

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC & THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Sarah Melville, Greeting Elder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“WHITE CHRISTMAS”

A Gift from the Men of the Church

THE CANTON GOLDENAIRES

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Rejoice with great joy and singing,
for you shall see the glory of God.

Many: How shall we see the Sovereign One,
and where is joy to be found?

One: God has promised to come to us,
with saving grace to meet our need.

Many: We are weighed down with limitations
and oppressed by many fears.

One: God breaks into the deserts of our despair
with springs of water to quench our thirst.

Many: Grant us strength and patience
to await God’s coming and receive the good news.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Erin Wiggins and Phillip "Tibbs" Tibberts

* SACRED MUSIC #136 “Go Tell It On The Mountain” NPH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, as we continue our journey toward Christmas, we are so aware there is much in the world to deafen our ears to the sound of angel anthems or to blind our eyes to the star that would guide us to the manger. Forgive us, Creator, when we let the world distract us from your love or from sharing it with others. Help us focus our hearts on you. In Christ. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

* PROFESSION OF FAITH (Unison) **Apostles’ Creed** (Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

* GLORIA EXCELSIS (Unison, Refrain of “Angels We Have Heard On High”)

* THE PEACE (Response: “And also with you.”)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

(Wave to your neighbors, and those joining via the live-stream.)

OFFERING

(Offerings may be placed in the collection basket at the top of the stairs
as you exit the sanctuary following the worship.)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD’S PRAYER

(Debts & Debtors; Inside Cover of the Hymnal.)

* ADVENT DOXOLOGY (To the tune of “O Come, O Come”)

Praise God from who all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Praise God! From whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all Creatures here below! Amen.

* SACRED MUSIC #115 “Away In A Manger” NPH

* CHARGE & BLESSING

** Congregation standing; as each person desires.*

Masks are welcome but not required, distance as you are comfortable.

*Following the worship service everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall
for conversation and a light repast.*



PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Paula Eschman, Toby Walch, Bev and Jerry Findley, Bob Fraser, Wanda Renick, Mark and Nancy Brown, Carolyn O'Connor, Bill and Karen Parker, Lew Shepard, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Vern and Arvilla Aldous, Rich Denison, Joe and Mary Bean, Mark Holbrook (father of Josh), Colleen Grant, Janet Favro, and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; those serving our nation and their families who support them; parents raising children and children caring for parents.

Choir Director/Pianist	Mark Darou
Advent Pianist	Bob Duda
Church School Director:	Andrea Montgomery
Congregational Coordinator	Linda Potter
Office Coordinator:	Christy Dekay

The password for our church wifi network is: Lakew00d4331a
Password for the Zoom fellowship call at 11:30 a.m. is 3862570

AT OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK

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| Sunday 12/14/25 | - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
- Kids' Christmas Showcase
- Potluck Lunch
- Deacons' Meeting (11:15 a.m. Conference Room) |
| Monday 12/15/25 | - Newsletter Deadline |
| Thursday 12/18/25 | - Choir Practice (6:30 p.m. Choir Room) |
| Sunday 12/21/25 | - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
- Name Tag Sunday
- Noisy Can Offering
- Service of Lessons and Carols
- Manse Committee Meeting (11 a.m. CR) |

Birthdays: Evan Poole (Today); Colin Montgomery (Wednesday); Sara Melville, Pat McGuire (Thursday); Kristin McKie (Friday); Dale Grant (Saturday)

The First Presbyterian Church on the Park

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Christmas Showcase



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THE 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 & 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.

Advent Doxology

To the tune of "O Come, O Come Emanuel"

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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.