may be able to help.

<https://www.nctsn.org/> - the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.... Their goal is to improve access to services for traumatized children, their families and communities throughout the United States.

NAMI.org – The National Alliance on Mental Illness.... [NAMI](#)

[HelpLine](#) allows us to respond personally to hundreds of thousands of requests each year, providing free information and support—a much-needed lifeline for many.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 800-273-8255

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Please join us in prayers for all those affected by the recent storms. Pray for the safety of all those that survived and the restoration of their community and the volunteers helping to rebuild. Pray for those that have lost family and friends that they may feel the love of God in their lives. We pray that God will wrap loving arms around each family during what should be a time of celebration and re-birth. Through the pain, we have the assurance that God loves us and will restore us in our hour of need. Pray for faith and endurance. It will be weeks before we know the extent of damage these storms have caused, but we call on everyone to make this a true season of giving and support efforts to help those impacted by this tragedy.

There are so many people and so many needs it can be overwhelming. Listed below are some of those needs. Right now there is so much being sent into the affected areas that there are logistical problems. While we want to send help immediately there will still be need in a month or 6 months. So let us remember now and later.

The most important need right now are money, blood, and people to work.

Money – direct cash donations to the various agencies will go far to help, however gift cards are also helpful and can be sent to various churches or other agencies that can pass them out for emergencies such as food or fuel.

Blood – Donate blood to the American Red Cross or other agencies that can be used for those injured that may need care for weeks or months.

People – If you have certain skills and can travel to affected areas on short notice please pass along your name to our pastor. A roster is being made up for quick response.

Areas needed: Construction-if you can build walls, drywall, other areas.

Clean up-if you can use a chain saw to clear debris.

Transportation-if you are able to help transport people.

Organizational skills-logistical organization of supplies and people.

Name _____ Skills: Carpentry ___ Painting ___ Dry wall ___
Organizational ___ Outdoor work/equipment ___

Phone number _____ Electrician ___ Cooking ___ general cleanup ___

What tools do you have that are willing to take and use?

When are you available? _____

How much notice do you need before going? _____ How long can you stay? _____

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There is so much need caused by the devastating tornados that ripped through several states recently. It can be hard to decide where to start, whom to help, and most importantly, how to help. Aid has been pouring in from all over the country and so much more is arriving every day. The Federal Government is sending aid, as are the state and local governments. Yes, governmental help is critical, but regardless of how much aid and money is sent, it will not cover all of the loss, both financially and materially. It will take years for the cleanup and recovery. Many do not have adequate insurance, or any insurance. Also, many things are not covered by insurance.

Listed below are just a few of the agencies that are providing help. A quick search on the internet can find dozens more.

<https://wfpl.org/heres-how-you-can-help-tornado-victims/> This is a local TV station but they also list dozens of other agencies that can help.

<https://pda.pcusa.org/> - Presbyterian Disaster Relief

<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000015/> - Specific fund for tornado relief.

<https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Finance/WKYRelief>. Set up by Gov. Beshear

<https://www.wku.edu/emergency/tornado-response>. For students and family of Western Kentucky University.

<http://presbyteryofwesternkentucky.yolasite.com/> - this the site for the Mayfield Presbyterian Church – direct donations to the church can be mailed to: The Presbytery of Western Kentucky, P.O. Box 624 Hopkinsville, KY. 42242

<https://www.kyagr.com/tornado/> - Kentucky Department of Agriculture

<https://www.redcross.org/> - for general donations but also to donate blood.

Be sure to designate **Tornado Relief Fund** on any monetary donations.