

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 2022

OPENING SONG PRAISE TEAM

WELCOME & GREETINGS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING ~ KERRI CRAWFORD & SHARON HORN ~ LOVE

SONGS OF PRAISE PRAISE TEAM

“JOY TO THE WORLD! HE IS JESUS THE KING”
“YOU ARE HOLY (PRINCE OF PEACE)”
“O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Almighty and merciful Father, You have called us to be Your people and have made us one body. Yet we have not lived like we are one body.

God of Tender Mercies, You have called us to walk with You, work with You, and follow You. However, there are times we'd prefer to go it alone, or to pattern our lives around heroes that are far from ultimate, knowing full well the ultimate is Jesus Christ, but we confess that far too often our focus is on such lesser things, things that even draw us away from Christ. Forgive us for drowning out Your voice, or for lazing about in the good news of our faith without considering the deep commitment into which You call us. By Your Holy Spirit make us whole, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Friends, hear the Good News: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us, not to condemn the world but in order that we might be saved – healed and forgiven – through Him.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-50

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Message: “THE FIRST CHRISTIAN”

Closing Song: “Joy To The World” Praise Team

PRAISE TEAM: Fred Chilese, Vocals, Guitar, Praise Team Leader;
Ed & Judy Taylor, Guitar/Vocals; Jack North, Beatbox

TECH TEAM: Dennis Gatke, Deb Berner, Guy DeChellis, Gordon Graham

GREETER: Ginny Randall

USHER: Marsha North

This Week: December 18 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent ~ Love

Jonathan is our Shepherd and we are his flock.

Liturgist: Deborah Pinnell

Advent Lighting: Kerri Crawford & Sharon Horn

Refreshments: Presbyterian Women

Next Week: December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service ~ Christ Candle

Advent Lighting: Bill & Linda Pimm

Refreshments: Birthday Cake for Jesus at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service 9:30 a.m. ~ Message and Carols

Refreshments: Nancy Craig & Carol Arnett



CHRISTMAS TEA & COOKIE EXCHANGE

DECEMBER 20, 2:00 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

BRING A DOZEN COOKIES TO SHARE FOR OUR

COOKIE EXCHANGE!

THERE WILL BE COOKIES FOR ALL TO TAKE HOME

(even those who can't bake)!

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.

Bring your thank offering to the Cookie Exchange!



ACTIVITIES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent ~ Love

9:30 am In-Person Worship Service & Virtual Church

11:00 am Fellowship & Refreshments in Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 19:

4:30 pm Jesus Girls Study ~ Last Class ~ See you next year!!

Tuesday, December 20: PW Christmas Tea & Cookie Exchange

8:00 am Men of Faith Breakfast at Hassayampa BBQ

Join Us! It's better when you're there!!

2:00 pm PW Christmas Cookie Exchange in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 21: WITNESS DEADLINE!!

Thursday, December 22:

3:00 pm “Joyful Noise” Bell Choir practice

Friday, December 23:

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve ~ Christ Candle

6:00 pm Birthday Cake For Jesus

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day Service

9:30 am In Person Worship Service & Virtual Church

11:00 am Fellowship & Refreshments in Fellowship Hall



Sunday, December 11, 2022

*In Person Attendance: 41 Virtual Church Attendance: 23
Tithes & Offerings: Gen Fund \$4007 Deacons: \$300*

END OF YEAR GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, please remember, in order for your gifts to be allowable deductions in 2022 for tax purposes, your gift must be *received in the Church Office* or *postmarked* no later than December 31, 2022.

We thank all of you for your financial generosity and commitment to the mission to First Presbyterian Church!

There is no greater gift at Christmas than to have everything you want or need before you open presents.”



PLEASE PRAY FOR, VISIT, AND/OR PHONE

Military:

Staff Sgt. Ryan Breen, United States Air Force
Minot ND. A.F.B (Grandson-in-law Betty Ek)
Luke Crissman, Army
Joshua Geisler, Navy Medic (Barb Russell's nephew)
Lt. Commander Nicole Gonzalez, U.S. Navy, Washington, D.C.
(Glori Beattie's g-dtr)
SA Jack H. Lutch, U.S. Navy
Master Chief Petty Officer Chris Moore, Navy, San Diego
Lt. Col. Bruce Palmer MD, Anchorage, AK (Sallee's son-in-law)
Captain Gillen Papenfuse, National Guard
(g-son of Kimmins)
Staff Sgt. Mark Sobol (Sobol's g-son)
Jonathan Thomas, US Army, Reserves



Fire Fighters:

Keith Christofferson, Sedona
Tony Christofferson, Wickenburg
Todd Reinhardt, Tonopah
Samantha Reinhardt, Tonopah



Law Enforcement:

Luke Adams, AZ DPS, Patrol Officer
David Callahan, Yuma County SGT.
Michelle Callahan, Yuma/Detective
Jay Freeman, Maricopa Sheriff's Detention Officer ~ Maricopa
County Hospital.
Michelle Grubbs, Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. Beaumont, CA
~ Gloria & Ron Jepsen's daughter.
Melissa Lutch, PHX P.D./Detective
Jeffery Thomas, Tucson Police Dept./SGT.
Mike DeChellis, Douglas County, NE/Detective
Matthew Moulson, Orange County Deputy Sheriff
~ Sharon Horn's nephew.



Nurses & EMTs:

Sharon Forrest, Cardiovascular Sonographer, Saint Agnus Medical
Center, Fresno CA. ~ Deb Berner's Aunt



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Class of 2022: Verne Crissman, Gail Graham, Sharon Horn, Wendy Quine
Class of 2023: Carol Arnett, Cheryl Longshore, Arleen Younkman

Prayer Card – Please share your prayer concern by filling out a yellow card
from the pew rack and give it to the pastor before the Pastoral Prayer.

Friendship Pad - Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew and pass it to
your neighbor. At the end of the row, pass the pad back to the inside aisle.

If this is your first time, please give your local address.

If you attend regularly, your name will be fine.

Hearing aid devices are located at the sound booth.

Ask an usher for assistance.

Note: Back support cushions are provided for your use
in the pews by the Nifty Needlers.



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9:30 a.m.

