

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are so glad that you are here!

Please take a minute to fill out the friendship pad in your pew and pass it along to others.

Our desire is to serve you and your family as you seek to grow in your faith.

Please speak to the pastor if you would like to become a member of this community of faith.

WORSHIP TODAY

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and presented by Jim & Jo Ann Currie in celebration of Jo Ann's birthday.

The Barnabas Cards are also located in the pews. They are used like thinking-of-you cards. Fill out the person's name on the front and place it in the offering plate. A volunteer will address it and mail it for you.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Norma Shepherd; Jackie Sydnor; Brenda McCaleb; Deanna Herreth; Sue Miller; Jamie Jamison; Frances Jamison; Kelsey Hilson; Kirsten Hilson; Dean Pogue; Jim Tinney; Betty Abramchuk; Dr. Jack Walker; Christopher Finch; Sally Carr; Jimmy Gilchrest; Susan Robinson; Dianne Bunnell; Aaron-Nathaniel Arambula; Cassandra Guice; Pat Clark; Doris Reed; Carrie Walker; Nancy Heeth; Rachel Herreth; Vicki Jones; Virgil Cammack; and Glenn Williams.

WORSHIP HELPS

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." At First Presbyterian Church, we believe that children enrich worship within the full faith community. In them, Christ is present for us. We also believe that children learn best to worship by worshipping! Therefore, all adults and youth are encouraged to help our young children experience the rhythms and rituals of worship: finding and standing for hymns, being still when we pray, and learning responses. Following "Chancel Time with Children", children are invited to take a Children's Bulletin from Pastor Jim and a worship bag or notebook to draw them further into the remainder of worship. Younger children (under 5) may go to the nursery in Room 1, if desired.

Bibles and hearing enhancement devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Coffee is available before and after worship in the fellowship hall.

Worship Attendance: 11/22/15

10:30 am: 97

FPC Event Calendar

Today	YGAC	12:00 pm
	Hand Bell Practice	12:15 pm
Tuesday, December 1	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	2:00 pm
	Deacon's Mtg.	6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 2	Baywood Crossing Service	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer	11:00 am
	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 pm
	De-Cluttering Group	6:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, December 3	Men's Breakfast at Frank's	7:00 am
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
Friday, December 4	PW - Set-up FH	10:00 am
Saturday, December 5	PW Sweater Party	10:00 am
Sunday, December 6	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	YGAC/CAC - "Good Tidings" Rehearsal	12:00 pm
	Hand Bell Practice	12:15 pm
	Grief Recovery Group	1:00 pm

FRIDGE NOTES 11-29-15 First Sunday of Advent

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*We pray that our eyes may be opened to see the wonder of the world around us...
to connect with, commit to, and celebrate God's gifts.*

Spread the Good News of FPC! The discount cards that the youth have sold this year for \$20 each are now available for simply a "love offering"! As you may recall, the cards may be used daily at local restaurants, a bowling alley and other services until June 1, 2016. We invite you to pick up a few today in the narthex to share with friends and neighbors and/or give as Christmas gifts. All you need to do is give a "love offering" to support youth camps and conferences next spring and summer. Each card has a picture of FPC children and youth as well as contact information for the church, so not only is it a useful gift, it's a wonderful way to share news about our family of faith here at FPC. Thanks for your generous support!

Today in the bulletin you will find an order form for The Bethlehem Market, an alternative gift market. You may take the form home and return it next week with cash or check. You donate to your favorite mission in honor of someone, and you will be given a gift card to send to the person you are honoring. Stop by to shop and give a gift that will make a difference

Youth Group Today All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to come to The Oasis (Room 12) for food, fellowship & a mission project. After lunch, we'll go on a "scavenger hunt" at a local dollar store to buy items for the Seafarer Christmas Boxes. Come have fun and make a difference in the lives of others this season. As always, friends and new faces are welcome.

"Clutter can't be organized. It must be removed." Do these words speak to you? If so, come to our monthly FPC Decluttering Group for support and ideas on ways to simplify your spaces. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, from 6-7 in Room 11, so our gathering will be ***this Wednesday, December 2nd***. Come for an hour of inspiration and fun. As always, friends and new faces are always welcome!

Christmas Sweater Party & Brunch this Saturday morning, December 5, from 10-12 All FPC women, men, and friends are invited to don your favorite Christmas outfit (pretty, ugly, old or new) for a morning of fun, food and festivities, including door prizes and delicious food. Questions? Contact Melba Slaven.

Important Good Tidings Rehearsal Next Week! Children After Church (CAC) and Youth Group After Church (YGAC) On Sunday, December 6, all children and youth (and adult angels, shepherds and kings) will meet after worship in the fellowship hall for lunch and our only rehearsal for "Good Tidings!" We will finish no later than 2 p.m. Thank you for helping make the season of Advent even more special by bringing the story of Jesus' birth to life.

The Grief Recovery Group will meet on Sunday, December 6th at 1:00 pm.

The Presbyterian Women will have their joint circle meeting/luncheon on Tuesday, December 8th at 10:00. The lesson will be presented by JoAnn Currie, and our very own preschoolers will entertain us with their joyful voices. Please bring your favorite salad. The night circle will meet at 7 pm.

Early Childhood Christmas Program *We would love to invite you all to the Early Childhood Christmas program on Wednesday, December 9th at 6:30p.m.* The children will be presenting the nativity and singing Christmas songs. The program will be followed by a cookie and punch reception in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a night of celebrating the wonders of Christmas!

The Board of Pasadena Interfaith Manor invites you to join us for a night of fun & laughter. Please come Thursday, December 10, 2015 to Pasadena Little Theatre for A TUNA CHRISTMAS. Tickets \$10 each. See Lavinia Brown, Brian Davis, or Milo Wharry for your tickets.

Youth Camp ChoYeh Signup Now is the time to all 6th-12th graders to reserve your place for the spring conclave (retreat) at Camp ChoYeh that will be February 26-28. The sign up is on the youth bulletin board across from The Oasis. Reserve your space today to guarantee your spot.

Men Of The Church...How about having breakfast December 19 to avoid the Christmas holiday travels. In January we will go back to our normal last Saturday schedule.

Soul Stories 75th Edition, Part 2 This second edition will be published in mid-January, so the editor asks that you have in your stories/memories/reflections by the end of December. Nervous about writing? No worry. Simply sit at a table with a pen and paper or computer and write "I remember when..." or "I remember the time..." and let your memories flow. Photos are also welcome to help tell your story. Questions? Talk to Jo Ann Currie.

Sunday Morning Classes for all Ages Come grow in the faith each week at FPC. There is a safe place for you to ask questions, be challenged, find comfort and make friends as together we learn what it means to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Class details are in the narthex as well as the November newsletter. Hope to see you next Sunday morning at 9:00.