

## 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

Next meet is December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Meet at Christ Episcopal Church  
Dinner will be provided. See you there!  
**Break after December 11<sup>th</sup> until the New Year**

### Stewardship, Budget & Personnel: Reminder

Please turn in pledge cards as soon as possible!  
Thank you!

### Congregational Life: Christmas Celebration!

Next Sunday - Plan to attend a Christmas Celebration following worship. We'll have fellowship, music and brunch. Following our meal a 40 minute movie *The Messengers*, from the series *The Chosen* will be shown.

### Christian Education: Christmas Program

All Children of the Church are welcome to participate in the Christmas Service next Sunday.  
Please contact Kathy Wormald for more information!

### 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!

*The Nursery is available for individual use during the Service! While the Nursery is not staffed, parents can view the Service in the Nursery live via streaming.*

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Rejoice together, people of God.

Let all the earth praise our Creator.

***We have gathered to honor our God.***

***In awe and reverence, we seek God's Word.***

Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you.

Let each other know of Christ's presence.

***Surely Christ has come to change us.***

***Christ is coming still to redirect us.***

This is a time to take delight in the Spirit.

This is the hour to seek knowledge and counsel.

***We are ready to learn what the Spirit teaches.***

***We are awakening to the Spirit's gifts.***

**Advent Candle Lighting** Anita Kellerby & Karen Samuels

**Opening Hymn** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #9

Unison Prayer of Confession  
**Awesome God, we have disregarded your Word, failing to inquire after your will for us. We have ignored the needy, defended our advantages, and neglected our prayers. We have not appreciated or witnessed to your sustaining love. Instead we destroy the resources of the earth with little regard for those who follow us. We value our prosperity more than the harmony you envision for your people. O God, we do not like ourselves this way. Deliver us, we pray. 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.*

**Choir** “A Father’s Love, A Perfect Rose”

**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.*

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” #10

**Scripture:** Matthew 3:1-12

**Message** “The Hard Truth”

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

**The Apostles Creed**

**Order of Communion**

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

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

## Scripture

### Matthew 3:1-12, NIV

#### John the Baptist Prepares the Way

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea  
<sup>2</sup> and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”  
<sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”  
<sup>4</sup> John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.  
<sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.  
<sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.  
<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?  
<sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.  
<sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.  
<sup>10</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.  
<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with-water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with-the Holy Spirit and fire.  
<sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

## The Apostles Creed

 believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

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