

## Announcements:

### Congregation Life: ♥ December Birthdays ♥

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

### Middle School and High School Youth Group

On Break until after the New Year, see you in 2023!

### Stewardship, Budget & Personnel: Reminder

Please turn in pledge cards and relief of conscious forms by December 31<sup>st</sup>! Thank you!

### Christian Education: The Study of Proverbs

All are invited to join us in the study of the book of Proverbs starting January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023! Please sign up as soon as possible on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

### Proverbs 9:10

**THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY ONE IS UNDERSTANDING.**

### Worship Committee: Seeking Ushers!

2023 is close at hand! We are looking for volunteers, please be sure to sign up with Cathy Aardema if you are interested in ushering.

### Deacons – Cody Cupboard

We would encourage in December in remembering Jesus' birth, to purchase diapers of all sizes and wet wipes for the little ones in our community to help the Cody Cupboard. Also please continue to add food items of your choice this month.

Blessings to you all!

### Congregational Life: Fellowship and Wednesday Night Meals

Please join us in Buswell Hall after worship today for cookies, coffee and conversation. Please note there will not be a meal Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and no fellowship Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

## 2022

### Committees & Elders

Buildings and Grounds	Dave Kewitt (22) Sean Murray (24)
Clerk of Session	Cathy Aardema
Congregational Life	Nancy Horn (23) Kerry Murphy (24)
Education	Lejean Mitchell (22) Kathy Wormald (24)
Innovation, Mission & Outreach	Patty Brus (22) Betheny Nieters (23)
Stewardship, Budget & Personnel	Michael Thomas (23) Bret Reed (24)
Worship	Jennifer Chanley (22) Jack Atkins (23)

### Board of Deacons

Quincy Sondeno (22) <i>Moderator</i>	Kennedy Corr (22)
Roger Kearns (22)	Bonnie Johnsey (23)
Julie Wilson (23)	Sandi Yager (23)
Janalyn Shultz (24)	Anita Kellerby (24)
Karen Samuels (24)	

### Trustee Officers

*President:* Michael Thomas  
*Vice President:* Dave Kewitt  
*Secretary:* Patty Brus  
*Presbytery Representative:* Lejean Mitchell (Commissioner)

### Nomination Committee

*Elder Representatives:* Lejean Mitchell, Betheny Nieters  
*Deacon Representative:* Quincy Sondeno  
*At Large Representatives:* Mark Fisher, Roy Holm

### First Presbyterian Church, Cody Wyoming


*Sunday Worship Service:* 9:30 am

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December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Come away from times of weariness.

Dare to accept the energy God offers you.

***Restore our energy, O Source of all power.***

***Let your goodness flow through us.***

Come away from all your insignificant distractions.

Dare to let God show you a larger picture.

***Help us to examine the flow of our lives.***

***Reveal to us what is really important.***

Come away from the scorn of enemies.

Dare to laugh with those who have laughed at you.

***Lead us to think of others in new ways.***

***Let us find grace and peace in Emmanuel.***

**Advent Candle Lighting** Susan Cory & Stacey Skoric

**Opening Hymn** “O Come O Come Emmanuel” #10

Unison Prayer of Confession  
**Merciful God, when we sense who you are, we are ashamed. How do you tolerate our pettiness? The abundance you have given us has made us proud more than thankful. We act as if our accomplishments were all our own doing. We seldom acknowledge your generosity or let you rule our lives. We go through the forms or worship, but we try to keep you at a safe distance. We fill our lives with status-producing activity that blocks out your call and limits our response. O God, we need to change. Will you help us? Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Gloria Patri**  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.*

**Presentation of Offering**

**Doxology**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Hymn** “To a Maid Engaged to Joseph” #19

**Children’s Message**

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Message** “Joseph”  
*Matthew 1:1-17    Matthew 2:13-23    Luke 2:41-52  
Matthew 13:53-57*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** “Watchmen Tell Us of the Night” #20

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Ushers: Pat & Betheny Nieters  
Music Director: Wendy Corr  
Music Accompanist: Hayden Thomas  
Message: Pat Montgomery*

**Scripture**

**Matthew 1:18-25, NIV**

**Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son**  
<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.  
<sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.  
<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.  
<sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”  
<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:  
<sup>23</sup> “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).  
<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.  
<sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

**Congregational Meeting**  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 after worship in the Sanctuary  
Meeting to receive a report from the Nominating Committee

**Announcements:**



**Church Blood Drive**

We need your help. Please Donate!  
Friday, January 6, 2023  
from 10am until 1:15pm in Buswell Hall  
Call Lisa Heimer 307-250-4934 for an appointment or to provide cookies or snacks  
You can also find out about donating or make an appointment online at vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825.

**Committee Chairs: Annual Reports**  
Please turn in Committee Annual Reports no later than:  
**December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

**Reminder!**

Sunday school is out for Christmas break until January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

See you then!