



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service

Phone: 870-425-3799 email: fpcmh@centurytel.net

Office hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday– Thursday

The Incarnation

At the center of Christmas is Jesus, both fully God and fully man. “In Bethlehem, humility and glory in their extremes were joined,” wrote pastor R.G. Lee (1886-1978). When Jesus came to earth, Lee explained, he descended:

from the heights of glory to the depths of shame,
from the wonders of heaven to the wickedness of earth,
from exaltation to humiliation,
from the throne to the tree,
from dignity to debasement,
from worship to wrath,
from the halls of heaven to the nails of earth,
from the coronation to the curse,
from the glory place to the gory place!

“Born in a stable! Cradled in a cattle trough! Wrapped in swaddling clothes of poverty!” Lee wrote. “No room for him who made all rooms! [No] place for him who made and knows all places! Oh, deep humiliation of the Creator — born of the creature, woman! But in his descent was the dawn of mercy. Because we cannot ascend to him, he descends to us.”



Special Dates in **DECEMBER**

Birthdays and Anniversary

11-Sarah Ruegsegger

14-Sherman Fine

17-Loweta Rogers

20-David Buff

22-Sarah Kelly

28-Phil & Ellen Jordan



Special Dates

- First Sunday of Advent, *December 1, 2024*
- Second Sunday of Advent, *December 8, 2024*
- Third Sunday of Advent, *December 15, 2024*
- First day of winter, *December 21, 2024*
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, *December 22, 2024*
- Christmas Eve, *December 24, 2024*
- Christmas Day, *December 25, 2024*
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, *December 31, 2024*

*****Wana Thacker new
Phone Number*****

870-232-2903

Serving in Worship



December Lay Readers

01-Doug W

08-Don C

15-Ellen J

22-Nancy P

29-Kay K



December Fellowship

Don't forget to volunteer to host fellowship by signing up on the bulletin board on the way to the fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet for December currently hanging on the board.



December Ushers

01-Ellen J

08-Marty H

15-Open

22-Open

29-Open

Church Leadership Meetings

NOVEMBER SESSION UPDATE

The Session met on 17 November 2024 with all the elders but Ruth Fine in attendance; Rev. Lila DeMoss, moderator. Session met to discuss disposal of /sale of church equipment and the budget for next year. A copy of the approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the mailroom. Next meeting set for December 22, with Rev. Lila DeMoss as moderator.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

NOVEMBER DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons report for November 2024 included a review and discussion of our members, friends, and family. Lists were updated as needed. The Deacons accepted a gift of Christmas cards from Wana Thacker for our use as we serve, and we thank her for this gift. Please remember to call your Deacon if you need assistance. We wish you blessings during this holiday season.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Wheat, Moderator

TREASURER'S REPORT as of NOVEMBER 30, 2024


Donations/Deposits	\$ 5,206.00
Uncleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 3,484.51
Bank Balance	\$ 42,958.95

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer






November 16 began the collection of Blankets and Space Heaters for Ozark Center of Hope until December 15.




Ozark Center of Hope

BLANKET DRIVE October and November



PLEASE HELP
OUR FAMILIES
STAY WARM



Ozark Center of Hope will be accepting NEW blankets in October and November to be distributed to our clients during the winter months. Most needed are regular and queen size, twins will be accepted. We ask that you not buy throws or rolled blankets please.

Blankets may be dropped off at Ozark Center of Hope, 307 W North St. or your local church.

Cash donations may also be made to the Ozark Center of Hope
P.O. 1317 Mtn. Home, AR 72654.

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 to 2

For questions call 870-508-4374.

Donations are appreciated for our Person Care items.

The next meeting for the Mission Committee will be Wednesday, December 4 at 1:00 pm.

Mary Smith– Moderator



Women of the Church

The leader on November 12 was Nancy Priest and the hostesses were Mary Smith and Kim Terrell. The women will meet at Jamie's Restaurant on December 11 at 12:30 pm for their Christmas party. All women are invited to attend. Mark your calendars and bring a friend! Enjoy the fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, Eleanore Wheeler

Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas

**December 01-Mountainburg Church, Mountainburg (Members:145 Est:1934)
Active and Retired Ministers**

**December 08-Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith
Youth and Young Adults and Directors**

**December 15-Memorial Church, Atkins (Members:26 Est:1874)
First, Walnut Ridge (Members:32 Est:1878)**

**December 22-First, Paragould (Members:25 Est:1919)
Church Custodians**

**December 29-Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village (Members:318 Est:1981)
First, Searcy (Members:99 Est:1850)**



SCRIPTURES FOR DECEMBER 2024

Sunday December 01

1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

Sunday December 08

2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

Sunday December 15

3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

Sunday December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Sunday December 29


1st Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52

All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.
(Complementary)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2	3	4 Mission Mtg 1 pm	5	6 Office Closed	7
8 Communion 	9	10	11 WOC 12:30 pm at Jamie's Rest.	12 Master Gardeners 12 pm	13 Office Closed	14
15 Christmas Party	16	17	18	19	20 Office Closed	21
22 Session Meeting	23	24 Christmas Eve Service at 3 pm	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Office Closed	28
29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>			Office Closed	



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. /Monday -Thursday

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