

Lectionary for December

December 3: Isaiah 64:1–9 Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 Mark 13:24–37

December 10: Isaiah 40:1–11 Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13 2 Peter 3:8–15a Mark 1:1–8

December 17: Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b–55 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 John 1:6–8, 19–28

December 24: 2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16 Luke 1:46b–55 or Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26 Romans 16:25–27 Luke 1:26–38

December 24, Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9:2–7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11–14 Luke 2:1–14 [15–20]

December 25, Christmas Day: Isaiah 52:7–10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1–4 [5–12] John 1:1–14

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Pete Brucker
Elizabeth Rousseau
Jim Neumann
Myrtle Zietz

Alice Briggs
Scott Rousseau
Winnie Bingham



PRAYERS

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Join us on Christmas Eve for Services of Lessons and Carols

5:00pm & 7:30pm

The 5:00pm service is more family oriented.
Nursery care is available for all services through age 3.

Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering supports the work of Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and also provides supplemental income and medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families. The Christmas Joy Offering will be received on December 17.



Christmas Drama – December 10

Come One! Come All! To the Christmas Drama on Sunday, December 10. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ with music and drama. This joyful service is a great time to invite friends and relatives to join you! Hope to see you on December 10!



Baked Goods Needed



Following our Christmas drama on December 10, we will gather for refreshments, fellowship and a chance to thank the wonderful cast and crew. We would like to have special goodies for this fellowship gathering. If you are able to contribute cookies, muffins, or rolls, please bring them to Fellowship Hall that morning. Thank you for helping!

Children in the Christmas Drama



The children will rehearse in the sanctuary immediately after Sunday school on Sunday, December 3. Please plan to pick them up in the sanctuary that day. On the day of the drama, December 10, please bring your children to the kindergarten Sunday school room by 9:15am. The children will sit together as a group and watch the drama until it is time for their scene. After the drama is over please help your child get out of their costume before they go to fellowship time. Thanks so much for all your help!



Scrip for Christmas!

Finish your Christmas shopping early with gift cards. We are going to place Scrip orders the first three Sundays of this month: December 1, 10 & 17. Your order is typically in the office on the Wednesday after the order date. Place an order for almost any retailer in the area or we have any of these cards available right now in the office:

Applebee's \$25

Goodrich Theaters \$10

Meijer \$25/\$50/\$100

Speedway \$100

Walmart \$25/\$100

Red Lobster/Olive Garden \$25

Kohls \$25

Logan's Roadhouse \$25

Panera Bread \$10/\$25

Taco Bell \$10

Wendy's \$10



Poinsettias

We will decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special, please sign up and pay in the office. The deadline to order is December 10. The poinsettias are \$10.00 each and you can take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve services.

2nd @ Second Adult Education



We are continuing our study of world religions this month and will finish up studying Islam in January. There will be no class on December 10, December 24, and December 31.



For Those in Need

If you know of a family in the church that could use extra help this Christmastime, please let Jim Neumann know. We have helped with Consumer's Energy gift certificates, toys, clothing and food when we know of the need. Christmastime is a great time to show our generosity.

Saginaw Area Concert Band



The Saginaw Area Concert Band will give a Christmas concert here on Monday, December 4, at 7:00pm. Come and enjoy this great music and these local performers. Be sure to stay after the concert for a reception in Fellowship Hall.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to join in on Saturday, December 2, for breakfast then Bible study. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church, and we will continue our study of the Acts of the Apostles. This month's study begins at Acts 7:54. Come and join us for breakfast, study and fellowship!

Florence Gilmour Circle



Florence Gilmour Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 13, at 10:30 a.m. to put together Christmas plates for those that can't get to church. After we are done we will have lunch at the Horizon Center.



Busy Hands and Hearts

The Busy Hands and Hearts group reaches out to our community by making lap quilts, hats, mittens and other items for local shelters. We meet on Monday, December 4, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. We can always use more help!

Liturgists and Advent Wreath Lighters



During Advent we need both a liturgist and a candle lighter on Sunday mornings. We need two or more people or a family to do that. The signup sheets are in the gathering area.

Youth Christmas Party

PYG Christmas party will be Sunday, December 17, from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Dinner will be provided. We will celebrate the True Reason for the Season! Bring a warm jacket, hat, gloves and boots! We will also have a White Elephant gift exchange and if you want to participate bring a \$5 gift. Let DJ, Becca or Tammi know if you have questions.



Youth Events

Sunday, December 3 – PYG 10:45am to noon

Sunday, December 10 – PYG 10:45am to noon

Sunday, December 17 – Youth Christmas Party! 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Watch your bulletins and emails for details

Sunday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 - No PYG. Enjoy your Christmas Break and the time with family and friends!
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



2017 End of Year Contributions

The IRS requires that donors must deliver or mail and postmark checks on or by December 31, 2017 in order to claim a deduction for 2017. Giving in 2018 and predating a check for 2017 does not qualify for a 2017 deduction.



Estimate of Giving

If you have not already done so please turn in your bright green **2018 Estimate of Giving** slip by either mailing it to the church, by dropping it in the donation plate or by bringing it into the church office. We are working on our budget for 2018 and many programs of the church depend upon your Estimate of Giving. Please prayerfully consider your giving to Second Presbyterian as your stewardship directly affects the ministry that we do together.



MISSION HIGHLIGHTS



"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

Second mile giving is your opportunity to contribute to a mission of the church in a specific way. Our mission focus for December is the Angel Tree project.

As a church we purchase Christmas gifts for those children who have a parent or guardian in the jail system. Pick up an Angel Tree gift tag from the table in the main hallway. After you purchase the suggested gift that is on the bottom of the tag, tear off the bottom of the tag and stick the top of the Angel Tree tag on your wrapped gift. These gifts are must be back to church by Sunday, December 10, so that they can be delivered by Christmas.



Gifts Given to the Church

We have been the beneficiary of a generous gift of two spaces/crypts at Oakwood Mausoleum. If you think you may be interested, please stop into the office for more details. Proceeds from the sale of these crypts will be spent on local mission projects per the donor's wishes.

Sunday School

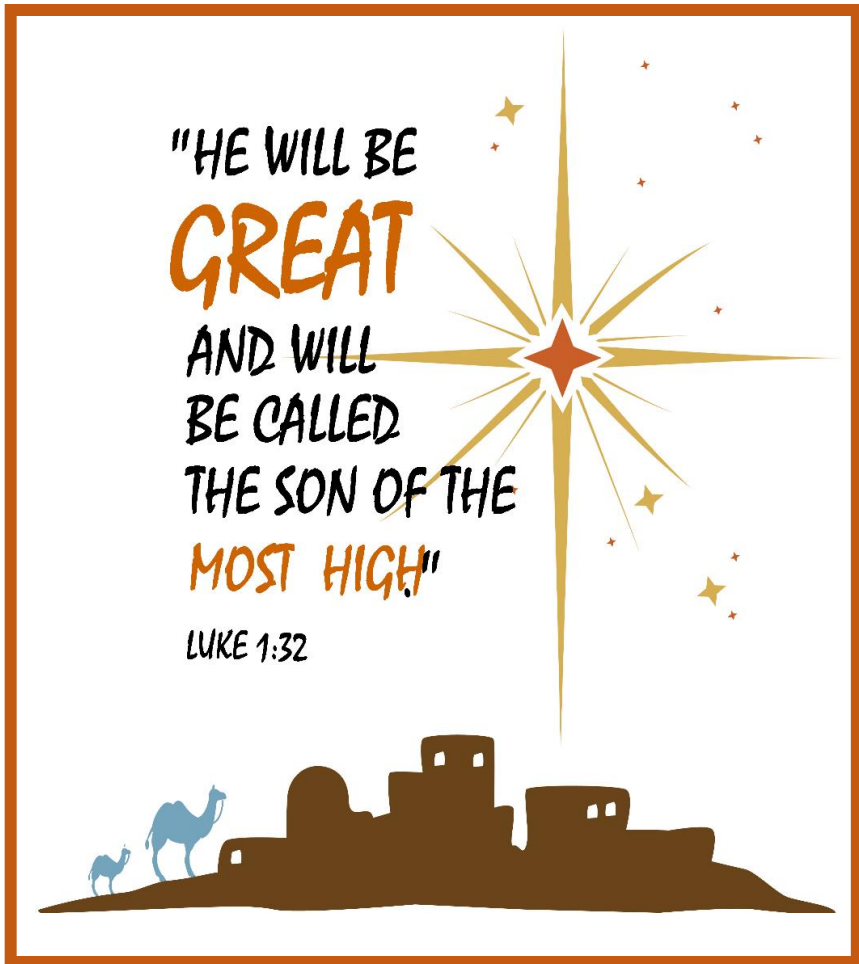
In Sunday school this month the children will experience the unit called "Incarnation" and the Christmas story. The workshops include finding hidden treasure to unfold the Nativity story, making stained glass ornaments, and having a taste test of biblical foods similar to what Mary and Joseph ate upon their arrival in Bethlehem. There will be no Sunday school December 10, 24, or 31.



New Nursery Worker



Please welcome Sarah Hahn to the church staff. Sarah has been hired to fill the nurse position here. She is a student in Elementary Education at SVSU and comes to us with plenty of experience in childcare, elementary classroom instruction and an overall love of kids. Welcome Sarah!













CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF

Jim Tommi & D.S.
Carol W. Saralett
Soren Carol P.
Rebecca Jayford Peggy Knutsen
D.S.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Communion</i>					1	2 8:00am Men's Breakfast and Study 
3 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 nd @ Second Scrip Order PYG 10:45am	4  1pm Busy Hands 7p Saginaw Area Concert Band	5 2pm Exercise	6 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	7 8:30am Prayer Group 	8 11am Exercise	9 9:00am Drama Dress Rehearsal 
10 9:30am <i>Christmas Drama</i> & Nursery Scrip Order PYG 10:45am	11 	12 2pm Exercise Committee Night 7pm Session	13 10:00am Florence Gilmour 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	14 8:30am Prayer Group	15 11am Exercise 	16
17 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 nd @ Second Scrip Order, PYG Christmas Party	18	19	20 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	21 8:30am Prayer Group  First Day of Winter	22	23 
24 9:30am Worship & Nursery Services of Lessons and Carols 5:00pm & 7:30pm	25 	26 	27	28 8:30am Prayer Group	29	30
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