



The poinsettias
adorning the Sanctuary
today are given ...

*In loving memory of our son-in-law,
Brian Estess
by Billy Scott & Jeannie Blackwelder
*In loving memory of our dear friend,
Callie Ponders
by Chandler, Anna & Ben Erwin
*In honor of the FPC Youth Leaders
by Chandler, Anna & Ben Erwin
*In honor of my grandparents,
Deborah and Greg Moore
by Ben Erwin
*In gratitude for the gift of my family -
Waring, Mary Grace, Drew, and Alex & Kayla
by Laurin Porter
*In honor of our Youth Leaders
and their dedication
to the Lord's call to care for our students
by The LeGoff Family
*In loving memory of Callie Ponders,
and our uncles, Dr. Jim Jackson
and Dr. Charles Hebert
by Kevin, Morgan, Eleanor & John Francis Williams
*In honor of our YouthHouse Leaders,
who pour into our children
and help them grow in their faith
by Wesley & Tara Mathis
*In loving memory of Peyton Houchins
& our precious grandparents,
David & Gee Gee Palmer and Erst & Velma Long
by The Carmichiel Family
*In loving memory of Bruce Dillingham, Jr.
and Bailey Williams
by Sallie Kate, Robert, Mimi, Trey
& Kate Walker Williams
*In honor of our children
Scarlett, Tripp, and Charlie
by Holland & Caitlin Yeates
*In honor of our Prayer Warriors, Jenny Biggers
and Betty Knight
by Scarlett, Tripp & Charlie Yeates
*In honor of Judy Mattox and Janet Orman
by Jennifer, John & William Orman
*In loving memory of John Orman & Ladron Mattox
by Jennifer, John & William Orman

*In loving memory of my daughters,
Carol Ann Gaines & Mary Margaret Franks
by Shirley Gaines
*In honor of my Prayer Friend, Mollie Worsham
and her big sister, Joan
by Sally Sharlow
*In loving memory of Hank Worsham
by Debbie Worsham
*In honor of our grandchildren,
Jackson and Charlotte Bauer
by Beth and Scott Bauer
*In honor of our parents,
William & Sue Jones and Bill & Sarah Lacey
by Frank and Jennifer Lacey
*In loving memory of "Gee" Sue Rice,
*In loving memory of "Nonnie" Nancy Smith,
*In loving memory of "Gigi" Orma R. Smith, Jr.,
*In loving memory of "Granddaddy" Adian Warren,
by Terre & Orma Smith
*In honor of our daughters, Joan and Mollie
by Jordan & Hayden Worsham
*In honor of our grandchildren,
Hayes and Cora Carlisle & Catherine and Lily Smith
by Randy & Dianne Lambert
*In loving memory of Callie Ponders
by Lynn Ponders & Alysa Wilbanks
*In honor of Brett & Kimberly Grantham
by The Mazurkiewicz Family
*In honor of Mike and Shirley McClamroch
by The Mazurkiewicz Family
*In honor of our Sanctuary Choir
and the beautiful performances they give each week
by Christian & Katty Albarracin
*In honor of our Prayer Angels,
Bubba Harrell, Waring Porter, and Cindy Vann
by Christian, Pierce & Clay Albarracin
*In loving memory of Callie Ponders
by Randy & Vickie Essary
*In honor of our children,
Annie and Shep McQueen
by Noah & Sara McQueen
*In honor of our Prayer Angels,
Kelli Harrell and Terri Foropoulos
by Landon & Peyton Thomas
*In loving memory of Dick Atkins
by The Pratt Family
*In loving memory of Pete & Craig Pratt
by The Pratt Family
*In honor of the The Porter Family
by The Sexton Family

First Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
4:30 p.m.

Call to Meditation John 1:9

“The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.”

The Prelude

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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.” Isaiah 9:2

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 130:5-7; Joel 2:1

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his Word I hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

Congregation: *There is no darkness with you, O Lord.*

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.

Congregation: *There is no darkness with you, O Lord.*

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: *There is no darkness with you, O Lord.*

Leader: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand.
Come, let us worship God.

***The Hymn:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 123

The Old Testament Prophetic Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

***The Hymn of Response:** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” No. 133

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

***Invocation & The Lord’s Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Children’s Christmas Meditation: Brett Grantham

The Offering: *The offering will be given in its’ entirety to the FPC Deacon’s Fund.
The Deacon’s Fund is used to provide assistance to the needy in our community.*

Prayer of Dedication

The Song of Meditation: “O Holy Night” Solo - Jan Pike

Christmas Meditation: “CHRIST IS ... Divine Love” Rev. Waring Porter

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession:

Holy Father, who sent Your one and only Son to bear the sin of the world and to bring life and light to sinners far and wide, we confess our need of Your gracious and forgiving love, for we have violated Your commandments by our thoughts, words, and deeds, and we are without excuse. On this holy night, we cast our sins upon Jesus and pray that You would heal us of our guilt and shame and of our wandering hearts, that we may serve You with glad obedience, to the everlasting glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 1:21

“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.”

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

Partaking of the Bread & Cup

Lighting of the Christ Candle

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Candlelight Ceremony

***Hymn of Christ’s Birth:** “Silent Night! Holy Night!” No. 147

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Joy:** “Joy to the World!” (vv.1,4) No. 125

***Benediction**

***The Postlude**

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*The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
is led each year by our college students.*

*Merry Christmas*