

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN (LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING)*  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

JOHANNES BRAHMS 1833-1897

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*MARY WONDERED WHAT IT MEANT*  
LAUREL PLITNIK & MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANOS

NANCY TELFER

When Mary was a young woman, an angel came to ring her special news.

“God is pleased with you,” said the angel fair.

“You shall have a baby and his name shall be Jesus.

He will rule your people as the Child of God.”

Mary wondered what it meant, could the baby be the Christ?

Could he be the Child of God?

Mary’s heart was filled with joy as she sang her praise to God.

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The story of God’s redemption began long ago.

**In the beginning, God created the world and it was good.**

The story of God’s redemption weaves through stories.

**Stories of women and men who lived their lives in faithfulness.**

The story of God’s redemption is revealed in the coming of Christ.

**We watch and wait for his appearance.**

The story of God’s redemption has a place for us -

**We are God’s chosen family, and we have a place in the story.**

Let us pray -

God of all generations - we trust in your abiding presence as we travel together through this season of Advent. May our attention be on you. May our hearts hear messages of hope and promise, as we encounter your beloved family along the way. Be with us in the waiting so that we might experience your joy and peace. Amen.

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

BILL, ANN KELLERMEYER & FAMILY

### \* HYMN #106

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

“BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have surprised us with your presence in unexpected ways. In the expectations of our routine, we have missed the treasure that you place before us. We come to worship you in community often expecting nothing more than the usual. We begin our days, and our weeks, assuming all will run as it always has. We do not look for the unexpected, for your active presence in our daily lives, and for that, we confess our sorrow. Forgive us for not allowing our eyes to catch the unexpected, to glimpse your glory in the ordinary. May we recognize the presence of your Son by the power of your Spirit in new and transformative ways. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

### RESPONSE #88

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (Verse 2)

“VENI EMMANUEL”

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### PASSING OF THE PEACE AND CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

*We recognize how important we are to each other - as we worship, we pass the peace of Christ from our seats and wave to those who are joining us via Livestream. We belong to each other and are stronger together.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 122:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

<sup>2</sup>Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

<sup>4</sup>To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. <sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you. <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and security within your towers.” <sup>8</sup>For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.” <sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

## ANTHEM

THE ANNUNCIATION

PETER LATONA

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

BASED ON SPEIER GESANGBUCH, 1615)

Ave Maria, gratia plena!”

So spake the Archangel to Mary the maiden,

What time in prayer adown she knelt.

Thou shalt conceive and bear in due season

Thy Babe man and angel shall bless with good reason,

And hail thee Mother of thy God.”

“Good my lord Angel, O for a token!

How may the thing happen whereof thou has spoken?

Because that I know not a man.”

“Power from on high shall o’ershadow thee, Mary;

Like dew breathing life on the flower of the prairie,

So shalt thou bear the heavenly Child.”

“After thy word, so be it,” quoth Mary;

“The purpose eternal of God cannot vary;

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.”

Glory and honor, worship and giving of thanks be to God,  
The most High, everliving.  
That shewed mankind such ample grace.

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 1:5-25

<sup>5</sup>In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup>Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

<sup>8</sup>Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, <sup>9</sup>he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. <sup>10</sup>Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. <sup>11</sup>Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. <sup>14</sup>You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup>He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup>With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." <sup>18</sup>Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." <sup>19</sup>The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup>But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

<sup>21</sup>Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering at his delay in the sanctuary. <sup>22</sup>When he did come out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. <sup>23</sup>When his time of service was ended, he returned to his home. <sup>24</sup>After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, <sup>25</sup>"This is what the Lord has done for me in this time, when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

SERMON

GOD'S CHOSEN FAMILY: ELIZABETH  
"RECOGNITION"

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* HYMN #104

O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU

"VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN"

MISSION IN A MINUTE

REASON FOR THE SEASON

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*(Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

LAUREL PLITNIK, MIKAYLA DODGE, ALISON PETERS, SOPRANOS; JOSH RUPPENKAMP, TENOR; ZACH DODGE, BARITONE

O greatest, most holy, embodiment,  
our affirmation now come to live with us.

O that these animals should see newborn Lord lying in a manger low!  
Most Blessed Virgin vessel pure found worthy and holy  
To bear Emmanuel, God with us.  
Alleluia!

\* DOXOLOGY #88

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (Verse 7)

"VENI EMMANUEL"

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

Holy Mystery, for the nourishment of spirit, mind, and body, for hope that we begin to see, and for comfort from the Prince of Peace, we share our gratitude.  
Gracious God, encourage us in these shortened days, Through the long nights of this season, may your hope carry us until dawn arrives again. Amen.

\* HYMN #125 BEFORE THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT “MARVEL”

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION# 306 FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION (Verse 1) “W ZLOBIE LEZY”  
From generation to generation, we have shared the Christmas story of a baby in a manger, who was born in Bethlehem.  
Hope is winging, Peace now ringing, joy we’re singing, Love he’s bringing.  
There is room for eve’ry story. There is hope through God’s great glory.

POSTLUDE IMPROVISATION ON “COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS” “HYDRYDOL”  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.  
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

### This Morning’s Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Alison Peters  
Liturgist.....Cathy Levitas  
Advent Wreath Lighters.....The Kellermeyer Family  
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; Mikayla Dodge, Laurel Plitnik, & Rev. Alison Peters, Sopranos  
.....Joshua Ruppenkamp, Tenor; Zach Dodge, Baritone  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Mike Levitas & Kathy Dowell

**PASTOR ALISON'S AVAILABILITY:** Pastor Alison is available when requested or informed of a need. If you are aware of someone in need of a visit or phone call, please call or text her to let her know. *[Fridays are generally her day off and she will respond when she is available.]*

**Ways to contact Pastor Alison:**  
call, text, or email: 814-715-1681 / [revalisonpeters@gmail.com](mailto:revalisonpeters@gmail.com)  
**To help with scheduling, please reach out to the Church Office:**  
Brittany Jackson: 301-777-3700 [firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com)

## OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....	Rev. Alison Peters
Director of Music Ministries .....	Judith Brown
Executive Administrative Assistant.....	Brittany Jackson
Sexton.....	Zach Dodge
Sound Tech/Security.....	Joe Aurigemma
Audio/Video Technician.....	Eric Ringler

## SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### CLERK OF SESSION

Carolyn Mathews

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Carl Belt & Gary Hendrickson

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

Bob Courtney & Evan Swanger

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

Mikayla Dodge & Susan Mills

### FAITH FORMATION

Josh Gilhart & Katie Ross

### MISSION

Aaron Hendrickson & Brenda Luger

### WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sharon Kazary & Mike Levitas

## MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

## VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

-Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME:** A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! We are proud of being a "Big Tent Church" where everyone is welcome to join us in worshiping and serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. We welcome and encourage worshipers of all races, all women, men, and members of the LGBTQ+ community, all political parties, and all walks of life. We welcome you to worship with us.

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at [www.fpc-cumberland.org](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](http://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland).

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** We welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come

to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship. **Nursery care is provided during worship for all children 4 years of age and younger!**

**THE PRAY-GROUND** is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

**FRIENDSHIP PADS:** Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

**PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES:** (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Herman and Ruth Koegel by Ann, John and Kitti and in loving memory of John Arthur Ennis, by Aunt Sharon and Uncle Bob Kazary. Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

**SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS:** Please use orange prayer request cards in the back of the sanctuary by the bulletins to share any joys and concerns. Place the card in the offering plate once you have completed your request. The ushers will bring them to the pastor during the offering.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & GARY HENDRICKSON

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of November 27, 2022</b>
Total 2022 Pledges Promised	\$202,976.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 31,100.00
<u>2021 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$171,876.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$162,020.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$158,747.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,272.00

**PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2023** are available in the pews and in the back of the sanctuary. Although they were dedicated during worship a few weeks ago, you can make or update your pledge at any time. Envelopes are provided and you can place your pledge in the offering plate, or in the church office. If you need a pledge card mailed to you, please call Brittany Jackson at 301-777-3700.

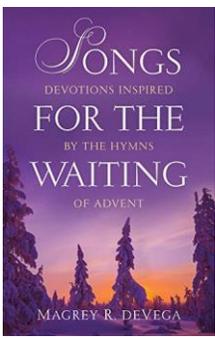
## CONGREGATION CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: MIKAYLA DODGE & SUSAN MILLS

**SYMPATHY & PRAYERS** to the family of former member, Shirley Giarritta, on her death on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in the sanctuary on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

**HAPPY 103RD BIRTHDAY TO THARA BONEBREAK!** Thara will celebrate her 103rd birthday today! Please use the address below, if you would like to send Thara a card to help her celebrate her birthday:

Thara Bonebreak  
Windsor Point Apt 312A,  
1221 Broadstreet  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526



## FAITH FORMATION RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL:** Through the words of moving Advent Hymns and the powerful words of Scripture, **Songs for the Waiting** will help readers reclaim a sense of the beautiful anticipation and preparation that is central to Advent. To request your copy, contact Joshua Gilhart or Brittany Jackson.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & MIKE LEVITAS

**ORGAN DEDICATION:** Join us on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the dedication of our organ during worship! First Presbyterian not only has a new updated organ console but also some enhanced organ stops to add to its majestic sound. Our King of Instruments is not only used as a solo instrument but also as one that is an ensemble instrument with choral, vocal and instrumental groups. These ORGAN PLUS duties will all be highlighted during our worship service on the 18<sup>th</sup> as we dedicate our new organ console with extended special music. Advent selections will include: *In Dulci Jubilo* by J.S. Bach, *Tocatta* by David Hegarty, *2 movements from "Magnificat"* by Taylor Scott Davis, *Fantasia on "Greensleaves"* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *O Come O Come Emmanuel* Arr. by L. Stirling. **A cookie and punch reception will be held in The Gathering Place following worship.** *Special thanks and appreciation for the generous support to the Belt family and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church which made the purchase of the new console possible!*

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**CHORAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY CONCERT:** You are invited to attend the Choral Society Holiday Concert on **this afternoon at 4:00 PM** at First Presbyterian Church.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us on **Sunday mornings (December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>) at 10:00 AM** as we explore the Protestant Perspective on Mary in our weekly adult Sunday School program. Learn, grow, and develop relationships with your sisters and brothers in Christ.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** On **December 18<sup>th</sup>**, our congregation will have the opportunity to contribute to the **Christmas Joy Offering**. This has been a Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the **Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions** and to **Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color**. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. Please consider donating to this Special Offering.

**SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS:** Join Mountainside Baroque for a **Service of Lessons & Carol** on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM** at Emmanuel Episcopal.

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE:** For many people, Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow, and sadness. This service offers a way for people to deal with those feelings and still feel surrounded by the love of God. **Join us on Wednesday, December 21st at 5:30 PM** for a time of prayer, reflective music and candle lighting as we claim the promise of our faith this season.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICE:** Join us at **7:30 PM** for a Christmas Prelude followed by our Christmas Eve Service at **8:00 PM**. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ with a traditional Christmas Eve service that includes communion, candle lighting and Christmas music.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday, December 23, 2022 & Monday, December 26, 2022- CLOSED

Tuesday, December 27, 2022- Brittany Remote

Wednesday, December 28, 2022- Office open for the day

Thursday, December 29, 2022- Office open until Noon

Friday, December 30, 2022 & Monday, January 2, 2022- CLOSED

# Christmas Poinsettias 2022

If you wish to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia, please complete the tear-off sheet below and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office **by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for the 7:30PM Christmas Eve service. If you would like to take your poinsettia home, please do so after the service. If you do not wish to keep your poinsettia, please indicate below. Additional donations may also be made toward the Christmas flowers.

Please print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check for \$7.00 for each poinsettia, marked "CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA".

Number of poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$7.00 each                      **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my poinsettia:

I wish to donate my poinsettia:

Additional Contribution for Christmas flowers: \$ \_\_\_\_\_                      **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** (Please circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your order no later than December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

# Christmas Music Offering 2022

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL GIFT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

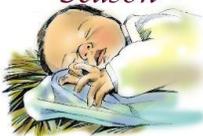
To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** of: (Please circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to dedicate Christmas Music in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the tear-off sheet and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office.

Please print all the names exactly as you would like them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check designated "Christmas Music 2022" in the memo line. Proceeds from the Christmas Music Offering will be used to help defray the costs of seasonal guest musicians. **Please submit offering and dedication no later than Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

*"Reason for the Season"*



What would the wish list be for some of the people in the countries where we support a mission? What might their wish lists look like...?

- ❖ For “our” 7 students (and maybe more?) in **PAKISTAN**, the opportunity to continue their schooling another year through **Presbyterian Education Board (PEB)**. Veda Gill believes that education is the key to reform in Pakistan. [www.friendsofpeb.org](http://www.friendsofpeb.org)
- ❖ Many more students in Punjab Province are wishing for the excellent education they could receive at **KINNARD ACADEMY**, one of **PEB’s** 25 schools, if only there were classrooms for them. An extension to Kinnard is Veda’s dream also.
- ❖ In **UKRAINE**, something as simple as money for groceries or rent, a chance to do normal things while being a refugee in another country. Your gifts support Dr. Robert Gamble’s “**This Child Here**” ministry. [www.thischildhere.org](http://www.thischildhere.org)
- ❖ At **QHOLAQHOE** in **LESOTHO**, Thabang Coza is a very humble boy and a double orphan, taken care of by his uncle and aunt. Lynn Minderman says he has a good chance to attend college next year, if he has a scholarship through **Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections**. <https://qmconnect.org>
- ❖ In **CUMBERLAND**, it’s a wish for help in escaping an abusive relationship, or to be safe in a loving family. **Family Crisis Resource Center** offers emergency shelter, food, clothing, and counseling.
- ❖ Also in **CUMBERLAND**, unfortunately, families with empty cupboards wish for a basic necessity, food. The **Western MD Food Bank** can be a resource, but only if they have enough food on the shelves.
- ❖ A committee in **CUMBERLAND** is working to start a **COMMUNITY CAFÉ** where everyone can eat with dignity in a restaurant environment, paying what they can afford. Top on their list is start-up funds.
- ❖ **Other:** You may also donate to **Mulanji Hospital, Malawi; Dakota Learning Camp, SD; Nepali orphanage; Interfaith Food Pantry;** etc. Please indicate your preference below.

Contact Linda Smith or view the bulletin boards in the hall for additional information on the organizations listed above that you have the opportunity to support this season.



**REASON FOR THE SEASON 2022**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your total amount payable to “First Presbyterian Church”, and marked “Reason for the Season”.

Presbyterian Ed. Bd. (Pakistan)-scholarships	\$ _____
Kinnard Academy (Pakistan)- classroom extension	\$ _____
“This Child Here” (Ukraine)- refugee supplies	\$ _____
Q Mountain (Lesotho) – college scholarship	\$ _____
Family Crisis Resource Center (Cumberland)	\$ _____
Western MD Food Bank (Cumberland)	\$ _____
Community Cafe –(Cumberland)	\$ _____
OTHER _____	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	\$ _____

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, DECEMBER (5)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER (6)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
12:30 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER (7)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
12:15 PM STAFF LUNCHEON AT REV. ALISON'S HOME  
6:30 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER (8)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
5:00 PM ADVENT EVENT: A NIGHT OF FAITH, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER (9)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER (10)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER (11)

10:00 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT