

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 12, 2025

Welcome to this service of prayer and praise at First Presbyterian Church. If we can be of service to you in any way, please call the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (814) 333-2161. Childcare is available in Cornerstone Child Care during the worship service.

SERVING THIS MORNING:

- **The Audio/Video Technician** today is Daniel Smith.
- **The Liturgist** today is Margaret Nelson.
- **The Greeters** today are Kendra Fischer and Brandi Schutz at 8:30 a.m., Keith Edwards, Sandy Janes, Marty and Suzie Malone at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Acolytes** today are Henry Fischer at 8:30 a.m.; and Kendall Claspy at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Cantor** today is Sonya Eagles-Dill at 11:00 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- † **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Chuck Koller, Marlene Braham, Randy Puno, Blessie Santos, Ruth Cooper, Cathy McKinney, Erin Hart, Marilyn and John Robb, Cheri McFate, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, Ginny Burchfield.
- † **Sympathy to Kelly, Kerry, and Patrick Murphy and Families** on the death of their mother, Bonnie Murphy, on January 5.
- † **Sympathy to the Family** of The Rev. Dr. Donald Leroy Mitchell, Jr who passed away on December 21, 2024, after a prolonged illness.
- † **The concerns of Lake Erie Presbytery this week:** Rev. Tim Harmon, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Lake Erie; North Warren Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Buddy Ward, Pastor.
- † **Members' and Friends' Loved Ones Being Deployed:** Shawn Woolstrum.
- † **Service Personnel:** Tyler Schmidt, Karalyn Adams, Ben Bartoe, Donald Albaugh, Andrew Hall, Travis Jensen, Kirk Mumau and Kloe Peterson.
- † **"The work at Fairview/Fairmont Family Center."** Staff - Rosanne Sommers, Family Center Director, Emily Seibel, Assistant, and Allegheny Bonner students Azalia and Niyah.
- † **The mission work of Ross and Mary Hunter (Ecuador), Rev. Celestin Musekura (E. Africa - ALARM), Donnie Brake (South Sudan - SEA Partners), Andrew and Amy Funka (Ingalls Creek), Medical Benevolence, Living Waters of the World, Presbytery of Redstone, (PA Wee Kirk Conferences), Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Haiti Children (Compassion International), Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo (Thailand - Payap University), The Carter Foundation, Josh Heikkila (West Africa - PCUSA), Rev. Mark Adams and Miriam Escobar (U.S./Mexican Border - PCUSA), Cindy Corell (Joining Hands Against Hunger, Haiti - PCUSA), Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez Migration and Human trafficking, Philippines - PCUSA), Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Health, Hunger and Malnutrition Programs, Democratic Republic of the Congo - PCUSA), Josh and Carli Cumpston (Frozen Chosen Artic Barnabas Ministry) Remote Alaska.**



The Prayer Lifeline is available to pray for your joys and concerns. Call the church office at 814-333-2161 to make your request. You can also e-mail Laurel Porter at hlporter20@yahoo.com. All requests will be kept confidential.

Attendance Last Week (January 5, 2025):

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: 95
Online Views: 62
Total Giving – \$7,265.00
2025 Per Capita to date – \$105.00
Total Due to Presbytery – \$20,860.00
(2025 Per Capita per member - \$35.00)

LIBRARIAN PICKS FOR JANUARY 2025:



"It's SNOW secret. Books Are Cool!" Happy New Year! Come into the library and find some good books to enjoy and inspire you during the

snowy January days! **Come In and Check Them Out!!**



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be next Sunday, January 19th following the 11:00 service. All are encouraged to attend. **There will be no 8:30 service that morning.** Annual reports will be available for pickup today.

If you ordered 2025 offering envelopes, you can pick them up in the foyer next to the sanctuary. If you forgot to place your order but would like a set, please call the church office at 814-333-2161. We always order extras.



"Praying for Children" (momsinprayer.org)



January prayer focus for our children: Proverbs 8:24. *Lord, Help my children see the necessity of spending time with you each day.*

We will be continuously praying for children via email using prepared prayer sheets. If you would like to receive these guides to use during your private devotional time, please contact Laurel Porter at hlporter20@yahoo.com.



THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. – Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for Adults, Youth Group

11:00 a.m. – Worship with Communion

12:00 p.m. – Congregational Lunch

Monday, December 13

6:30 p.m. – Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, December 14

5:30 p.m. – Liberty Bells

Wednesday, January 15

3:45 p.m. – P.R.A.Y.

Committee Night

4:00 p.m. – Mission Committee Meeting
6:15 p.m. – Christian Education Comm. Mtg.

Thursday, January 16

3:30 p.m. – Stephen Ministry Leadership Mtg.

4:00 p.m. – Stephen Ministry Meeting

Friday, January 17

Evangel Articles Due

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

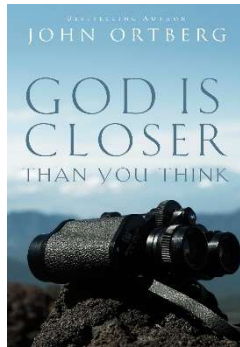
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School, for Adults, Youth and Confirmation Class; and Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. – Worship

12:00 p.m. – **The Annual Meeting of the Church and Corporation**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE



Stephen Ministry: If you have an immediate prayer need, contact the on-call Stephen Minister listed below. (Please note this is meant to supplement, not replace, the prayer line, which offers long-term, ongoing prayer.) Our goal is simply to offer the important ministry of one-on-one, confidential conversation and prayer as the immediate need arises. **For this week, the on-call Stephen Minister is Veronica Asay. She can be reached at 814-336-5408.**



ADULT EDUCATION: JOIN US IN JANUARY on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. as we watch the DVD, **GOD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK**, by John Ortberg. This study shows how you can enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with your

heavenly Father. Ortberg reveals the face of God waiting to be discovered in the complex mosaic of your life. He shows you God's hand stretching toward you. And, with his gift for storytelling, Ortberg illustrates the ways you can reach toward God and complete the connection – to your joy and his.



SOULSTICE will not be meeting in January. Join us for the next *Soulstice* gathering on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:15 p.m.



The **2025 Flower Chart** is hung in the foyer behind the sanctuary. Please sign up for the dates you would like to help beautify our sanctuary for Sunday worship!



The **WiNS Project** needs good clean plastic bags (no wine and spirits bags). Please collect your bags and drop them off at their designated spot across from the church office. Thank you.

ALL PRESBYTERIAN CIRCLE MEMBERS are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women's meeting on Wednesday, February 5th from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the Culbertson Room. Please come prepared to share your creative thoughts and ideas!



Moms in Prayer groups in more than 150 countries will join in a "Global Celebration of Prayer" during the week of January 20-24, 2025. **Join us in prayer for this exciting event!** Each group will use the same prayer sheet the week of January 20-24, God is the Victor. Praying in unity, we will cry out to God for the children and schools throughout the world. Prayer Sheets can be found on their website at momsinprayer.org/events/global-celebration-of-prayer, or in the church office. Thank you.



BLAST! will be meeting on Friday, January 24 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Plan on coming and **enjoying fellowship with friends and enjoying a movie and some pizza!**



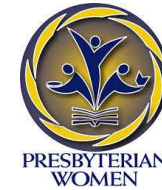
CARD SHOWER! John Robb is turning 100 years old on Sunday, January 19th! Let's make his day special! Dr. John Robb
238 DeVore Drive
Meadville, PA 16335



The **January Congregational Lunch** will be hosted by the church staff today. Come and enjoy some delicious hot dogs, Kielbasa, homemade soups, and beverages. Come join us today following the 11:00 a.m. worship in Fellowship Hall.



The following items are needed to help fill our food pantry: Spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned soup, peanut butter, saltine crackers, oatmeal, cereal, and powdered milk.



Presbyterian Women's Mission Focus for January is **Crawford Central Elementary School Students:** We are collecting boys and girls pull-up pants (size 4-8 any color), underwear (boy's size 4-10 and girl's size 4-12), and socks (children's sizes). Please place your donations into the Presbyterian Women's bin in the church office. Items will be collected and delivered on the last day of this month. Thank you!

The **Presbyterian Women** will continue to collect sample size shampoo, hand sanitizer, bath gel, lotion and toothpaste for the homeless patients at the Free Clinic. Please place your donations in the PW bin in the church office.



PASTORAL VISITS AND MINISTERIAL CARE. If you or a loved one have been hospitalized, have undergone a large life change, or need spiritual guidance and would like a visit from your pastor, please contact Rev. Ben Black or the church office. Additionally, The Stephen Ministry has 6 people who are available to pray with you and render spiritual support.



KNIT UNTO OTHERS: Get your needles and yarn out! Knit Unto Others will meet on Wednesday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the church library. Anyone interested in the fellowship of knitting, crocheting or cross stitching is welcome. We make prayer shawls for those in need of the warmth of God's love, and the comfort, prayers, and support from their friends of faith. If you have any questions, you can contact Kandy Davis at ksdavis70@zoominternet.net or 814-807-0156.



SAVE ON TAXES: If you are of the age at which you must take Required Minimum Withdrawals from your IRA, you may not be aware that you can have part of that withdrawal paid directly to FPC and it will not be considered part of your taxable income. Ask your financial adviser for details.



Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania, in cooperation with the WiNS Project, has transitioned five elementary schools in Crawford Central School District into its Backpack Program. Volunteers from the WiNS Project will continue to pack the bags and deliver them to the schools each week. If you have financially supported WiNS in the past, you will be able to continue to do so through Second Harvest so this important program can continue. Donations can be made online at www.nwpafoodbank.org.

Did you know that you can make your church donations online on our website? Go to our website and hit the Online Giving bar below the Livestream/Video Archive bar.