

Advent Readers & Candlelighters
Sunday, November 30: *Lee & John Fox McCloud*
Sunday, December 7: *Andrew & Donna Jones*
Sunday, December 14: *The Weston Family*
Sunday, December 21: *The Dillon Family*
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: *Pastor Bill & Nanette*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
The tradition continues with another evening of candle lighting and Communion. We will gather **Wednesday, December 24 at 6:30 and 11:30 p.m.** for a time of worship and celebration as we remember the birth of Jesus. Invite your friends and family to join you (and us) on this special night.

Merry Christmas

FROM THE STAFF!

Kara, Glen, Max, Nanette, & Pastor Bill

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“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son...” (Galatians 4:4a)

Advent is the time leading up to the glorious “good news of great joy” that was announced by the angels sent from God. Advent is a time when we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas Day. During this season of waiting, we will experience the joy that reveals itself slowly and then explodes before us in its splendor and majesty. I hope you are sensing the moment that will appear suddenly and fill your heart with the certainty of God’s love.

This brings us to the scripture text from Galatians. **“...when the fullness of time...”** implies the right time. The word time in this text is different from our understanding of chronological time. This use of time is related to God’s timing. Time that implies at just the right time. God knows when He needs to act and does so in His own timing.

“When the fullness of God’s time had come, He sent His Son.” This is most joyful news for our hearts. When we looked

for that one thing that would bring us hope and a promise for better days ahead; God sent Jesus. This is the most wonderful gift. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas Day with our family and friends, let us rejoice in the truth of God’s timing. When we most needed the things that could give our lives meaning, Jesus was given to help us face the uncertainty of life with the certainty of God’s love!

“For God so loved the world, that He gave us His Son...” This reality can help us make sense of the waiting, the longing, the expectation of this Holy season.

We may not understand the when of God’s acting on our behalf; but He will!

“When the fullness of God’s time has come, God will move in our midst. He will make sense of the senselessness that troubles our lives. We have reason for the hope of joy.

As we continue through this season of waiting for God to move in our lives, let us hold fast to the promise of God’s love, His blessing and the knowledge that He will act at just the right time!

Joy to our world!

Pastor Bill

2025 Christmas JOY Offering

We will receive the JOY Christmas offering during morning worship on **Sundays 7, 14 & 21**. This offering is collected each year through the PCUSA and is divided between assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks and the Narthex. Thank you for your prayerful response to this special offering this year!



Christmas Cookie Exchange

We are happy to announce that our cookie exchange is scheduled for **Sunday, December 14** following Morning Worship. Please bring your cookies individually wrapped and/or in baggies. We look forward to this festive time of sharing our favorite cookies with one another. Rumor is that we will have "special" visitors who will delight the hearts of children of all ages. Questions, see Cathy Wilson.

It's Time to Order Your Poinsettia for Christmas

If you would like to order a poinsettia for Christmas in memory or honor of someone, order forms are available in the Narthex or online at fpcaky.org. The cost for each poinsettia is **\$15**. Please have your order forms in by **Wednesday, December 17**. You may take your poinsettias home following the Christmas Eve service.

Parents' Night Out

Parents, this night is for you. Parents' Night Out is **Friday, December 19, 5:30—8 p.m.** Come, drop off the kids here at Church and then go shopping, out to eat or just go home and rest! We have planned for fun activities for the kids (ages birth—4th grade. There will be crafts, snacks and a whole lot of fun. Take advantage of this opportunity as you prepare for Christmas. Questions, see Lee McCloud (606.331.1017).



Youth Lock-In

We're excited to invite all youth in grades 5th through 12th to our upcoming Lock-In event! Join us for a day of fun on **Friday, December 19, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** We'll have a variety of activities planned to ensure everyone has a great time. Questions, see Kelly Hanni.

Lessons and Carols

Join us on **Sunday, December 21** during Morning Worship for a service of scripture and song as the choir presents our annual Lessons and Carols beginning at **10:50 a.m.** This is a service that inspires our hearts to prepare for the birth of Jesus. This is a wonderful way to begin Christmas week!

All-Church Christmas Caroling

Warm up your voices and join us for a time of caroling **Sunday, December 21** beginning at **3 p.m.** We will meet at the Church and we will travel in our vehicles to visit our shut-in's at their homes and share the joy of the Christmas songs we love to sing! We will fellowship at the Wheeler's home following the caroling.



Christmas Card Exchange

You may exchange Christmas cards with your church family by dropping them off in their church mailbox. Kelly has provided a Christmas card list, it is available in the Narthex.



Sunday Morning Study: Sundays, 9:28 a.m.
Armchair Theologians: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School (K—4th): Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Harmony of the Gospels: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group (5th – 12th): Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Handbell Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
Tai Chi Classes: Tuesdays, 5p.m. & Saturdays, 11 a.m.
Zumba Classes: Tuesdays, 5 p.m. & Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
Open Chapel: Wednesday, Dec. 3 5:45 p.m.
Paper Angels: Thursday, Dec. 4, 1 p.m.
Cassie & Michael's Wedding Shower: Sunday, Dec. 7, Noon
Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m.
Kids' Christmas Play: Sunday, Dec. 14, 10:50 a.m.
Sew Blessed: Monday, Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m.
Parents' Night Out: Friday, Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m.
Youth Lock In: Friday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m.—8 a.m.
Lessons & Carols: Sunday, Dec. 21, 10:50 a.m.
Christmas Caroling: Sunday, Dec. 21, 3 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service: 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.



Children's Christmas Program
December 14
During Morning Worship



Kris Adkins—December 8
Geri Willis—December 13
Dewitt Goodman—December 13
Kay Ferguson—December 15
Brett Gehringer—December 27
Kent Wheeler—December 31
Will Goodwin—December 31



John & Kay Ferguson—December 16

Special Dates for December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent, *December 7*
Third Sunday of Advent, *December 14*
First Day of Winter, *December 21*
Fourth Sunday of Advent, *December 21*
Christmas Eve, *December 24*
Christmas Day, *December 25*
New Year's Eve, *December 31*



We are collecting gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for the Ashland Family Resource Center. Your contributions will greatly benefit those in need within our community during the colder months. The mitten tree is located in the Narthex. We truly appreciate your continued support for this important ministry. Thank you for helping us make a difference!