

Due to the current spike of **COVID-19 cases
in our area, the Session has decided to
hold virtual worship only at this time.**

**Join our live-streamed service on Youtube
every Sunday at 11:00am, or listen on the
radio at AM1440/97.3FM.**

**If you have any questions about getting
connected, contact the Church Office**

Monday-Thursday 9:30-3:30

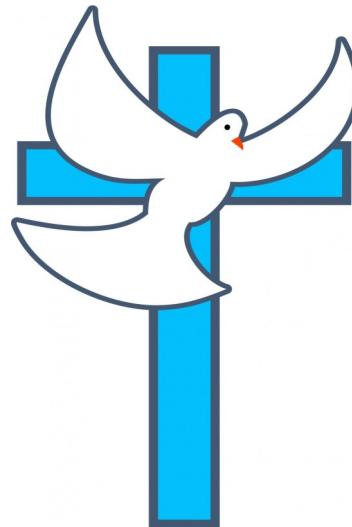
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A Poem after Christmas:

“When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.”

- Howard Thurman



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God's Children, historically and intentionally diverse, daily sent on Christ's mission of love and grace

A Note from the Pastor:

There is something exciting about opening a new calendar. Despite all the jokes about how useful it was (*or not!*) in 2020, I've begun my 2021 planner, and it was thrilling to turn the pages and see clean, empty boxes. I know that some of these days will be good, and some will be hard; some of these squares will end up with scratched-through plans and others will get little colorful checkmarks. But right now, they're just white blank spaces, representing nothing but possibilities.

In some ways, turning the calendar is an arbitrary event. Our experience of reality doesn't magically change on January 1st. But it is amazing what a feeling of hope and expectation can do to our attitudes.

I pray we are able to feel the excitement of a new year and carry it forward into our work, and I pray that God will continue to bless us all in the fresh possibilities 2021 brings.

Rev. Maggie Rust



Want to go deeper?

Reflection questions on the previous day's sermon text are available each Monday on our Church Website. Checkout FPC News at firstpresblfd.org!

Jesus Calling—Morning Devotional Group

Join the Perkinsons for a brief time of morning devotion & prayer, every Tuesday at 9:00am on Zoom! Contact Sharon to be added to the list.



Sunday Evening Zoom Gathering

Every Sunday evening we gather on Zoom at 6:00pm for an hour of Christian Education, followed by Vesper Prayers at 7.

Upcoming Meetings:

Jan. 12—Stewardship Meeting on Zoom at 6:30pm

Jan. 13—Session on Zoom at 6:30pm

Jan. 14—Property & Personnel Meeting on Zoom at 6:30pm

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our members: Eleanor Kensinger, Betty Bailey, Randy Snider, Zella Denham, Betty Kincaid, Jimbo Godwin, Carolyn Neale, Lois Mustard, Carole Dodson, Terry Dodson, Kathy Kennedy, Suzanne Compton, Linnie Hammonds, Dolly Hager, Robert Perry, Liz Ann Boykin, Eddie & Billie Boyd, Sarah Murphy and Tokita Webb

Others for whom prayer is requested: James Perkinson, Mick Chambers, Paul & Teresa Dodson, Kevin Roberts, The Legg Family, The Harry Family, The Robinson/Jose Families, Harry & Betty White, Margarette Joplin, Emily Broome, Nancy Baker, Debbie Blaskowski, Johnny Snelling, Tom Schaffer, Mark Pafford, Jack Sarver, Don Kennedy, David Hammond, Paul Anderson, Cooper Jewell, Shirley Steward, Pat Smith, Jonathan Murphy, Dean Farmer, Kellie Cox, Janet Slager, Maxine Stevenson, Suzanne Peery, The Family of Stacy Harris, Pam Murphy, Maggie Jo Murphy, David Nentarz, The Nentarz Family, Jason Blevins, Holly Matney, Zac Carter, Marlene Smith, Andrew Brewer, Rosemarie Dixon and Roy Lee Boyd

REMINDER: If you have an addition for the February Newsletter, please have it to the church office by **January 20**. Announcements or changes to the prayer list for Sunday's bulletin are due to the church office by Wednesday at 11am.

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