

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.*

WORSHIP TODAY

Flowers today are given by Sandra Baswell in memory of Richard Baswell.

Sanctuary Flowers - If you would like to donate flowers for the Sunday Worship Services, please sign your name on the **2019 Flower Chart Calendar** and complete the flower card, located by the bulletin boards in the hall. Please return the flower card to the church office or offering plate with your payment of **\$50.00**. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.

The Barnabas Cards are 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: Margaret Plunkett; Imelda Carrillo; Louis McCaleb; Dannie Bryars; Roy Kreitz; Don Kreitz; Celia Scheer; Virginia Fitz; Jackee Baggott; and Elois Murray.

Loss of Loved One: Caldwell Family (JoAnn Currie's Brother)

WORSHIP HELPS

Jesus said "Let the children come to me." Families with young children are invited to sit in the pews on the organ side of the sanctuary (if desired) to allow the children to do quiet activities using the tables and pillows in our "pray ground". As always, our nursery (Room 1) is open for children 4 and younger following "Chancel Time with Children", should parents/grandparents choose that option.

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

Coffee, Wassail, and Cookies are available before and after worship in the fellowship hall.

Attendance: 12/9/2018 - 103

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, Dec. 16	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship-Musical	10:30 am
	YGAC Party	12:00 pm
	Handbells	12:15 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 18	Pilates	10:15 am
	Prayer Shawl	2:00 pm
	Yoga/Chair	6:00 pm
	Yoga/Floor	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 19	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer	11:00 am
	Brown Bag & Bible	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 20	Men's Breakfast at Frank's	7:00 am
	Young at Heart	10:00 am
	Pilates	10:15 am
	Yoga/Chair	6:00 pm
	Spanish Bible Study	6:00 pm
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 23	Yoga/Floor	7:00 pm
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Handbells	12:15 pm
Monday, Dec. 24	Office Closed	All Day
	Christmas Eve- Communion	7:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 25	Office Closed	All Day

We will be celebrating The Lord's Supper Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018 during Worship Service.

The Christmas JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering provides critical financial assistance to church leaders in need and support opportunities for future leaders at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools. Please give generously to this special offering on Sunday, December 23.

Advent Devotionals - This year there are two devotionals to choose from. One for families, good for all ages; and one from Pittsburgh Seminary, for adults. Pick up your copy today in the narthex.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Wednesday, 12-1 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and join this lively discussion!

Our last meeting of 2018 will be Wednesday, December 19. We will resume our liveliness Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

"The Inn Crowd", An ALL Church Musical Today During Worship

Yoga and/or Pilates - Cost \$5 - Yoga Chair Tue/Thur at 6 pm. Yoga 7 pm. Pilates meets Tue/Thur at 10:15 am.

Spanish Bible Study

The Spanish Bible Study, led by Imelda Carrillo, meets Thursday at 6 pm in the Prayer Shawl Room. All are invited!

Estudio Biblico en Español. Los Jueves a las 6:00 pm. Todos Estan Invitados. Mas Information Llame la Iglesia.

Pasadena Community Ministry needs your help for Christmas baskets

1. Your \$10.00 to PCM will help fill a basket for Christmas for those less fortunate in Pasadena and Deer Park. Checks can be made payable to PCM. Ruth Askine will deliver the money to PCM, and we thank you very much!

2. PCM needs volunteers in the food pantry on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. The location is at Faith Presbyterian Church, at 2301 South Houston Road and Queens Road, across the street from Nelda Sullivan Middle School. For more information see Tom Hoffman, Dee Lowery, or Ruth Askine.

Chrismon Kits available in the hall outside the Bride's Room. Pick up your Chrismon to take home and decorate!

Bethlehem Market

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 written to FPC. 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.

Confirmation Class

All youth who are not yet confirmed are invited to be part of the upcoming series of classes and experiences. Classes will begin January 6, at 2 pm. For more information and to sign up please see Jessie by Dec. 19.

Youth Trips

The youth will be going on three different trips in 2019. More information to follow in the newsletter and the youth bulletin board. Information and some deposits are due to Jessie today.

Financial Update from Kimberly Waggett-Pledges are up to \$323,312.00. Have you turned in your pledge today?

Giving Tree

Mission and Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Giving Tree for a Pasadena family in need. It is on the table that you see near the front door of our church. Gloria is a handicapped single mom with three children, ages 16,12 and 9. She frequently attends Pasadena Community Ministry for food and clothing. Some of our volunteers at PCM have known her and befriended her for about 12 years.

- Choose an ornament, or tag, from the tree with a name and a gift to purchase.
- Wrap the gift, with a tag for the recipient's name.
- Return it to church by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**. Place it/them under the big tree in the narthex.

Tamales For Sale Today

Plan today to pick up a dozen tamales. \$10.00 for these fresh, hot tamales (chicken or pork), available in the fellowship hall, after church. Hugs and thanks for your help for Gloria's family in need--The Mission and Outreach Committee.

Church Office Closure

Church offices will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

URGENT SAFETY REQUEST! Please confirm church outside doors are locked at all times (except during Sunday mornings and specific church functions). If you unlock, you must be responsible for locking. Never assume someone else will lock up. If in doubt, please lock!