

IN OUR PRAYERS

Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey's dad), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, John Davis, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo's friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats' aunt), Bently Carver (son of a friend of James Lawson), Alston Gordon (Henry Gordon's brother)

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND JOY GIFT LUNCHEON

Thank you to our choir, and their fearless leader Nita McMillan for an amazing morning of worship! The cantata was beautiful and such a wonderful way to celebrate this season of joy! Many thanks to Presbyterian Women and all who prepared food for our annual Joy lunch! What a gift it was to worship and fellowship together!

2024 Bibles

The church has purchased a Bible in the New King James Version for each family to read through the Bible in a year together again in 2024! Be sure to pick one up from the hallway before the new year is here!

We will also have a pizza lunch on Sunday, January 21st after worship to share some of our highlights of reading through the Bible together! Please let Rev. Audrey know if you plan on attending!

JOY GIFT OFFERING

During the Advent season, we will be collecting for the Joy Gift offering. Please check out the bulletin insert and bulletin board to learn more about this most worthy mission project. Make checks payable to WPC and memo "JOY". God bless your most generous giving!

SESSION

Clerk: Kim Burden

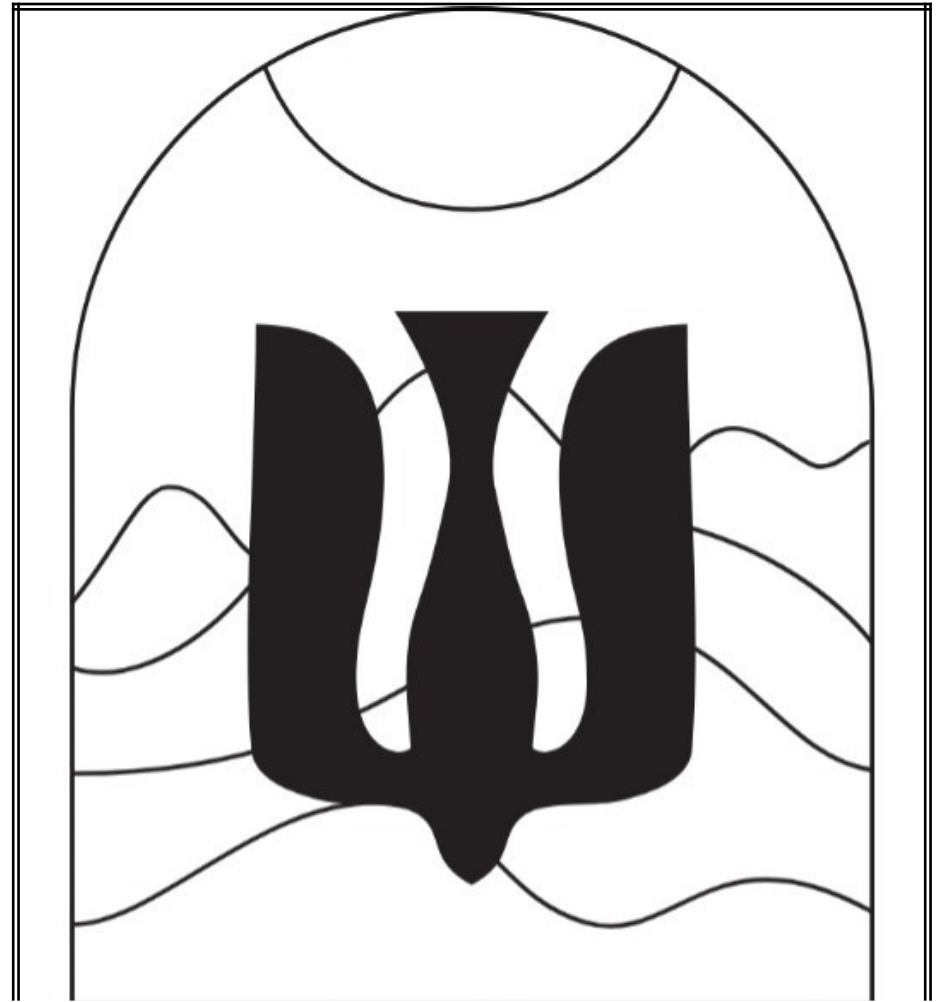
Mission/Outreach: Nita McMillan

Christian Faith & Development: Debbie Therriault

Property: John Merritt

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath.....Debbie Therriault and Katie Stasko

Advent Song: *Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We're going to see the King!*

Minute for Missions:.....Nita McMillan

***Hymn 133:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful".....Wade

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Merciful God, always with us, always coming, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for Your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of Your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God.

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask You to make us ready for his coming, in Jesus' Holy name we pray.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Baptism and Reception of New Members by Affirmation of Faith

***Gloria Patri** (*The Glory to God Hymnal, p. 581*)

***Hymn 486:** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise".....Copes

THE WORD

Anthem: "Mary, How Could You Have Known?".....Albrecht
Joey Roeder, Soloist

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture: Revelation 2:1-4

Sermon: "The Throne, the Altar, and the Sea of Glass"Rev. Reese

Prayers of The People and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory:

***Doxology** (*The Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606*)

SENDING

***Hymn 92:** "While We Are Waiting, Come".....Cason

Benediction

UPCOMING SERMON: Join us this evening for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion! The service will be lessons and carols, and will begin at 7:00 PM. All are welcome, so bring your family!

Next Sunday, December 31st, Rev. Mel Davis will be preaching as we celebrate the end of the year and prepare to begin a New Year!