

## Announcements

### 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>	Mary Reed
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Williams
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sugar Koehler, Marilyn Montville
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Skoric
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Brown, Norma Wheeler
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Burgin
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Wolf
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lynette Barsness
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wayne Jones



### CODY CUPBOARD

December Items needed below:



Diaper Dash! For the month of December, please buy all sizes of diapers and wet wipes! Thank you!

### Reminder: Annual Reports

Committee Annual Reports are due by  
December 31st, 2024!  
Please email to church office.  
Thank you!

### Christian Education – Children’s Sunday School

Next meeting is January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025!

### Adult Sunday School

No Adult Sunday School for the remainder of 2024.

## 2024 Elders

Building & Grounds	Dave Kewitt (25) Dennis Spargur (24)
Clerk of Session	Cathy Aardema
Congregational Life	Susan Cory (25) Kerry Murphy (24)
Education	Kathy Wormald (24) Jacque Nielsen (26)
Innovation, Mission & Outreach	Betheny Nieters (26) Tyler Henry (25)
Stewardship, Budget & Personnel	Michael Thomas (26) Bret Reed (24)
Worship	Fred Hynek (25) Jan Jones (26)

## 2024 Board of Deacons

Karen Samuels (24) – Moderator

Janalyn Shutlz (24)	Anita Kellerby (24)
Mackenzie Scott (25)	Jeff McWilliams (25)
Coletta Kewitt (25)	Julie Wilson (26)
Charisse Childress (26)	Mary Mellinger (26)

### First Presbyterian Church, Cody Wyoming

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 am

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2025 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Cody, Wyoming

Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30am – 1:30pm

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**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**



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

### Praise Music

“Honey In the Rock”  
“Lord, Reign In Me”  
“How Great Is Our God”

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship

Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust.  
Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

**God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress.**

**God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.**

Hope in God, who has created you.

Open yourself to the one who knows you well.

**God accepts us, even when people do not.**

**God affirms us, even when we fail.**

Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them.

God’s Word of love is ours to proclaim.

**We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith.**

**We are here to worship the God who empowers us.**

**Advent Candle Lighting** *Kent & Mary Dyer*

**Choir Anthem** “And the Word Was Made Flesh”

Invocation

God of love, in whose name we have been consecrated for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour, that we may grow in knowledge and actions. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope, and love. Expand our horizons to encompass ideas we have not entertained before. Open our hearts to people we have failed to welcome into our midst. Perfect among us that childlike trust that allows change to transform us in the presence of your love. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Hymn #376

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves, but we have not believed this. You care about us even when we do not love ourselves, but it has been hard for us to understand that this is true. We see so dimly and hear your Word so faintly that we doubt your truth. We dare not trust the prophets or risk the cost of discipleship. We are afraid to believe, hope, and endure when there is suffering all around us. O God, grant us courage to change, to follow Jesus in spite of ridicule and rejection. Yet keep us from insisting on our own way, which may not be your way. 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

Baptism Sarah Nielsen

Receiving of New Members

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn “What Child Is This” Hymn #53

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon “Love...Putting the Ways of Childhood Behind”  
Supplemental Scripture: John 3:16-21 1 John 4:7-21

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” Hymn #1

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Ushers: Jacque Nielsen & Jan Jones  
Music Director: Wendy Corr  
Accompanist/Choir Director: Tim Schoessler  
Message: Pat Montgomery

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.  
<sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.  
<sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.  
<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.  
<sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.  
<sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.  
<sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.  
<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.  
<sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part,  
<sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.  
<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.  
<sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.  
<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 John 4:7-12 (NIV)

God’s Love and Ours

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.  
<sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.  
<sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.  
<sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.  
<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.  
<sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Upcoming Events

TODAY!

Christmas Celebration Brunch, Baptism  
& New Member Celebration  
immediately following Worship Service  
in Buswell Hall.

Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

Tea Party with Debbie Montgomery,  
Buswell Hall 10:00am.  
Contact Peggy Farman or Vieuene  
Revolinski with questions.

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

Retirement Party for Pat & Debbie  
Montgomery, immediately following  
Worship Service in Buswell Hall. Potluck  
(No Sign-Up) Contact Michael Thomas  
or Kerry Murphy with questions.