



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



December 11, 2022



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

Liturgist: Dennis Whitson

10:00 AM

*Those who are able, please stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*The Prelude is the Opening of Worship and a time of reflection for all
Please mute or turn off all electronic devices*

Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Wreath

The light shines in the darkness,

**We come to worship, seeking the joy Mary sang to welcome her
saviour.**

Source of light, shine into our lives and your world this Advent.

Renew in us the joy of our salvation.

Choral Response

One Candle is Lit

(To the tune: Away in a Manger ~ no. 114)

Come festively sing while awaiting the birth,

Join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.

Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.

One candle is lit for the joy of these days.

Prayer of the Day

***Hymn No. 82**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Judge, we look around us and we are not proud of what we see. People criticize each other and listen only to those who agree with them. We grumble and think the past holds the solutions, forgetting its inequities and iniquities. We are impatient for things to improve but we do not want to change our ways. Forgive us for sharing in the unhappy mood of our times, and renew in us the joy and gratitude we once knew for your gifts to us in Christ Jesus. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Gift of Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

(Please share the gift of the Joy and Peace with one another!)

Response No. 113 Angels We Have Heard on High (Refrain only)

Time with Children

Moment for Mission

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Our hearts are open!

Special Music

Gospel Matthew 11: 2-11

Meditation Has It All Been For Nothing? Rev. Ron Rockey

***Hymn No. 100** My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout

The Prayers of the People (sharing our Joys and Concerns)

Joyful Savior,

Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing our Gifts

Offertory

Doxology No. 717 For the Life That You Have Given

Prayers of Dedication and Thanksgiving

God, our Peace and our Promise, receive our gifts as seeds of gratitude for your gift to us in Christ Jesus. Bless these seeds with growth so that peace will take root in people who face conflict and danger, and places seeking to establish peace in the face of violence. Be their peace and their promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen

***Hymn No. 92** While We Are Waiting, Come

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Congregational Response No. . 134** Joy to the World *(Stanza 2 only)*

***Postlude**



ATTENDANCE

December 4

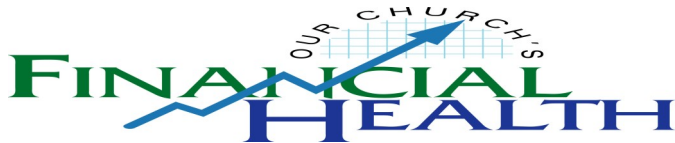
In person — 28

Virtual — 11



Christ Presbyterian Church wants God to be a vital part of our lives as we reach out to our community and we embrace the following Vision Statement:

We believe that God is calling us to be the open arms, the healing hands, and the loving hearts of the body of Christ in our community.



December 4

\$5,670

Year to Date

\$185,277*

***\$44,000 from endowment**

If Pastoral Care is needed, Pastor Gretchen Schneider Can be reached at (317) 408-7907 or boilrmker@gmail.com



Toys for Tots

Tony DeSimone's neighborhood as well as Cub Pack 88 is doing a **Toys for Tots** drive. Place **NEW UNWRAPPED** toys in either box (Narthex or outside of the office).

If you would like to add to the box, feel free to do so up until Sunday, December 11.

Men of Christ Angel Tree

Help the CPC family make Christmas happy for two local area families. Here are five easy steps:



- 1) Pick a gift tag from the tree in the Narthex
- 2) Buy and wrap the gift
- 3) Add your personal gift tag
- 4) Add the **original** gift tag **by taping the yarn onto the present**
- 5) Bring to church by **December 12.**

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, place it in an envelope and identify it for the Angel Tree.

Prime Timers

Tuesday December 20 11:30 AM

We will be meeting at Eddy's Neighborhood Bar & Grill — 11693 Fall Creek Rd EVERYONE IS INVITED!



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December

Brittany Breen 12/12
Tony DeSimone 12/15
Andy Baker 12/16

Calendar for Week of December 11

Sunday 12/11	10 AM Worship 11 AM Sarah Circle Christmas Party
Monday 12/12	7 PM Troop 88 — MP & Education Rooms
Tuesday 12/13	10:30 AM Hope Circle — Education Room 7 PM Session — MP Room
Wednesday 12/14	5:30 PM Cookie Decorating — MP Room 6:15 PM Pizza and Movie — <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> Sanctuary OR MP Room
Sunday 12/18	10 AM Worship

F.A.R.M. Needs These Items

Food Drive



F. A. R. M. (Fortville Area Resource Mission)

F. A. R. M. is open every Tuesday from 12:30-2:30 for food pickup. They hold a Bible study from 11:30-12:30 prior to the pantry opening. On Thursdays they take food to a low income apartment complex on the north side of Fortville. They have 125 families at the pantry on Tuesdays and around 25 families in the apartments. They also sponsor snack bags for around 45 students in the Mt. Vernon school system to take home for the weekends.

F.A.R.M. is currently in need of the following items to add to their shelves.

- Personal Care items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Paper

These items can be left in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank You!



At Home:

Miki Bean
Martha Dawson
Arlene Wheeler



In Hospital, Nursing Home & Assisted Living Centers:

Ann McFate @ Wyndmoor of Castleton, Indpls., IN 46250

Mary Alice Beaumont @ American Village

Shirley Tichenor @ Westminster Village
11050 Presbyterian Dr. Apt. 4103;
46236 phone 317-823-6841

Betty Burney @ Independence Village
9745 Olympia Drive Room #306;
Fishers, IN 46037 Phone 317-913-7489

Dodie Urias @Allisonville Meadows



CHRISTMAS EVE
SATURDAY DECEMBER 24
Lessons — Carols — Candlelight
7 pm

Communion Candlelight
10 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY DECEMBER 25
10 am

December 2022

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January 2023

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SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Nov 27		28		29		30		Dec 1		2		3	1:30pm Celebration of Life for Becky Floetker's Friend (MP Room - Sanctuary)
4	10:00am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)	5	7:00pm Troop 88 (Education and MP Room)	6	12:00pm Stewardship Commission (The Education Room) 1:00pm Needlecrafters 7:00pm CP HOA (MP Room) 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop	7	7:00pm Deacon Meeting (Education Room)	8	1:00pm PW Coordinating Team (Education Room) 7:30pm Sarah Circle (Education Room)	9		10	9:00am Men of Christ (Lincoln Square)
11	10:00am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Sarah Circle Christmas Party - ALL women and spouses	12	7:00pm Troop 88 (Education and MP Room)	13	10:30am Hope Circle (Education Room) 7:00pm Session Meeting (MP Room)	14	5:30pm Cookie Decorating (MP Room) 6:15pm Pizza and Movie (Sanctuary or MP Room)	15		16		17	
18	10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	19	7:00pm Troop 88 (Education and MP Room)	20	11:30am Prime Timers (Edy's) 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 2527 (MP or Education Room)	21		22		23		24	Christmas Eve 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service 10:00pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
25	Christmas Day 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	26		27	1:00pm Knit & Natters (Education Room)	28		29		30		31	New Year's Eve

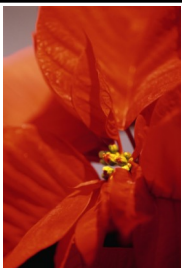
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SECOND WEDNESDAY DINNERS AND FAMILY FUN!

**December 14th
Dinner – Session**

5:30 – 6 PM Cookie Decorating ~ Show off your decorating skills and amaze your friends and Family! Hallmark Movie Moments to be made ~ bells, trees and stars will be your models! Are you able to donate decorating items? Please see Gretchen! Take your cookies home, or have one (or two) for dessert!

6:15 -8:15 Pizza and Movie Night ~ Join us in the Sanctuary for "It's a Wonderful Life" starring that Amazing Presbyterian Elder, Jimmy Stewart!! Pizza (including gluten free) provided!



An order form for Advent Christmas decorations is included in the bulletin.

Deadline for donations is TODAY



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Presbyterian Women Christmas Party

Sarah Circle will be hosting their annual PW Christmas party on **TODAY following worship.**

EVERYONE — especially members of Sarah and Hope circles, spouses, friends and significant others are welcome.

We will have lunch at **The Grill** and then return to the multipurpose room at the church.

We will have an ornament auction, so please bring a wrapped ornament to be auctioned off.

Hope to see you then!



Joys and Concerns
December 11, 2022

- We pray for our members and friends in the Armed Services, especially Curtis Call-Bridgewater, Scott Kelley, Amy [Abramo] Allgood, Nate Henry, Chase Bilyou
 - Prayers for the people of Ukraine.
- Continuing prayers for those cities who have experienced mass shootings in the past including, Buffalo, NY, Uvalde, TX, Tulsa, OK, Philadelphia, PA, Dallas, TX, Smithsburg, MD, Highland Park, IL, Greenwood, IN, Beech Grove, IN, Raleigh, NC, St. Louis, MO
 - Prayers for an end to violence in Indianapolis and our world

We Pray for God's Healing for:

John Paulson
Ann McFate
Betty Burney
Mary Alice Beaumont
Roy Bilyou
Carol Wiker

Dodie Urias
Shirley Tichenor
Miki Bean
Arlene Wheeler
Heather Fisher
Phil McDaniel

Prayers of Thanksgiving for **Dick & Linda Abdon** and **Dennis & Pat Whitson** for their presence and gifts to our family of faith.

Welcome to CPC ~ CONNECT WITH US

Please let us know who you are and how we can help you. Please tear off this sheet, fill it in and place in the offering basket.

Today's Date: _____

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City / ZIP _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

How did you hear about us: _____

First Visit Address change Connect Me