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From the Pastor's Desk

Come, thou long expected Jesus!

December is upon us and Christmas is coming to us in full stereo mode—surround sound, really. The messages of the season come from all directions, and they are loud! There are plenty of stories to pay attention to during December. Department stores would like to tell you the story of Christmas as a time of materialism on steroids. There's the story of Santa Claus that captivates every child's heart and lends magic to Christmas. There's the story of family and friends gathering together around tables and Christmas trees—passing around bowls full of great food and opening presents. At the heart of the season is the story of Advent. In this season, we join the shepherds and wise men in the journey to Christ. The weeks leading up to Christmas Day aren't just about shopping and wrapping and cooking; they're also about waiting and watching for Christ—of preparing ourselves to see the Messiah as he comes to us and as we say Yes to inviting him into our lives and hearts.

This December let's be people of a different narrative—instead of being overwhelmed by the chaos of Christmas, let's focus ourselves on the ways God is inviting the change our hearts and lives this Advent. I love the words of the Advent hymn, *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*. Let this be our prayer for the season:

*Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

The Peace of Christ be with You,
Pastor Patrick



Gifts for the King Worship Service

December 24th

7 in the Evening

This Christmas Eve, we will have our annual *Gifts for the King* worship service.

Consider playing an instrument, singing a song, sharing a piece of art,
or giving a reading.

See Judy Napier or Caroline True if you'd like to be a part.

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Elder of the Month - Karen Ryan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28 Advent Bible Study 6-7p; Choir Practice 7-8p	29	30	1
2 1 st Sunday of Advent	3	4	5 Advent Bible Study 6-7p; Choir Practice 7-8p	6 Women's Circle Bible Study at Karen Gold's at 7p	7	8
9 2 nd Sunday of Advent Session Meeting	10	11	12 Advent Bible Study 6-7p; Choir Practice 7-8p	13	14	15
16 3 rd Sunday of Advent	17	18	19 Advent Bible Study 6-7p; Choir Practice 7-8p	20	21 Community Blue Christmas Service	22
23 Choral Cantata; Joy Gift Dinner at 5:30p	24 Christmas Eve Service at 7p	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30 Chapel Service; ECCHO Sunday and Cents-Ability Offering	31					

Who God Says I Am

I am a child of God. – John 1:12

I am a branch of the true vine, and a conduit of Christ's life. – John 15:1-5

I am a friend of Jesus. – John 15:15

I have been accepted by Christ. – Romans 15:7

I have been called to be a saint. – 1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:2

My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in me. – 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19

I am joined to the Lord and am one spirit with him. – 1 Corinthians 6:17

God leads me in the triumph and knowledge of Christ. – 2 Corinthians 2:14

I am a new creature in Christ. – 2 Corinthians 5:17

I have been made one with all who are in Christ Jesus. – Galatians 3:28

I have been set free in Christ. – Galatians 5:1

I am chosen, holy, and blameless before God. – Ephesians 1:4

I am redeemed and forgiven by the grace of Christ. – Ephesians 1:7

I am God's workmanship created to produce good works. – Ephesians 2:10

I am a member of Christ's body and a partaker of His promise. – Ephesians 3:6; Ephesians 5:30

I have been made complete in Christ. – Colossians 2:9-10

I have been chosen of God, and I am holy and beloved. – Colossians 3:12

God loves me and has chosen me. – 1 Thessalonians 1:4

Announcements

† Stewardship & Mission Committee

On the day before Thanksgiving, eleven us met at the Huntington City Mission along with 50+ others in our community to decorate the mission's cafeteria and help prepare Thanksgiving Dinner and desserts for 100's of food-needy folks in our area. Thanks to the Moore Family and friends, Teresa and Carolyn Ball, Cindy Modeen, and the Ryans.



† Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women at Kuhn have a new look. After considering disbanding, we have reorganized instead. The PW council is now a four-member committee. Members are Karen Gold, Theresa Miller, Hala Mosrie, and Karen Ryan. Circle is still active on the 2nd Thursday of the month (with occasional rescheduling). Karen Ryan chairs and Patrick does the Bible Study. It is a wonderful time of fellowship.

We will be sponsoring quarterly gatherings concerning women's issues. Theresa is coordinating this. The first will feature Dr. Jane Kurucz in January.

The Women recently honored Greta Ball during worship for her long service to Presbyterian Women. Greta served as moderator for nearly 20 years and was instrumental in making sure it continued. She received some lovely wind chimes. PW would also like to thank Helen Noe for her many years as Circle chairwoman and Sue Yoak for her long years as Mission chairwoman. These three women are invaluable to our church. When you see them give them a *Thank You*.



† Kroger Community Rewards

Did you know that KMPC is receiving less than half of the amount of Kroger Community Rewards compared to when we first enrolled in the program? We made an attempt to re-enroll many of you by gathering your info and calling for you. That didn't work. **Kroger requires every individual to enroll on their own.** You can help us solve that problem by re-enrolling your Kroger Plus Card. **Here's how:** Have your Kroger Card handy; **call 1-800-837-4483**; when prompted, press 2; tell operator you want to renew your Community Rewards (they'll need your Kroger card number); **KMPC's organization number is 83907.** You will need to renew yearly, so mark the re-enroll date on your calendar to continue giving.

† Sign Up for Event and Joys & Concerns Text Alerts

If you text message and would like to receive text alerts about upcoming events at KMPC, there's a new and easy way to do so. Text **@KMPCE** to the number 81010 to begin getting upcoming event reminders. If you'd like to receive text alerts about shareable congregational care updates, text **@KMPCC** to the number 81010. This is not a group chat but a one-way announcement service. When you sign up, you will receive text messages via your phone's text messaging app. No additional app downloads are needed to receive these messages.

† December Greeters

12/2 – Cheryl and Dwayne Sharp
12/9 – Phil and Jeanne Vallandingham
12/16 – The Moore Family
12/23 – The Seay Family
12/24 – The Jon and Caroline True Family
12/30 – Andrew Ryder

† Advent Readers

12/2 – Harold Bias
12/9 – Phil and Jeanne Vallandingham
12/16 – The Moore Family
12/23 – The Seay Family
12/24 – The John and Caroline True Family

† Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

2 Judy Napier
5 Margaret Keenan
6 Corley Dennison
8 Cory Dennison
12 Teresa Ball
 Jake Stooke
13 Ellis Ciccolella
18 Shaun McComas
21 Harold Bias
 Taylor Cassidy
 Tim Cassidy
25 Rick Minichan
27 Anna Haddox
30 Chris Wilson

Anniversaries

17 William and Pat Ray