

Announcements

December Birthdays

Dec 1st - Betheny Nieters, Michael Thomas
Dec 2nd - Judy Eckley
Dec 4th - Donna Holder, Terry Wood
Dec 5th - Mary Reed
Dec 7th - Doug Williams
Dec 11th - Lillian Koehler, Marilyn Montville
Dec 12th - Joyce Skorik
Dec 14th - Nancy Brown, Norma Wheeler
Dec 21st - Bob Wolf
Dec 25th - Lynette Barsness
Dec 31st - Wayne Jones



Cody Cupboard

This Christmas season, the Elders and Deacons would ask for Diapers of all sizes and wet wipes to donate to our Community. Thank You all for your support!



Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be available to purchase for \$17.00 **today** after worship!

Presbyterian Women Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 9 at Noon

Please bring a dish to share. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship.

If you wish, bring a gift for Serenity House (new, gender neutral baby item) or a gift for Toys for Tots (new, unwrapped toy). *Please RSVP to Joyce Skorik or Nancy Horn.*



Congregational Life: Christmas Brunch

Please plan to attend a Christmas brunch following worship service on Sunday, December 10th.

We will say "Welcome back, Pastor Pat and Debbie" with plenty of food and fellowship

December Wednesday Night Dinners

December 6th & December 20th
in Buswell Hall at 5:30pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Kiddo's – December 3rd at 10:30am
- Youth Group – December 3rd at 5:30pm.
Location to be announced. Dinner will be provided.

Save the date!

- What? Study of the book of Daniel for adults
- When? Sunday, January 7th
11:00 to 12:00 after Worship Service
- Where? Church Parlor
- Bring? Your Bible, your questions and your desire to learn more about Daniel



- Pledges create the financial foundation of our church
- Our budget, through pledging, determines the year's activities and our outreach as a church!

Please do not forget to fulfill pledges by the end of 2023!

We have received 68% of the pledged income for 2023

Received	\$172,526
Pledged	<u>\$253,240</u>
Amount Short	(\$80,714)

Thank you!



December 3rd, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent

Praise Music

"Lord, Reign In Me"
"Be Unto Your Name"
"Indescribable"

*Please fill out attendance form
and pass it along your row*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Awake, people of God, and stay alert for Christ's coming.
Grace to you and peace from God who sent Jesus to us.

Make your ways known to us, O God.

Show us once more your awesome presence.

We are all God's people; no one is excluded.

Come together as God's family for worship and prayer.

Let the mountains quake before you, mighty God.

Let the national tremble in awe and reverence.

Praise the One who grants us the gift of life.

Give thanks for God's continuing faithfulness.

Heaven and earth will pass away,

But the Word of God is true for all times and places.

Advent Candle Lighting *Cathy Aardema & Jennifer Chanley*

Unison Advent Prayer

Come, O God, with Your light. Enrich us with spiritual gifts that transcend disappointments, and let your presence spill out of us in generous compassion. Come, O Jesus, and reveal to us again the power and glory that you embody. We anxiously anticipate the impact Your word makes on our lives, and the lives of those we touch. Lord, reign in us, and rule our hearts.

Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *Hymn #2*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Awesome God, we confess the sin of our separation from you. We have blamed you for hiding from us, rather than admitting we have failed to see you in the thousands of ways you are revealing yourself every day. We have not called on you, and we have not listened for your call to us. Without you, we have become tiny islands of self-concern. Our links with the rest of your children are stretched and broken. O God, we long for that loving community in which your reign is acknowledged and your purposes are served. Move us to that place, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

Gloria Patri

Call to Offering

Offertory “Who Is This King?” *Jim McNeill*

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Children’s Time

Hymn “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” *Hymn #308*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 Mark 13:24-37

Sermon “Rumble Strips”
(Mark 13:1-23, 24-27)

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Order of Communion “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Closing Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *Hymn #9*

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude

Ushers: Cathy Aardema & Patti Smith
Music Director: Wendy Corr
Accompanist: Tim Schoessler
Message: Pat Montgomery

Isaiah 64:1-9 (NIV)

¹ Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!
² As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!
³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.
How then can we be saved?
⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷ No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.
⁸ Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

Mark 13:24-37 (NIV)

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress,
“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’
²⁶ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in
clouds with great power and glory.
²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four
winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.
²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get
tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is
near, right at the door.
³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until
all these things have happened.
³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass
away.

The Day and Hour Unknown

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will
come.
³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his
servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one
at the door to keep watch.
³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the
owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at
midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.
³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.
³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

