

Announcements:

Congregation Life: ♥ December Birthdays ♥

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

Christian Education: The Study of Proverbs

All are invited to join us in the study of the book of Proverbs starting January 8th, 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.

Congregational Life: No Fellowship

Please note there will not be fellowship Christmas Day or New Year's Day following the service.

Committee Chairs: Annual Reports

Please turn in Committee Annual Reports no later than: **December 31st, 2021.**

Christian Education: Sunday School

Sunday school will Resume on January 8th, 2023, See you then!

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 25th, 2022
Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

A Savior has appeared in a Bethlehem manger.
Hurry to receive God's loving-kindness.

Our God has called us a holy people.

God has gathered us to redeem us.

This is a time for renewal and rebirth.

Dare to embrace the hope of eternal life.

Light is dawning; glory is revealed.

Rejoice and give thanks to our God.

Let God's healing grace transform you.

Receive the salvation God has promised.

We have come to receive God's gifts.

We have come to worship and praise our God.

Opening Hymn "Joy to the World" #40

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we have been too busy to pray and too proud to kneel. We are skeptics in a skeptical age. Yet, we are drawn to the birth of a child. We are inspired by the song of angels. We are challenged by the responsive faithfulness of shepherds. Have mercy on us and help us to put all our concerns in the new perspective of your constant presence and unfailing care. 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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Gospel Luke 1:11-17 (Zechariah)

Hymn “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” #28

Gospel Luke 1:26-33 (Mary)

Hymn “What Child is This?” #53

Gospel Matthew 1:18-21 (Joseph)

Hymn “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” #38

Gospel Luke 2:8-14 (Shepherds)

Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” #23

Message “Do Not Be Afraid”

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn “Away in a Manger” #24

Benediction

Postlude

Scriptures

Luke 1:11-17

¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.

¹³ But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.

¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth,

¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.

¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.

¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:26-33

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,

²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.

²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

Matthew 1:18-21

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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.

²¹ 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.”

Luke 2:8-12

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Ushers: The Thomas Family

Music Director: Wendy Corr

Music Accompanist & Choir Director: Tim Schoessler

Message: Pat Montgomery

Congregational Meeting

January 1st, 2023 after worship in the Sanctuary

Meeting to receive a report from the Nominating Committee

Important Dates:

Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons:

Sunday - January 8th, 2023 during Worship Service

Please contact Pat Montgomery if you are unable to attend.

New Elder Retreat (Mandatory):

Saturday – January 21st, 2023 8:00am – 5:00pm

Please contact Pat Montgomery if you are unable to attend.

Church Blood Drive

We need your help. Please Donate!

Friday, January 6, 2023

10:00am - 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.