

Those We Are Praying For –December 24th, 2024

Health and Encouragement

Family of Martha Dean Jansen	
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*First time on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month and then be removed unless a request is received to continue on the prayer list. Please help us maintain an-up-to-date prayer list. Notify the church of individuals in the hospital, those who need to be added and when a name can be removed from the list.

Remember Members in Nursing Homes or Retirement Centers

Joan Smith	Martha Garrett	Hazel Brown	Marian Lewis
Ruth Ryter	Norma Hoag		

Please remember those unable to attend, and the following in our Presbytery:

Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village - First, Searcy

Elders

2024 Barbara Allen, Larry Goodsell, Gregg Robbins, Bruce Weidemann

2025 Ron Williams, Liz Larkin, Sheree Miller

2026 Cindy Ford, Pete Leer, Tom Savage, Doug Treptow
Clerk of Session: Jane Webb

Deacons

2024 Ray Sanford, Laura Thompson, Liz Letsch

2025 Diane Stern Phillips, Gwen Blue, Jo Lynn Gergeni, Deborah Robbins, Pat Walker

Thank you for worshipping with us.

Calendar for Dec 24th – Dec 29th, 2024

Tuesday	24th	4:30pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
Wednesday	25th	Merry	Christmas	
Thursday	26th			
Friday	27th			
Saturday	28th	8:30am	Property Committee Meeting	Library
Sunday	29th	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship	Sanctuary

Thank you to those who are aiding us in worship today:

Worship Leader: Pete Leer
Welcome: Phil and Janet Hatfield

CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor: Rev. John Arnold
Accompanist: Ryan Ransdell
Choir Director: Bill Hesse
Financial Secretary: Wayne Williams
Office Manager: Shirley Parham
Custodian: Liz Letsch
FPELC Director: Amanda Kenney



Lessons and Carols

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First Presbyterian Church of Rogers**

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Welcome to FPC of Rogers December 24th, 2024

Bold text is to be read in unison

*Please stand, as you are able. Large Print Bibles are available.
Ask an usher.

Please sign attendance book in the pew
Attendance for 12/22/24 – 51

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: First we heard from Joseph who took hope in the promise of God through the prophet Isaiah. The present of hope is our confidence that God will fulfill God's promises.

All: Praise be to God for the gift of hope found in Jesus.

Leader: Next we heard from Mary how faith is lived out by doing small things with great love.

All: Praise be to God for the gift of the greatest love of all given in Jesus.

Leader: Then we heard from a shepherd about how joy is a gift, that grows as we give it. The present of joy is contagious and inexhaustible.

All: Praise be to God for the gift joy we received in Jesus.

Leader: Lastly, we heard from an angel who proclaimed peace and good will. The gift of peace is the end of fear and the foundation of unity.

All: Praise be to God for the gift of peace made possible in Jesus.

Leader: God sent His hope, love, joy, and peace in His Son Jesus.

All: May our hearts eagerly welcome Him as we celebrate Christmas Eve.

*Hymn #133 O Come All Ye Faithful

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4, The Peaceful Kingdom, Jane Webb

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy ways.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hymn #134 Joy to the World
Verses 1 and 3

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Emily Marie Richardson

SECOND LESSON Luke 1:26-38, The Annunciation, Ron Williams

ANTHEM Mary Did You Know? Mark Lowry and Buddy Green, Arr. Jeffrey Bock

THIRD LESSON Luke 2:1-7, Jesus is Born, Elmer Stimac

Hymn #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:8-14, The Angels Proclaim the Birth, Bill Hesse

Hymn #113 Angels We Have Heard on High

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:17-19, Mary Treasures the Meaning of the Birth, Liz Letsch

ANTHEM Gymnopedie for Christmas Erik Satie
Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11 The Magi Bring Gifts, Tom Savage

Hymn #147 The First Nowell (Verses 1,2,5,6)

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING OFFERTORY Rev. John Arnold

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (See Insert)

CLOSING CAROL

Hymn #122 Silent Night, Holy Night (Verses 1,2 & 3)

**Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven a far,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!"**

**Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

*POSTLUDE

