

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 5, 2025

- **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.
- **If you need gluten-free bread for communion**, please pick it up from the table at the rear of the sanctuary before worship or during a hymn.

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- The **Adult Sunday School** class will be watching the sixth episode of Season 4 of *The Chosen* this morning at 11:30 am in the library with a brief discussion following. Episode 6: Jesus and the disciples celebrate Hanukkah. Matthew confronts Judas about irregularities, and the festival turns into a fight, then flight. The disciples escape with their lives, but learn a friend hasn't been so lucky.
- Coming in February: A discussion of **The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy** by bestselling author Jim Wallis, the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Chair in Faith and Justice at Georgetown University. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Reminder to All Committees:** At your first meeting of the year, please have a discussion/election about who will chair your committee this year, and report that to Session. Thank you!
- Offering envelopes for 2025 are now available. Deacons, Elders, and Choir members 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 have one available. See Bill for more information.
- **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!
- 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.
- **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!

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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.