

Christmas Ham Dinner

Thursday, December 18th at 5:00pm in Swain Hall
Entertainment — Alex (guitar), Laura (flute)
Christmas Music Program

Come join us for Ham,
Potato Casserole,
Green Beans and
Pumpkin Pie



PEW CONTACT CARDS

Have a prayer request? Fill out the **GREEN** card and place it in the offering plate during worship or share with the Pastor.
Are you visiting and want to connect with the church? Fill out the **ORANGE** card and place it in the offering plate during worship or share with the Pastor.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, November 30, 2025

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

Hearing Assistance is available! Please ask a sound technician.

10:30am Hospitality in Swain Hall



First Sunday of Advent: Hope

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MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Mary Jo Meyer

WELCOME AND CHURCH NOTICES

Stewart Porter

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

UNISON responses are in **CAPITAL BOLD** text

* indicates to please stand, in body or in spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beth Mabee, Liturgist

Leader: As we stand in the light of a single advent candle

PEOPLE: WE EMBRACE THE ANTICIPATION OF THIS SEASON:

Leader: Keep awake. Wait expectantly.

PEOPLE: DON'T MISS WHAT MATTERS!

Leader: Advent is about noticing
what is in the holy now:

**PEOPLE: WE ARE KEEPING WATCH
FOR THE SIGNS OF GOD'S REALM.**

Leader: God still chooses to show up in the ordinary:

**PEOPLE: LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND LIVES
AS WE WELCOME THE KING OF KINGS
AND THE LORD OF LORDS!**

HART Pantry
Extra Mile Giving



Want to share some support with a struggling teen this Christmas season? The HART Pantry will once again distribute gift cards of \$25 each. Donations to this worthy effort can be made by submitting a check in increments of \$25 written to HART Pantry with "Gift Card" in the memo line, and placing it in the offering plate. **The deadline is TODAY.**

Memorial Poinsettias

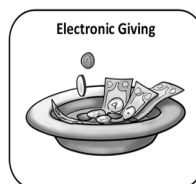


The Deacons sponsor the Memorial Poinsettia Project each year for Christmas services. You may donate money for this memorial. Twelve poinsettias will be purchased to beautify our chancel for worship services. Monies in excess of the cost will be contributed to a local charity. **The donation amount is \$15.00 for each plant.**

You can find the order form at the Welcome desk in the Sanctuary. Please fill in the form exactly as you wish the text printed in the worship guide on December 24th and **return it to our church office by Sunday, December 7th.** Poinsettias may be picked up by donors after the Christmas Eve service. The Deacons will later deliver available poinsettias to shut-ins.

SECURE DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH WITH A CELL PHONE

To donate to First Presbyterian Church via your mobile device, text “FPCSunCity” to 73256. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP.



RE-PAVING/RE-STRIPING THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

We will be re-paving and re-striping the south end of the church parking lot on **Friday, December 12th and Saturday, December 13th**. The full lot will be available on the morning of the 3rd day, December 14th. This half was delayed because of the rain.



Tea-time is almost here *Saturday, December 6th*

Preparations for the 2025 Holiday Tea are underway, and tickets (\$20.00) will be available in Swain Hall after worship on Sundays during November. The doors open for our Holiday Tea at 1:00pm.

This year we are excited to welcome our “interim interim” pastors Mike and Sheryl Campbell back as the entertainment for the tea. We know the entire afternoon will be festive and enjoyable. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the success of this annual event.

Debra Pruett and Beth Mabee, Holiday Tea Co-Chairs

*OPENING HYMN

No. 9 (v. 1)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Pastor Ann

**HOLY ONE, JUST AS WE PREPARE OUR SURROUNDINGS FOR
A NEW SEASON, HELP US RE-EXAMINE OUR INNER LIVES AS
WELL. MAY WE CLEAR OUT WHAT NO LONGER SERVES US.
SHIFT OUR PRIORITIES TO REVEAL OUR DEEPEST VALUES.
BE WITH US AS WE DISCERN YOUR STILL-SPEAKING VOICE
. . . .(SILENT PRAYER)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Ann

(based on 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. . . God begins a
new life in us! Know that you are forgiven; be at peace.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Mabee, Liturgist

Savior God, guide us by Your Word and Spirit that we might hear Your truth, heed Your call, and be prepared for Christ’s coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5 p. 773
Beth Mabee, Liturgist

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.



CHOIR ANTHEM

Prophets Knew
Lloyd Larson



SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44 p. 33-34

SERMON

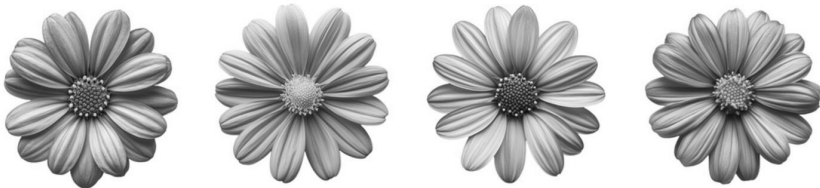
Pastor Ann



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This Week’s Schedule

Sunday, November 30th	9:30am Worship in Sanctuary 10:30am Fellowship in Swain Hall
Monday, December 1st	9:00am SilverSneakers Classic in Swain Hall 9:30am Prayer Shawls in Annex 2
Tuesday, December 2nd	3:00pm Bell Choir in the Sanctuary
Wednesday, December 3rd	9:00am SilverSneakers Classic in Swain Hall 9:00am AA Serenity Meeting in Annex 1 10:00am Bible Study in Office Conference Room 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal in Westminster Room
Friday, December 5th	9:00am SilverSneakers Classic in Swain Hall 11:00am Holiday Tea Setup in Swain Hall
Saturday, December 6th	1:00pm Doors Open—Holiday Tea in Swain Hall 1:30pm Event Begins
Sunday, December 7th	9:30am Worship/Communion in Sanctuary 10:30am Fellowship/Birthdays in Swain Hall



Live into hope of liberty,
The right to speak, the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread,
To hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed
From chains of fear or want or greed,
God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace.



*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary following the Worship Service on **Sunday, December 21, 2025.**



Agenda items are:

- ♦ Review the 2026 Budget
- ♦ Elect Church Leaders
(Deacons and Elders)
for upcoming terms

HYMN

No. 2 (vs. 1-2)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.



Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

*Remember in your prayers the congregation of
Fort McDowell Yavapai (PCUSA); Habitat for Humanity;
and Willowbrook United Methodist Church*



**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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(based on Romans 8)

**WE BELIEVE THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION
FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS;
FOR WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD
FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD,
WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO GOD'S PURPOSE.
WE ARE CONVINCED THAT NEITHER DEATH, NOR LIFE,
NOR ANGELS, NOR RULERS,
NOR THINGS PRESENT, NOR THINGS TO COME,
NOR POWERS, NOR HEIGHT,
NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION,
WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD
IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. AMEN.**

OFFERING



***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



No. 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**DEAR LORD, TAKE THESE GIFTS WE OFFER TODAY,
AND USE THEM TO THE FULFILLMENT OF CHRIST'S
MINISTRY. MAY THESE GIFTS HELP TO FREE THE CAPTIVES,
HEAL THE SICK, COMFORT THE LONELY, FEED THE HUNGRY,
AND HEAL THE WOUNDED. AS CHRIST'S HANDS AND FEET,
MAY WE SERVE YOU IN BUILDING YOUR BELOVED
COMMUNITY. AMEN.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

No. 332 (vs. 1, 3,4)

Live Into Hope

Live into hope of captives freed,
Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
The year of God's own jubilee!