

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 22, 2024

- **WELCOME!** Please sign in on a fellowship pad, located at the end of your pew. Provide your email to be added to our e-newsletter list.
- Place your **prayer requests** in the basket on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. They will be collected five minutes before the start of worship.
- **Hearing assisted devices** are available from the sound board operator. These transmit the sound from the microphones directly to your ears. **Magnifying sheets** are available on the table in the narthex by the office.
- Please **silence your cell phone** before worship starts. Thank you!
- **We are livestreaming worship** on Facebook and YouTube.

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- The **Adult Sunday School** class will continue our Advent study **today** at 11:30 am in the library. We'll be using the book "Calling All Angels: An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength" by Erin Wathen. This study takes a look at the question "What would you do if you weren't afraid?" through the Advent stories of Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds.
- We are pleased to offer an in-person **Christmas Eve worship service** for all generations, beginning at 6:30 pm. Prelude music will begin at 6:15 pm. The service will be about an hour long. Children of all ages are welcome at the service. If your little one needs a break you are also welcome to take them to the nursery (which will not be staffed). We look forward to seeing you there!
- There will be a **Men's Fellowship breakfast** on January 5, 2025 to plan the Sweetheart Luncheon! Breakfast will be served at 8:15 am SHARP! If you have questions, please contact Peter Robinson.
- **Offering envelopes for 2025** are now available. Deacons, Elders, Choir members, and Staff can find them in your mailboxes; everyone else's will be in the Memorial Room.
- Jess Weber (our new Financial Secretary) is looking for some additional people who can **help count the weekly offering** on a periodic basis. Please email jess@masonpresbyterian.org, or ask Bill for more info.
- If anyone is in need of a **gently-used transporter**, we will have one available after January 1. See Bill for more information.
- There is still an open Sunday for **sanctuary flowers** on June 1, 2025. Please let us know if you would like to donate flowers in memory/honor of a loved one.

- **Welcome to our new staff members** Jessica Tessman (Office Manager), Jess Weber (Financial Secretary), and Le Ji ("Claire") (Choral Worship Accompanist). We are very blessed!
- We continue to receive **applications for an additional musician** who can play the organ and provide service music. Please keep praying!
- **Name tags are back!** We are inviting you to pick up your name tag from the table in the Memorial Room, wear it on Sunday, and then store it in one of the two name tag racks. There is a name tag rack at each of the entrances to the Sanctuary; please store your name tag at the entrance you use more frequently. Please do not return your name tag to the table in the Memorial Room. If you would prefer to use a lanyard rather than a clip, a supply of lanyards is available on the table. For safety reasons, we are not making name tags for anyone under the age of 18. Thank you!
- Please send **submissions for the weekly announcements** and the monthly *Cornerstone* newsletter to Nancy Sue MacDonald at nancy@masonpresbyterian.org. Weekly announcements should be brief.

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Ongoing opportunities

- Join us for **dinner each Wednesday night** at 6:00 pm in the Dining Room! Dinner is open to the whole church and you don't need to bring any food. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated to help cover the food expenses; the cost to hold these dinners has increased. Thank you!
- To join the church's telephone **Prayer Chain**, contact the church office.
- On Wednesdays from 10:15 to about 11:00 am, volunteers pack **sack lunches to be delivered to Advent House**. New helpers are welcome!
- **Prayer Fellowship** is on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel. This is a rich time of guided prayer in company with others. All are welcome.
- **Interested in serving periodically as a liturgist?** Talk to Pastor Bill!
- **Interested in serving periodically as a greeter?** See Jane Hamelink.
- The **choir and bell choir** are always open to new participants, and experience is not required. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings.
- Ladies in the church who like to knit or crochet are welcome to join the **Yarners**, which meet on 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon, via Zoom. They make dish cloths/washcloths for the Christmas baskets; hats, scarves, and headbands for the Coat Drive; and prayer shawls for ailing church members. Contact Mary Torrey for more info.
- **Interested in serving periodically as a communion server?** See Jane Hamelink. In accordance with PC(USA) policy, only members of the church are allowed to serve communion.