



The Chimes



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Scripture for the Month:

Luke 2: 10-11

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

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TRANSITIONING

A word from Pastor Anne Kinard

Don't know if you've noticed, but I arrived during the longest liturgical season of the Church year, Ordinary Time, the season of green. It's a bit ironic to me because it has certainly not been an ordinary time for this congregation at all! Between conflicts and confusion, loss and hurting hearts, you as members and friends are coming through a difficult period. The green actually seems appropriate. Green can stand for healing and growth. I stand in hope that God is working through all of this ordinary time to bring this congregation to a healthy, vibrant, Spirit-filled place in its history. I feel blessed to be a part of this time.

That said, the church year has ended. Again, we are in the midst of Advent, a time of hope and anticipation. In

Advent, we recollect the hope of the coming Christ and look forward to the Lord's coming again. Advent is totally ignored by our culture; making it hard to practice the waiting required. Advent is waiting in hope for the good news of the birth of a new age! How can we just wait in the midst of not only personal changes but also congregational changes? How can we wait in the midst of the busiest time of the year, filled with more and more demands? How can we wait to sing Christmas carols during worship that have been sung already on the radio?

I've learned much about waiting the last few weeks. Waiting for my hospital visit to relieve my migraine pain. Waiting for my body to recover from medications coursing through. Waiting

for my eyes to adjust to light and to be able to read for more than five or ten minutes. Waiting to drive (that is the hardest, I will admit). Patience is not my strong suit. Yet, God is calling me minute by minute to be patient, to wait for my body to reset to what will be a new normal for a while.

Maybe that is what God is calling First Presbyterian to also. Maybe there is a new normal just around the corner: one that includes open, hopeful, and grateful hearts. Let us all pray together for our patience to increase as we await the advent of a new time as experienced in the movement of our Church Year into the coming of the Messiah on Christmas Day!

Peace on Earth,
Anne

Textile Art in Our Church

By Marijohn McKenzie

Our Crismon Tree is beautifully decorated with many handmade ornaments. Each counted thread cross-stitched ornament depicts a "Christian Monogram." There are many crosses. You may see a shell, the emblem of baptism. Look for a cluster of grapes, one

emblem of communion. Can you find a Bible or a crown? Take time to enjoy the love and joy of our Crismon tree. During Advent and Christmas, banners will hang in the sanctuary. The crismos and banners were created by women of this church, with the strong

Leadership and inspiration of Saravee Mangrum. The Madonna and Child textile art, which hangs near the Visitor Information Desk, is a gift of former member, Pat Wilson. Thanks be to God for all those who have shared their time and creative gifts for His Glory.

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**Christmas Cantata Sunday,
Dec. 11th at 6:00PM**

- *Canned Good Donation for Admission
- *Combined Choir and 30-piece Orchestra
- *Invite someone to come with you
- *Light Reception in Fellowship Hall to follow

**CONGREGATIONAL
CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

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| Dec. 7, 14,
and 21 | Advent Study and Potluck
5:30PM in Fellowship Hall |
| Dec. 8 | Session Budget Meeting |
| Dec. 10 | JOY Brunch!
10:00AM in Fellowship Hall |
| Dec. 11 | Christmas Cantata & Reception
6:00PM in Sanctuary
<i>*please bring canned good donation</i> |
| Dec. 13 | Naomi Circle Study and Lunch
10:00AM in Fellowship Hall |
| Dec. 15 | Session Dinner & Examination
of Elected Deacons and Elders
6:00PM in Fellowship Hall |
| Dec. 18 | *Christmas Meal sponsored and
served as a gift from the Scouts
<i>*more details to come in bulletin!!</i> |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Service
7:30PM |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas Day Worship!
10:00AM
<i>Come Celebrate Jesus' Birthday!</i> |

**Christmas Eve
Service
7:30PM**

December Birthdays

~ "Happy Birthday to You!" ~

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| 3 | Gretchen Williamson |
| 6 | Robert Schultz |
| 9 | Gwen Price |
| 11 | Fran Magown |
| 15 | Katresa Durham |
| 16 | Bob McKenzie |
| | Carleen Alderman |
| | Lance Klein |
| 24 | Carol Kilman |
| 31 | John Alderman |