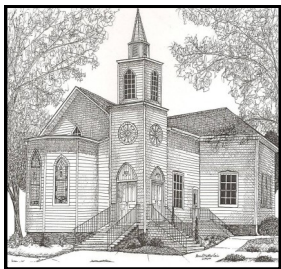


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We are so blessed to have a loving and caring church family here at WPC! If you would like to be a part of this family, we would LOVE to have you! You are only a visitor once at WPC! There are so many offerings of service through our church. There is one for YOU! God bless you and keep you today and throughout the coming new year!



FROM THE PASTOR



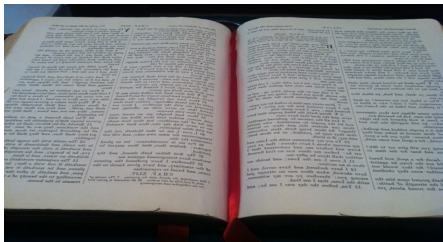
“Arise, shine, for your light has come. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” ~Isaiah 60:1.

Happy New Year, friends! And this year, we get to say “Happy New Decade!” We bid farewell to the decade of the ’10’s, and welcome in the decade of the ’20s. It amazes me that my maternal grandmother, who most of you know we call MeeMa, has seen nearly a century of life, being born in 1921. I often wonder how she experiences all of the change her life has seen. She has seen automobiles, radios, telephones, and televisions transcend from being rarely available to standard material things that are found in nearly every home, and then the dawn of the digital age. Folks who have lived through the 20th century into the early part of the 21st century have seen enormous shifts in the economy, industry, and commerce. They have lived through both the Great Depression and the Recession of 2008. They have seen the church shift from the center of the family’s weekly routine and universe, to the sidelines, at the very best.

And yet, we are given these words that we should stand up, for our light has come. Epiphany reminds us that the light of the world cannot be put out. Epiphany reminds us that that light burns within each of us, and gives us a new and radiant vision of what is to come. The prophetic words of Isaiah chapter 60 come to a people in darkness, a people that need the hope of Epiphany, of light to come.

As we enter this new decade together, let us take some time to see where God is calling each of us to shine light into the darkness. What is that new and radiant vision that God has provided? Let us bow in worship together, serve together, and offer the light of hope to those in need. I am grateful to God for each and every one of you, and look forward to a year full of opportunities to be the hands and feet, the heart and soul, of our Lord Jesus Christ together.

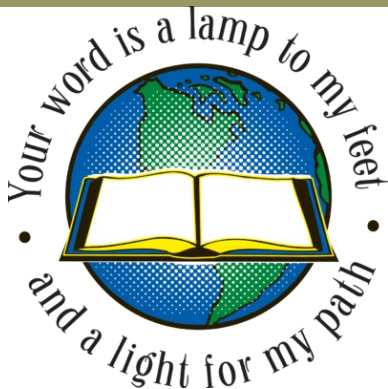
Blessings,
Rev. Audrey



JANUARY SERMONS

- 5: “This is 2020” John 1:10-18
- 12: “This is My Beloved” Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:13-17
- 19: “This is the Lamb of God!” Psalm 40:1-11 and John 1:29-42
- 26: “This is Discipleship” Isaiah 9:1-4 and Matthew 4:12-23

We will celebrate Holy Communion on January 26th during the morning worship hour.



Join us for SUNDAY SCHOOL!!! 10 am. You will receive a blessing!! We offer a traditional class that meets in the choir room behind the sanctuary and also a class that meets in the Session room for prayer concerns and fellowship. Come join us for fun and fellowship as we study God’s Word!





TREASURER’S REPORT

Nov receipts: \$ 10,276.20
expenses 13,922.29
- 3,646.09

YTD receipts \$ 129,433.53
expenses 123,330.45
+ 6,103.08



Your giving to WPC directly affects the ministry and programs of our church. We are grateful for all that you give in your time, talents and money!

January Flowers

1/5	Poinsettias
1/12	Nita McMillan
1/19	Shepherd Chuites
1/26	Debbie Thrift



PW WOMEN’S RETREAT

Retreat planners need your RSVP by **January 5.**

If you plan to attend, please let Nancy Johnston know by replying by email or call her cell: 832 656 3086.



Presbyterian Women's Retreat
January 18
9:30 - 2:30
Speaker: Rev. Audrey Hartness Reese
Topic: *Say Yes!*
Fort Hill Presbyterian Church
101 Edgewood Avenue
Clemson, SC
Bring \$20.00 to cover the cost of the catered lunch. Carpools will be coordinated from Westminster. **Don’t miss this very special event!!**



Warm up with some soup and some fun with your friends as we quiz ourselves on important Biblical people, places, and events! Don't miss this opportunity to share your Bible Knowledge!
January 22 5pm-7pm
Gossett Hall

Presbyterian Women Circles



Don’t miss our Circle Meetings! Morning Circle will meet at 10 am and Evening Circle will meet at 5:30 pm. If you have not joined a circle, this is the time! We would love to have you! Morning circle continues their Bible study with Max Lucado’s Book of Mark and the Evening circle will begin our Max Lucado’s Book of Luke!
Come be a part of a wonderful circle of sisters in Christ!

MEET AT THE TABLE

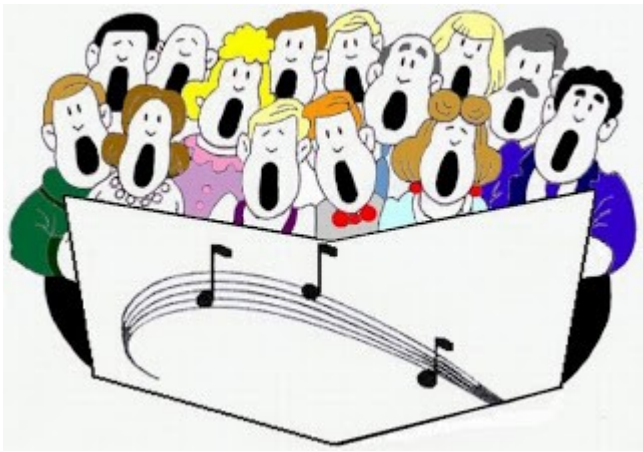


Join us the third Sunday of each month, before and after Sunday School, for a time of fellowship coffee, and donuts! Get to know your friends in Christ!

Adult Choir

THANK YOU TO OUR AWESOME CHOIR, NARRATORS AND ANGELS FOR A WONDERFUL CANTATA!

A few weeks of rest for our choir is in order! We will rehearse as needed after worship. We will begin rehearsing for the Easter cantata soon! Thank you for your service to our church in giving your gift of music!



Thank you to our small but mighty Church!!



Thank you so much for all the school supplies collected by our wonderful congregation for the students at Westminster Elementary! The teachers were overjoyed with your thoughtfulness! All of them said the same, “Everybody thinks of us at the beginning of school, but this is when we truly need the supplies!”





JANUARY CALENDAR DATES

Service or Ordination and Installation: January 5th
PW Circles: January 6th
Dot's Kitchen: January 2nd and 8th
PW Women's Retreat: January 18th
Bible Jeopardy: January 22nd
Church-wide Breakfast: January 26th
Holy Communion: January 26th
Session Minutes due: January 8th
Session Meeting: January 12th at 2 pm



WPC VISITATION TEAM

Our visitation team continues to be a blessing! .If you would like to join our team of servants, please contact Martha Brancazio.



Working at Dot's Kitchen!

We had a great time filling grocery bags with lots of goodies for our clients at Dot's Kitchen! We are so proud to support this worthy mission in the giving of our time, talents and money. Many thanks to all of the volunteers that make Dot's Kitchen a standout ministry in our community! God bless you all!



We had a lovely visit with Nancy Dougherty and Diana Malcolm at Foothills during December. Rev. Audrey preached at Vespers and afterward we had the opportunity to look at all the beautiful decorations and even got to see the Dougherty train ride the rails around the tree for it's 91st year. What a Christmas Blessing!



Praying for You

Imogene Giles
Ruth Payne
Kathy Darnell
Mary Frances Mabry
Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother)
Nancy Dougherty

