

This week @ FPCA

PRESCHOOL CLOSED December 19 thru January 1st

Sunday 12/25

11:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.

Worship in Sanctuary
PCGRC

Monday 12/26

Church Office Closed

Information for the January 8th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carl Carpenter, Crystal Castaneda, Kevin Chin, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Dorothy Curtis, Ted Dysart, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Nadine Freeman, Lila Glenn, David Goff, Susan Graham, Dick Haney, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Brandon Hay, Bill Hayden, Doyle Malone, Allen Miller, Mary Ellen Miller, Pat Mingle, Barbara Mooers, Kathleen Moore, Ruth Moore, Bill Moulton, Bill Olsen, Jim L. Quick, Albert Ross, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Al Smithson, Bob Spriggs, Brooks and Connie Taylor, BJ Thomas, Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Donna Vickers, Jessica Villarreal, Mary Jane Wright

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Aaron Alonso, Sean Ansley, Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Jack Murtha, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Rich McDermott at the church office 817-274-8286 or his cell phone: 970-218-3689.

For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at juanicey@gmail.com or 817-794-5626.



The Six Great Ends of the Church

Beginning January 8, 2017, Pastor Rich will be both preaching and teaching a new series on "The Six Great Ends [or Purposes] of the Church." The Class will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM for six weeks, and includes a DVD video with a variety of Presbyterian leaders from around the country. The sermons will follow the same topics. The Six Great Ends have guided American Presbyterians for over 100 years.

The preaching and teaching topics are:

Jan. 8: Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind;

Jan. 15: Shelter, Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God;

Jan. 22: Maintenance of Divine Worship;

Jan. 29: Preservation of the Truth;

Feb. 5: Promotion of Social Righteousness;

Feb. 12: Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World.

Mark your calendars and join us for this important series of classes and sermons that will challenge us to a broader view of our mission as Jesus' followers.

The Mitten Tree

As winter arrives, remember the people who do not have basic necessities to keep them warm. During the month of December, the congregation can extend the joy of sharing by bringing mittens, gloves, hats, new socks and underwear, books, games, small toys and other gifts to be placed on the Mitten Tree. These items will be given to children and adults who need them this winter at the Life Shelter and Arlington Charities. This year the need is greater than ever!

The Mitten Tree is located in the hall across from the crosses, or you can place items in the SOS boxes. As always, the

Mission and Evangelism Team thanks you for all your wonderful support in helping in our local outreach to the community.

The Dove Tree

The Dove Tree is in the Westminster Hall. Each dove will have a name and address of one of our home bound members. Advent is a great time for us to spread love to those who cannot get out easily. Please take a dove from the tree and visit one of our home bound.

A small gift, a card, a poinsettia, etc. will brighten their holiday season and you will be blessed in return.

Annual Leaf Raking Party

The All-Church Work Day/Annual Leaf Raking Party (weather permitting) will be on Saturday, January 21st at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Bags will be provided.

Please bring your own rake! Come join us in this fun time.

December Special Offerings

A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of four special offerings supported by our church. Three of these are designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need.

The receipts from the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed equally to 1) the Board of Pensions for The Assistance Program, a means to provide financial assistance for current and retired church workers in need; and 2) the National Ministries of the General Assembly Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic education and leadership development. To view a brief video about the Christmas Joy Offering, visit www.pcusa.org/cjoyoffering.

Also, continuing a local tradition of many years, all offerings (except for those otherwise designated) received at our Christmas Eve services at FPCA will go to benefit the wonderful ministry of Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS). To find out more about PCHAS, visit www.pchas.org.

Offering envelopes for the Joy Offering can be found outside the Sanctuary and Chapel.