

December 8, 2022



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA



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Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

On Sunday at 5:00 we will gather to enjoy fellowship, chili and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. C. S. Lewis, wrote the seven novels of The Chronicles of Narnia in the early 1950's. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is the first book in the adventures of the Kings and Queens of Narnia. Please join us for an exciting journey through the wardrobe as we experience betrayal, forgiveness and eventually the defeat of the White Witch. It will be wonderful to have this time together as a family of faith. And if you'd like, please bring an ornament for the Fellowship Hall tree.

Also, be sure to include the Christmas Eve Candlelight service on your family calendar. We will gather at 5:00 on Saturday, December 24th for music and stories as we watch the light of Christ travel through our pews and into our hearts. It will be a blessing to celebrate the birth of Jesus together.

With advent anticipation,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this Third Sunday of Advent at 10:00 am

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

Sermon based on Matthew 11:2-11 and Psalm 146:5-10

Liturgist: Sharon Kirby

Ushers/Greeters: Rob King and Betty Hudson

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The safety of our congregation and community are our highest priority.

COVID-19 transmission rates are low in our area so you may wear a mask based on your personal preference, however, those who are not vaccinated should wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while anywhere inside

the church and sanctuary. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19, should remain at home.

From the Music Minister

Word from the Music Director:

Hello Church Family,

It is with great joy that I provide an update on the pipe organ here at First Presbyterian Church. We will be finished with pipe organ repairs as of tomorrow, Thursday, December 8, 2022. The organ is tuned and ready for the Christmas season.

I want to say thank you to those who have been attending the “*Toons at Noon*” concerts. It has been a great joy to provide the congregation and local community with a time of music for reflection and fun during the hectic holiday season.

I have a few updates for everyone for the next few weeks. I will be in Germany next week and have a plan in place in case of an emergency where I do not make it back in time for Sunday service. The Sanctuary ringers will be playing Christmas Eve roughly 10 minutes before the service and ringing us all in with the prelude. Our own, Sam Smith, will be joining in and providing everyone with music. The Chancel Choir will be off after December 18th and begin their holiday break. Special music will be provided following each Sunday service after December 24 & 25th until the choirs return after the New Year.

Also, on December 24th there will be a mini-*Lessons and Carols* included in the service and on the 25th there will be a full version of *Lessons and Carols*. As we are just a few short weeks away from Christmas please take time for yourselves and enjoy being around those close at hand.

Have a wonderful and happy Christmas.

Warm Regards,
Spencer



Dinner and a Movie on Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m. A hearty meal of chili will be provided and we will gather *"at the lamppost where it is always winter but never Christmas"*. Can you guess the movie?

There will be no Tunes at Noon this Wednesday, December 14 as Spencer will be in Germany. Join us the following **Wednesday, December 21 at 12:00 p.m.** his final advent meditation on piano.

Smith River Singers Christmas concert "The Joy of Song" is Monday, **December 12 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Galilean House of Worship (5078 A L Philpott Hwy, Martinsville, VA). Admission is free.

Community Breakfast Saturday, December 17
Volunteers are needed to cook and prepare from 7-8:30 a.m. and to serve and clean up from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Please contact **Suzan Kirby** ([276 638-2587](tel:2766382587)) if you can help.



Our December 24th Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a mini version of Lessons and Carols. Come back Christmas Day for a full version of Lessons and Carols.

Adaptive Change Zoom Sessions

Our **four-part Zoom series** will take place at noon on alternating Mondays beginning January 16. These gatherings will take place only on Zoom and will last one hour each. Please feel free to enjoy your lunch in front of your computer as you participate in this important work. Everyone is invited because we need all voices to engage in this process! The Zoom links will be

available soon, but please mark these dates for this four-part series on your calendar:

January 16 at noon
January 30 at noon
February 13 at noon
February 27 at noon.

Liturgist Schedule

December

18 Joan Montgomery
24 Sam Smith
25 Sam Smith



As you may be aware, **Maggie Pilson** was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. She has undergone a successful surgery and updates on her progress are posted on a Caring Bridge page created by Maggie and Martha. The internet link is: caringbridge.org/maggiepilson. *"We deeply appreciate the love and support of our church family. We ask that everyone please keep Maggie and her medical care providers in your prayers. Maggie's strength is remarkable!"*

- 1** Anne Vipperman Madonia
- 2** Carol Belcher
- 3** Dru Rothrock
- 4** Ashby Pritchett
- 9** Chris Wingfield, Joan Montgomery
- 10** Marion Miller
- 11** K.J. Joyce
- 14** Dr. Mervyn R. King
- 15** Helen "Pat" Baumann, Kim Boyd

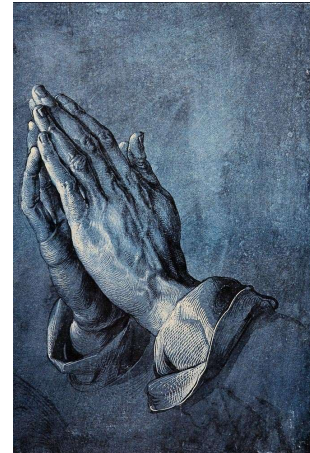


17 Matthew Mason
18 Bill Kirby
22 Grayson Russell
24 Jackie McLachlan
26 Smith Chaney
27 Cathy Stone, Gael Chaney

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Bud Buffkin, Tommy Cobb, Bobby Davis (M. Davis' son), Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Lindy Koger (Spencer's mother), Betty Carol Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Paul Salmons (M&N Davis), David Seamon, Virginia Seamon, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.



Congregational Care and Fellowship

If you are in need of prayer, a meal, transportation, etc...due to a death in the family or the birth of a baby, please reach out to the Congregational Care and Fellowship committee by contacting Pearl Minter at [276 340-3476](tel:2763403476).

Grace Network Donations

The 4th quarter 2022 food donation item is Jelly (28-32 oz).

Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

Hygiene Items are always needed (optional)

- *Toilet Paper
- *Bath Soap
- *Dish Detergent
- *Feminine Products

- *Toilet Paper
- *Deodorant
- *Deodorant
- *Toothpaste
- *Laundry Detergent

**Items may be brought to church but please call the office to make sure Rita is there. Alternatively, you may drop off at Grace Network, Monday - Friday, 9-2 PM*



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Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

Presbyterian Church (USA): www.pcusa.org/

Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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