

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November & December 2020



Please join us on Thursday, December 24 for our candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service. This year there will be two services, the first one starting at 5:00 p.m. and the second one at 7:00 p.m. to keep everyone healthy and safe. Please contact the church office via email, office@firstprestexarkana.org, or by phone (870) 774-6453 to let us know which service you will be attending and how many will be in your party. This will let us know how to arrange the sanctuary to keep in line with social distancing. Please, as always, be sure to wear a face mask. Thank you so much in advance!



We are once again helping the clients of Evergreen Life Services who have no family. More information will be coming the week of November 22 of how the cards with the gift requests will be distributed. So be sure to watch your email for this information.

The protocol for the gifts over the past years has been as follows, when the members of our congregation choose a gift, there will be two pieces of paper in a pocket. One is the gift tag to be placed on the gift and the other is for a signature of who is buying the gift. Return the small paper with your name on it back to the pocket and take the gift tag for your present. **Please have your gifts wrapped and returned to the church by Friday, December 18th so they may be distributed that weekend.** We will let you know in the email that will be sent the week of November 22 if there will be any pertinent changes.

Thank you for all you do in making Christmas special for our Evergreen friends!

Thank Offering

Once again the PW is collecting its annual Thank Offering which goes to ministries both here and abroad. We are excited that one of this year's recipients is our own Ferncliff! Many churches make disaster kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance but there are no collection depots in 12 southern states. Ferncliff is expanding the program by finding churches to serve as depots. The Thank Offering grant will be used to purchase a box truck for picking up disaster kits from these new depots in the south, thus helping eliminate shipping costs, raise visibility and grow this hands-on mission program.

Advent Concert Series

Unfortunately, we will not be having our annual Advent Concert Series in December. With the possibility of the Covid and flu viruses on the rise during the colder months, the Session thought it best to cancel this year to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Let's all pray that we are back on track next year to have all of our beautiful services.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CALENDARS

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Frick & Frack Sunday School –YouTube
 11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary & On-line via Facebook & YouTube

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Annex

WEDNESDAY

6:15 p.m. Bible Study-Zoom

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Angel Quilts

NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY, November 1

11:00 p.m. Worship/Communion/All Saints Day/
 Day Light Saving Time - Fall Back

MONDAY, November 9

1:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting - Zoom

TUESDAY, November 10

10:00 a.m. Beck/Greisser Circle -
 Fellowship Hall/Zoom

TUESDAY, November 10

5:15 p.m. Diaconate Meeting - Zoom

WEDNESDAY, November 11

10:30 a.m. Card Ministry

THURSDAY, November 12

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

6:00 p.m. Zelle/Moore Circle - Zoom

THURSDAY, November 19

5:15 a.m. Session Meeting

SUNDAY, November 22

Pledge Sunday

DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, December 2

10:30 a.m. Card Ministry

SUNDAY, December 6

11:00 p.m. Worship/Communion
 Congregational Meeting to Elect
 Elders/Deacons/Trustee

MONDAY, December 7

1:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting - Zoom

TUESDAY, December 8

10:00 a.m. Beck/Greisser Circle -
 Fellowship Hall/Zoom

5:15 p.m. Diaconate Meeting - Zoom

THURSDAY, December 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

6:00 p.m. Zelle/Moore Circle - Zoom

SUNDAY, December 13

Lessons & Carols

WEDNESDAY, December 16

10:30 a.m. Card Ministry

THURSDAY, December 17

5:15 a.m. Session Meeting

THURSDAY, December 24

5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 Christmas Eve Services

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

1 - Rachel Fomby
 5 - Mark Richards
 6 - Craig Cogbill
 7 - Gail Cogbill
 7 - Alan Gray
 8 - Joan Boyles
 10 - Willis Smith
 11 - Kathy Bryant
 13 - Jacob Triptow
 15 - Charles Jackson
 18 - Marge Wilhelm
 18 - Alyssa Cool
 18 - Richard Sexton
 21 - Ted Cline
 22 - Beth Morgan
 23 - Kurt Andrews
 23 - Linda Murphy
 23 - Randy Lacy
 23 - Roy Deskin

25 - Stacy Cogbill

26 - Jayce Keil

26 - Peggy Davis

DECEMBER

8 - Greg Brown
 11 - Savannah Thompson
 11 - Miranda Rhodes
 15 - John Tice Parks
 17 - James Murphy
 18 - Charlie Norton
 21 - Betty Anthony
 22 - Karen Flowers
 23 - Billie Ford
 23 - Chloe Gilliland
 23 - Liz Fawcett
 24 - Marshall Moore
 25 - JoAnn Pope
 25 - Jesus Christ Our Lord
 27 - Ben Davis

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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

8 - Melissa & Matt Keil
 28 - April & Philip Jackson
 20 - Nancy & Charlie Jackson

DECEMBER

20 - Erin & George McCasland
 27 - Martha Nell & Mark Richards
 30 - Becky & Kevin Thompson
 31 - Stephanie & Brian Jackson



Presbyterian Women November & December 2020

PW Coordinating Team: Monday, November 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. - Zoom
Beck/Greisser Circle (in-person and Zoom): Tuesday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall/Zoom

Zelle/Moore Circle: Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. - Zoom
PW Coordinating Team: Monday, December 7, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. - Zoom
Beck/Greisser Circle (in-person and Zoom): Tuesday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall/Zoom
Zelle/Moore Circle: Thursday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. - Zoom

In Loving Memory

Annie Russell December 22, 1923 - September 13, 2020 *Ann Bounds* July 31, 1945 - September 28, 2020
Lynn Rice November 10, 1935 - October, 15, 2020 *Jeanette Gray* April 14, 1934 - August 1, 2020
James Goodson May 22, 1937 - September 29, 2020

The Nominating Committee has asked and the following members have agreed to serve as officers for the Class of 2023. There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 6 for the purpose of electing these Elders and Deacons and a Trustee.

We will be mailing you a ballot in the coming weeks to cast your vote via phone, mail in, or email.

Elder	Deacon	Trustee
Kurt Andrews	Peggy Davis	Danny Gray
Dan Boyles	Molly Teague	
Beth McHenry-Pope	Kevin Thompson	
Ronnie Walraven	Chris Walraven	

Please help us welcome and pray for all of our officers in the upcoming years. We are truly blessed to have such an outstanding group to motivate our church to be the best spiritually and as a whole in the future!

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the \$50.00 Walmart gift cards for the November 'Welcome Home Kits' so that the twenty new clients from Randy Sams' and Mission Texarkana who are moving from the shelter into new homes may purchase cleaning supplies!

Since we are still following protocols to stay safe at this time, the Diaconate has also chosen to provide gift cards for those who would normally be receiving a Thanksgiving basket so that they may shop for their Thanksgiving meals. The basket of food usually costs \$75.00, and we hope to give thirty cards this year to Randy Sams' for distribution.

Any amount towards either card is greatly appreciated! Thank you so much for your continued generosity during this unusual time!



Welcome Home Kits & Thanksgiving Gift Cards



**Don't forget to save your Albertson's stamps when you shop!
They will provide cook wear for the Evergreen kitchen.**



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Nancy Jackson, Clerk of Session

Beth McHenry-Pope, Moderator of Diaconate

Dan Boyles, Church Treasurer

Betty Anthony, Church Co-Treasurer

POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in donating Poinsettias, please complete the information below. We ask that you return this form and a donation of \$10.00 per Poinsettia to the Church Office by Sunday, December 6, 2020. Reminders for Poinsettia donations will be in the Bulletins. For more information, please contact the Church Office at (870) 774-6453.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____ Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Quantity: _____

Memorial Designation: _____

Honorarium Designation: _____

Form of Donation: Cash: _____ Check: _____ Total: \$ _____

Signature: _____