

# This Week at First Presbyterian

## Sunday, December 11

- 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal-choir room
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service-sanctuary
  - Nursery care (ages 0-5 yrs.)-nursery
  - Adult Sunday school-library & chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service-sanctuary (children dismissed at 10:50 a.m.)
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting-sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Social Time-narthex
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant-Presby Place
- 5:45 p.m. Deacons Dinner-Fisher Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Youth Christmas Party-The Loft

## Monday, December 12

- 9:15 a.m. Yoga-The Life Room
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Group-Meadowlark Hills
- 5:30 p.m. Zumba-Presby Place
- 5:30 p.m. Membership Committee meeting-library
- 7:00 p.m. Troop 74-Fisher Hall

## Tuesday, December 13

- 12:00 p.m. PEO meeting-Fisher Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Bibles & Newspapers-Meadowlark Hills
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Community Outreach Dinner-Presby Place

## Wednesday, December 14

- 7:00-7:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch prep-Presby Place
- 7:30-8:15 a.m. Community Outreach Breakfast-Presby Place
- 9:15-10:15 a.m. Yoga-large group room (child care available-RSVP)

## Thursday, December 15

- 8:45-11:15 a.m. Lil' Kids Morning Out-nursery
- 6:30 p.m. "Who Is Jesus" Bible study-library

## Friday, December 16

- 10:00 am.-12:00 p.m. Food Pantry-narthex
- 11:00 a.m. Friday Fellowship program followed by luncheon-Fisher Hall
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Food Pantry-narthex

## Saturday, December 17

No activities scheduled at this time

## Sunday, December 18

- 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal-choir room
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service-sanctuary
  - Nursery care (ages 0-5 yrs.)-nursery
  - Adult Sunday school-library & chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service-sanctuary (children dismissed at 10:50 a.m.)
- 11:30 a.m. Social Time-narthex
- 6:30 p.m. P2 Christmas party-Presby Place

### Worship Schedule for Christmas Services

Family Candlelight Service: 6:00 p.m.

Communion Candlelight Service: 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Sunday: one service only at 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day Sunday: one service only at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



MANHATTAN KANSAS

DECEMBER 11, 2016  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

# WELCOME

## Welcome Visitors

It is our privilege to welcome our guests every Sunday. May you find among us the warmth of Christian fellowship and the spirit of welcome. We encourage you to make this your church family for as long as you are here. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

### ADULTS AND YOUTH

**Covenant Class**—This year's lesson will include a 20 minute video and lively class discussion based on Dr. Mickey Efrid's "From Genesis to Revelation", a comprehensive overview of the Bible. Led by Dr. Dean Armbrust.

**Questions Class** - 9:15 a.m. in the library. "How Jesus Became God" is the study. Led by Steven Graham. Child care available for K-6th grade in "The Grove" (room adjacent to nursery).

#### CORNERSTONE YOUTH:

Watch the announcements page in the bulletin for schedule of events. Talk to Pastor Kati, or youth leaders Nick Wiggins and Natalie Bender, to get on our email and groupme lists.

**College Lunch:** Once a month our college students meet for lunch immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. **Next event will be Jan. 30, a winter trivia lunch!**

### CHILDREN

#### 9:15-11:45 a.m.

**"Mustard Seeds Nursery"** Nursery 4 months-4 years. Lower Level, Children's Education Wing.

**Nursery & Cry Room available for all worship services.**

#### 10:50-11:45 a.m.

**Sunday school & choir.** Children dismissed from worship following the children's message.

#### "The Grove" (Seedlings)

Pre-K. Lower Level, Children's Education Wing.

#### "The Way" Class (Frogs)

K-1st grade. Upper Level, Children's Education Wing.

#### "The Truth" Class (Owls)

2nd-3rd Grade. Upper Level, Children's Education Wing.

#### "The Life" Class (Trees)

4th-6th Grade. Upper Level, Children's Education Wing.

**Social time** is held every Sunday from 10:10-10:25 a.m. in **Fisher Hall** (lower level) and immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in **the narthex lounge**. Delicious **Radina's** coffee is served.

### MISSION STATEMENT

*To create disciples for Jesus Christ and to practice His teachings by loving and serving God and one another.*

## Community Outreach Meals

### Community Outreach Dinner

Tuesday, December 13

Main Dish: Mary Mertz\*

Main Dish: Nancy Perry

Main Dish: Karen Davis

Main Dish: Billie Woodward

Side Dish/Bread: Kendra Rock

Dessert: Shirley Moherman

Server: Esther Figueredo & Sam

Server: Jackie Tweed

Server: Mary Mertz

Server: Kendra Rock

Server: Bobbi Schesser

Server: Connie Fronk

\*Team Leader

Contact: Claudia Voos 785-313-1874

Dinner hours 6:00-6:45 p.m.

### Community Outreach Breakfast

Wednesday, December 14

Egg Bake: Sharon Reagan

Egg Bake: Jo Marti

Egg Bake: Sue Klingler

Serve: Matthew Pfiefer

Serve: Lora Pfiefer

Serve: Jackie Macdonald\*

Serve: Whitney Short

Serve: Jo Marti

Clean up: Rev. McConnell

Clean up: Nancy Muturi

\*Team Leader

Contact: Missy Cox 785-341-4993

Breakfast hours 7:30-8:15 a.m.



## Brown Bag Lunches

### December sandwich makers

Dec. 14 Emily Mark

Dec. 21 Peggy Lyons

Contact: Peggy Lyons at 537-0537 or [lyonspeg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyonspeg@sbcglobal.net) if you'd like to volunteer to be a sandwich maker or to make a donation.



## Food Pantry

### Friday, December 16th

10:00 am-12:00pm

Katie Philp

Ray Coffey

Frank Laubhan

Jan Gibbs

1:00-3:00 pm

Eloise Brown

Dean Armbrust

Alice Armbrust

Evelyn Neill

To volunteer please contact: Ray Coffey at 587-7731 or by email at [rcoffey9@cox.net](mailto:rcoffey9@cox.net)



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## Announcements and Upcoming Events



The children's **Christmas Pageant** is **tonight!** The fun starts at **5:00 p.m.** in Presby Place. Prior to the concert a concession will offer goodies & hot chocolate as a fundraiser for our Children's Ministries. The annual Deacon's Dinner will follow in Fisher Hall. Everyone is invited to join us for soup and cookies!

**Advent Devotionals are available in the narthex or in the office.**

**Cornerstone Youth Ski Trip 2017!** Our youth will be heading to beautiful **Winter Park Ski Resort Feb. 9-13, 2017!** Check out the Ski Trip registration site to reserve your spot. Ski trip packages start at \$275/person, non-ski price is \$175. **A \$100 deposit is due Dec. 12th to the church office.** Visit [www.skidaddy.com/cyouth](http://www.skidaddy.com/cyouth) (or follow the link on our website)



**Food Pantry Needs:** personal items (**toothpaste, shampoo, toothbrushes, soap,** etc.) and **toilet tissue.** Thank you for your continued support of this important mission. Also needed are **children's books** (5yrs and under).

**Birthday wishes to Pauline Lindgren who celebrated her 95th birthday on Dec. 7!**

The December Men's Breakfast will be held on **Thursday, December 15** and will feature **Geologist Dr. Richard Shields.** He will discuss local geology and have samples for everyone to see. Dr. Shields spent much of his career as a geologist with the Wyoming Installation Restoration Program.

**Friday Fellowship-Dec. 16 at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Kati Collins** will be our speaker and share about her experience with Christmas in the Czech Republic. Hear about the Christmas Carp, St Nick's Devils and Angels, Christmas breads and decorations, and a whole lot more! A delicious lunch as always will follow.

**Church volleyball league!** This is a recreational co-ed league. The season runs from Jan.—March. Games are played on Thursday nights in our recreation center. Contacts are Kristine Tiroch [ksmpt@cox.net](mailto:ksmpt@cox.net) or Mike Wilson [mdw8778@yahoo.com](mailto:mdw8778@yahoo.com).

### Joys and Concerns

Please pray for safe travel and continued healing for **Chong Tracey.** Chong is receiving treatment at MD Anderson-Texas.

Please keep **Paul Cross** in your prayers. He is receiving hospice care at Good Shepherd Hospice House.

**Prayer Request** cards may be found in the pew racks, next to the hymnals. Please feel free to fill one out and drop in the collection plate.

Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin so we may all pray on your behalf, unless otherwise noted.

## Order of Worship 9:15 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>God Rest, Ye Merry Gentlemen</i>	arr. Marianne Kim Stephen Kucera, Organist
HANDBELL & CHORAL INTROIT	<i>A Child is Born</i>	by Sara R. Nussel
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	#134 <i>Joy to the World</i>	
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Jeff & Kim Smith
RESPONSE	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	
*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Rev. Kati Collins Bulletin page 4
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
TIME FOR GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. R.C. McConnell
ANTHEM	<i>See Amid the Winter's Snow</i>	by Dan Forrest R.J. Leonard, Director
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 61:1-11	Jan Gibbs
OFFERING	<i>O Come, Little Children</i>	arr. Diane Bish
*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
MOMENT FOR BLUE CHRISTMAS		Whitney Short
PASTORAL PRAYER. THE LORD'S PRAYER.		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i>	Samantha Williams, Soloist
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 4:16-21	
HYMN	#132 <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	
READING FROM THE PSALMS	Psalm 146:1-7	
SERMON	"Securing a Release for the Prisoners"	Rev. R.C. McConnell
*HYMN	#113 <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Angels, We Have Heard on High</i>	arr. Diane Bish

\*Asterisk denotes standing if you are able.

# Order of Worship 10:30 a.m.

**PRELUDE** *God Rest, Ye Merry Gentlemen* arr. Marianne Kim  
Stephen Kucera, Organist

**HANDBELL & CHORAL INTROIT** *A Child is Born* by Sara R. Nussel

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** #134 *Joy to the World*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** The Hackett Family

**RESPONSE** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Kati Collins

**Minister:** I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**People:** And Thou forgave my sins.

**Minister and People:** We confess, Lord, how quickly we can lose confidence compared to how quickly the Lord showed confidence. When all seemed lost the hope of the work was born to a peasant girl from a small town. May the bold birth in Bethlehem defeat the self-defeating fears in us. May the promise of Christ pass on the promise of possibility. We pray this in Your name. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**TIME FOR GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. R.C. McConnell

**OFFERING** *I Wonder as I Wander* Samantha Williams, Soloist

**\*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**KIDS! CHOIRS** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Susan Maxwell, Director

**READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 146:1-7 Gabriella Radina

**MOMENT FOR BLUE CHRISTMAS** Whitney Short

**PASTORAL PRAYER. THE LORD'S PRAYER.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Isaiah 61:1-11 Fred Wilson

**ANTHEM** *See Amid the Winter's Snow* by Dan Forrest  
The Elemento Quartet  
Reginald Pittman, Director

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 4:16-21 Kyanna Reiswig

**HYMN** #132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**SERMON** "Securing a Release for the Prisoners"  
Rev. R.C. McConnell

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN** #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**CHORAL BENECTION** *Let Us Share God's Love*

**BENECTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Angels, We Have Heard on High* arr. Diane Bish

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Greeting at the 9:15 a.m. worship service are **Tony & Kristine Tiroch**. Greeting at the south entrance for the 10:30 a.m. service are **Jon & Sylvia Hollis**.

The ushers at the 9:15 a.m. service are: **Al Welch, Doug Tippin, Nancy Habluetzel and David West**. Ushering at the 10:30 a.m. service for the month of December are: **Wayne & Sue Mountford, Mary Vander Pol, Keith Vogts, Fred & Sherry Borck, Edward McKeever, Brian & Rebecca Thomason**.

Today's acolyte is **Asher Newcomer**.

**The Elemento Quartet: Audrey Chang, Patrick Guvele, Jack Keeley, and Matthew Rensner**.

The flowers on the communion table this morning are given by **Bob & Sally Mullen** in memory of their parents, Bob's sister, Jane, and her daughter, Michelle.

**Special Music** next week will feature pianist, **Robba Moran** and brass ensemble.

**A meeting of the congregation will take place today at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders, deacons, and at-large Nominating Committee members.**

*Personal hearing devices are available. Please inquire of an usher.  
An excellent nursery and cry room are available. Please inquire of an usher.*

*We respectfully request all electronics be silenced during worship.*

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