

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 to the glory of God by Barbara Dunn in memory of Dorothy Weinrich and in honor of Matthew Dunn.

Flowers...If you would like to donate flowers for the Sunday Worship Services, please sign your name on the **New 2018 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: Sue Miller; Jackie and Granville Sydnor; Norma Shepherd; David Askine; Bill McPhail; James JaEdith Langdon; Margaret Plunkett (Jim Currie's sister); and Joy Webb.

WORSHIP HELPS

Jesus said "Let the children come to me." Here at FPC we take those words to heart and believe that children learn the faith best by worshipping surrounded by an extended church family! We also acknowledge that children often learn and listen best when their hands are busy. 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 new "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.

FPC Event Calendar		
Today, December 17	Sunday School for all ages	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	YGAC - at the Curries	12:00 pm
Tuesday, December 19	Pilates	10:15 am
	Prayer Shawl	2:00 pm
	Yoga chair/standing	6:00 pm
	Yoga floor/mat	7:00 pm
	Interfaith Manor Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 20	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer	11:00 am
	Brown Bag and Bible	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, December 21	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00 am
	Pilates	10:15 am
	Yoga chair/standing	6:00 pm
	Spanish Bible Study	6:30 pm
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
Sunday, December 24	Yoga floor/mat	7:00 pm
	NO Sunday School	
	Worship -Morning	10:30 am
Monday, December 25	Christmas Eve - Communion	7:00 pm
	Worship - Christmas Morning - Narthex	10:30 am
Tuesday, December 26	Church Offices Closed	
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*“While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.”*

Glory to God #92

The Christmas JOY GIFT OFFERING is TODAY. Please give generously as this offering provides critical financial assistance to church leaders in need and, supports opportunities for future leaders at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools.

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. Celebrate this season of anticipation and expectation each week at FPC as we journey towards Bethlehem. To add meaning to this season, Advent resources for families and adults are on the glass table in the narthex. Feel free to pick up yours today.

Chrismon Kits Available Today - A Chrismon is a “Christ-monogram” or a symbol for Jesus. You are invited to pick up a “Chrismon Kit” (or more) on a table near our Chrismon tree in the narthex to make at home. In each ziplock bag you will find a blank ornament, the meaning of the symbol, and a hanger. All you do is add glue, gold and white glitter and/or sequins (and imagination) to have your own one-of-a-kind ornaments to celebrate the season.

Today is the last day to shop at the **Bethlehem Market**, an alternative gift market. You may donate by cash or check (written to F.P.C.) to your favorite mission in honor of someone, and you will be given a gift card to send to the person you are honoring. Give a gift that will make a difference.

Newtown, Connecticut Notes - This past Thursday, December 14, was the fifth anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy where 20 children (ages 6 & 7) and 6 teachers died. If you would like to add a note of comfort to the community through two Presbyterian Churches in the area, there is a table in the narthex with papers for your words of hope and/or signature. Thank you for sharing the peace and hope of Jesus Christ.

Seafarer Boxes of Love - Interested in a simple yet meaningful personal or family hands-on mission project this season? For about \$10, you can make a difference in a stranger’s life as you share God’s love made visible. Details of what and how to do this are in the newsletter and on empty shoeboxes under first bulletin board near the narthex. Please return *filled* and *wrapped* boxes to the Chrismon Tree by tomorrow, Monday, December 18. Thanks!

Youth Christmas Party - All 6th-12th graders are invited to the annual Christmas party at the Curries’ home **TODAY**, December 17. Meet in The Oasis after worship to travel together. Parents/grandparents may pick up their young person at 3 p.m. from the Curries. On December 24 & 31, there will be no regular YGAC (Youth Group After Church), but will resume on January 7 after worship.

Youth Cho-Yeh Sign-Up & Deposit Due TODAY - All 6th-12th graders who are planning to go to Camp Cho-Yeh February 23-25 please reserve your spot by signing up on the youth bulletin board across from The Oasis and paying your \$50 fee by **TODAY**. Questions? Contact the Curries.

Brown Bag Bible Study This Wednesday, December 20, from noon to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall with the book of Daniel. Bring your lunch and join the lively discussion. There will be no Bible study on Wednesday, December 27.

Young at Heart meets this third Thursday, December 21st. Join us at 10:00 and bring sandwiches, soup or a salad and a friend! It's always fun!

Yoga Classes, Tuesday and Thursday, 6 pm chair/standing yoga/7 pm full mat yoga. NO YOGA Tuesday, December 26 The church offices are closed.

New Church Directory for 2018! Schedule your photography appointment at the sign-up table in the narthex through December 31. **Photography dates are January 8, 9, and 10 from 2:30 - 8:45 pm.** Sign up **today** to get the most convenient time for you and your family! (New photos needed! Unable to use old photos - different company than 2015.)

Upcoming Worship Services - We will gather for worship next Sunday morning at 10:30 for the **Fourth Sunday in Advent** then gather again at 7 p.m. for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship for all ages.**

On Christmas morning at 10:30 a.m., come celebrate with songs, scripture, stories and prayers as we gather around the manger in the narthex for this cozy FPC tradition. Children may bring a quiet toy and even wear pajamas. There is always room for a baby doll or two in the manger!

All Sunday School Classes will pause December 24 & 31, resuming on Sunday, January 7, at 9 a.m. Look on the first bulletin board or newsletter for options and details.

Brothers and Sisters, **KAIROS** is on the move for February 15, 2018 at Jester Unit III. Please prepare letters, cookies (due 2/12/18), and the art work for place mats and cookie bags. The final part is money, we need your financial support. There are ways to support people who are looking for a better way than what got them where they are, that is where you come in, please help if you will. Mark Corder