

the chimes

Sunday Mornings

Adult Church School (via Zoom) | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary (viewable at www.fpcbryan.org)

First Presbyterian Friends,

A year ago in 2020 on Christmas Eve, there was no 4:00pm children and all ages worship in costume (optional!) in Fellowship Hall. As you can read below, this year the 4:00pm worship opportunity for children and all ages returns! The worship options for Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve), Dec. 26, and Jan. 2, 2022, are described as follows:



Worship. The Christmas story will unfold right before your eyes. Come see and hear the story of Christ's birth. Sing and hear your favorite Christmas songs. Ideal for groups with young children and for worshipers who desire to drive home before dark. To participate, costume clothing and "animals" will be available for the Nativity characters: Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, sheep, cows, and donkeys. Wear a costume or choose an animal. If you prefer to be an observer, that's okay, too! All ages are encouraged to participate (but it is totally optional). Bring friends and family for the late afternoon celebration of our Savior's birth!

(2) Self-guided Christmas Eve prayer and communion from 4:45pm to 5:15pm in sanctuary for those preferring time in the sanctuary before dark and, again, in 2021, a setting different from the crowd at 7:00pm. Pre-recorded music will play on low volume. Rev. Emily Béghin and Rev. George Klett will be present to serve the Lord's Supper.

CHRISTMAS EVE (FRI), DEC 24. (1) Join us in Fellowship Hall at 4:00pm for our interactive intergenerational "No Stress, No Fuss Christmas"

(3) Candlelight, Communion, Christmas Eve Worship (live streamed) at 7:00pm in sanctuary to include the church organ, piano, and guest instrumentalists, candlelight, and the Lord's Supper, with scripture focusing on "We Wait upon the Lord with Rejoicing."



Ted and Joanie's **CHRISTMAS DAY POTLUCK DINNER** is "on" at the church on the Indoor Patio! The gathering will begin at 12:30pm with entrees served at 12:50pm, and will conclude by 1:45pm. Turkey, ham, corn-bread dressing, and drinks will be provided.

Side dishes and desserts are welcome, but not required.

To let us know you're coming, call Karen Berg or Ted Foote. 979.823.8073, or email them office@fpcbryan.org, tfoot@fpcbryan.org. preferably by **WED, DEC 22.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS, DEC 26 (a pre-recorded Christmas devotional online) with onsite "Lessons and Carols" at 10:45am in the Church Parlor as we celebrate with Confidence Christ's birth.

(No Church School)

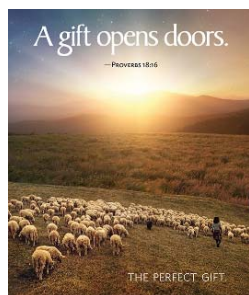
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JAN 2, 2022 (live streamed) will be celebrated with Obedience at 10:45am in sanctuary with the Lord's Supper, visit of the Magi (Wisemen), and the bringing of gifts for Brazos Church Pantry.

(No Church School)

A blessed remainder of Advent and Christmas to each and all!

Gratefully, *Ted V. Foote, Jr.*

(cell: 918.520.7820)



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

"A gift opens doors." – Proverbs 18:16

Our **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, "the perfect gift," as well as the gifts of church leaders—past, present, and future. Giving envelopes will be included with your bulletins on **SUN, DEC 19 & 26, and Christmas Eve, DEC 24.**

As important as gifts to loved ones are, the PC(USA) gives throughout the year through this Offering, drawing us back to the manger and God's perfect gift to us.

Preaching Christ | Teaching Discipleship | Reaching Others

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December 4, 2021. Still Creek Ranch received paper supplies from FPC-Bryan. Director James Inmon helps students unload goods from back of Mission Rep. Sherry Hinnant's SUV. Donations were collected the month of November from church members.

Growing Disciples

Christian Education Ministries (education@fpcbryan.org)

CHILDREN MAKE CHRISTMAS GIFTS



December 11, 2021. Children from 3 years old thru 5th grade heard the Christmas story and crafted Christmas gifts at FPC's Christmas Gift-making Workshop.



KIDS' JOKE CORNER

Q: How does a sheep say Merry Christmas?
(see answer to the right)

REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS



SUN, JAN 2, 2022, (and the first Sunday of each month) is known as FPC's "Stock the Pantry" Sunday. In honor of the birth of Jesus, you are invited to bring to worship with you **INFANT** and **ADULT DIAPERS**. If you miss JAN 2, 2022, you are invited to

bring your donated goods to the Patio anytime you are at the church or to the church office on weekdays. will be received. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated. *Thank you for your generosity!*

SEEKERS CLASS GIVES GENEROUSLY

The Seekers Church School Class Reverse Advent food contributions delivered to Brazos Church Pantry totaled 494 lbs.! Ken Telg delivered and said "lots of volunteers were present to assist in unloading the food." He also mentioned that the Pantry folks were very, very appreciative of the donations - the food will go a long way towards feeding a lot of people. **THANK YOU** to all who participated!!!

THANK YOU, FPC!

From **Voices for Children** . . . *thank you for taking the time to consider our grant application. We are so grateful to be beneficiaries of your church's generosity. This gift of \$5,000 will be used to further our mission by allowing us to train more volunteers. THANK YOU! (signed by many)*

From **Still Creek Ranch** . . . *There just simply are not words to express our gratitude for the blessings you have provided the ranch. Specifically, thank you for the \$2,500 gift received in November. We value the relationship we have with you. Thank you again!*

James Inmon, Executive Director/Headmaster

From **Brazos Church Pantry** . . . *the Pantry thanks you for your generous gift of \$2,500. Your thoughtful donation and support of our ministry greatly helps in the feeding of those in need within our community. Thousands of clients in Brazos County benefit from our services each year.*

Janice Haverland, Corresponding Sec'y

From **Habitat for Humanity** . . . *Your church's recent donation of \$2,500 for the next Faith in Action build will help a local family partner with us and realize the dream of homeownership. Thank you for investing in decent, affordable shelter.*

Andy York, Executive Director



**THOSE WHO SERVE
JANUARY 2022**
MONEY COUNTERS
 Christy Becker; Sherry Hinnant
NEW MEMBER CALLER
 Rick Avery
USHER CO-CAPTAINS
 Christy Becker; Karon Mathews

YOUTH Haps



Youth Ministries (youth@fpcbryan.org)

YOUTH (GR 6-12)



END-OF-YEAR STEWARDSHIP



First Presbyterian Friends, I am pleased to report that the rate of our pledging is currently meeting our projected year-to-date estimates. Thanks to each of you for continuing to make

your donations in a timely manner for the remainder of the year. The last date the church will be able to credit your gifts for 2021 will be **SUN, DEC 26**. Any gifts received in our office after then will be credited to 2022 giving totals.

If you prefer to pay your 2022 pledges in advance for tax purposes, the **final day to submit these pre-paid pledges is MON, DEC 27**. Any gifts received after **MON, DEC 27**, will be credited to the 2022 financial year.

If you have any questions about your giving, please be in contact with our financial office, bookkeeper@fpcbryan.org or 979.823.8073.

Julie Truax, Church Treasurer

FPC youth and helpers crafted Christmas cards to be delivered to our friends at Lampstand Nursing Home.

**NO YOUTH CHURCH SCHOOL OR FELLOWSHIP
SUN, DEC 26 & JAN 2, 2022**



SAT, JAN 8, 2022. 9:00am-1:00pm.

PYCC Leadership Meeting

St. Phillip Presbyterian Church, Houston

CARING & SHARING

The sympathy and support of the congregation are extended to the family of **JUDITH PIERCE** following her death in Pensacola, FL, on December 13. Expressions of love and sympathy may be mailed to her daughter Sherry Wilkinson at 6374 Billoree Rd, Pace, FL 32571.

"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord. —John 11:25

Dear FPC Friends,

It was lovely having my church friends visiting this afternoon (Dec 12) and many thanks for the lovely poinsettia!! My deepest appreciation to all!

Marguerite Van Dyke

Friends, What a treat to receive a beautiful poinsettia and to be able to sing carols with FPC carolers this past Sunday! Thank you very much!

Velma Burnett

MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

On **TUE, DEC 28**, at 11:30am (and the LAST Tuesday of each month), all men are invited to Chicken Oil Co. in Bryan for lunch and fellowship. For more information, email Rick Page, rick.page57@gmail.com. **See you there!**



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next Men's Fellowship Breakfast is **THU, JAN 6, 2022**. Come to Fellowship Hall at 6:30am for a delicious meal and to get to know other men from FPC-Bryan. To receive a monthly email notification or to RSVP, notify Allyn Jordan, allyn@jordanhome.net.





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Please notify the church office at 979.823.8073, when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is scheduled for admission, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, please list First Presbyterian Church, as your church affiliation. If you would like to be visited by one of our hospital visitors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them of your needs.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
 DECEMBER 23-24
 CHILDREN'S CENTER CLOSED
 DECEMBER 24
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



12/23 Heather Hermann	01/01 Amber Black
12/23 Marianna Krauter	01/01 Patrick Meece
12/23 Josh Telg	01/03 Pete Criaco
12/24 Molly Painter	01/05 Frank Elliott
12/25 Michelle Lassiter	01/06 Elena Mora-Boellstorff
12/27 Blayne Cochrane	01/07 Juliana Norris
12/27 Sally Kate Morse	01/08 Kathy Sustaire
12/30 Edwin Hlavaty	01/09 Charley Bankston
12/30 Lois Cox Swanson	01/12 Scott Ball
01/01 Jessi Ball	01/12 Christy Becker



- ♥ Dave Burdett
- ♥ Velma Burnett
- ♥ Madison Hodges
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Sabrina Lopez
(daughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Frank Thurmond

- ★ Josh Kipp
- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe



NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE
 The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is NOON, SUN, JAN 2, 2022. This newsletter will be distributed WED, JAN 5, 2022, and cover news from JAN 13-26, 2022. Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP

- DEC 19 Isaiah 25:6-12
- DEC 26 Galatians 3:8
- JAN 2 Matthew 2:1-15
- JAN 9 Matthew 3:13-17

