

Passing the Peace

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December 3, 2023

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Celebrating the Ministry of Rev. Dr. Gun Ho Lee

Lunch to follow

hosted by Greenville Korean Presbyterian Church



PASTOR'S GREETINGS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Greetings, Peace Family & Friends,

As we walk through the seasons of Advent and Christmas this month, I give thanks for each of you and the ways we are called on our faith journeys together. It is a blessing to be your pastor, but even greater to be your friend!

December is full of occasions to experience God's hope, peace, joy, and love; but Advent is the time we linger in our longings, desiring more for our lives and for our world. It's not just about remembering Jesus's birth, but looking forward to Christ's coming again!

Sometimes grief sneaks up on us as the nights are long and the daylight short. Sometimes we spin in our schedules, wondering how we will get everything accomplished on time. With all the pain in our world, we might even wonder if the holly and jolly is even worth it. It's in those moments, that I reach for the words of Ann Weems, Presbyterian elder and poet (1934-2016). One of my favorites is included on page 4 of the newsletter. I hope you enjoy this poem as much as I do.

There are lots of opportunities to "be" Church this month and we have included them in the newsletter. I hope to see you and yours around Peace this month!

Your Pastor & Friend,

Sydne



CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP SERVICES

FAMILY WORSHIP FOLLOWED
BY A LIGHT BREAKFAST
9:00 AM

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE
5:00 PM



Angel Tree

The children names are on the tree in the Narthex. Chooses the one that calls on your heart from the binder and take that envelope off the tree. This year we have highlighted some children who are members of the same sibling group.

All gifts need to be back to the church by **December 10.** Please mark all packages with the child's name and the name of the social worker if it is listed on the form.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

November 2023

Actions:

- Approved Letter of Transfer request for Dorothy & Lloyd Hudson to First FWB, Greenville, NC
- Endorsed Bryan Williamson as an Inquirer in the ordination process of the PC(USA) and appointed Amy Hearon as his Session Liaison
- Approved removing the nursery deck due to structural safety and at the recommendation of our insurance company
- Approved collecting the Christmas Joy offering in 2023, and approved 4 Special Offerings of the PC(USA) in 2024

Items for Information:

- NCDOT has resumed ROW project and the property has been staked
- The Building Use policy has been updated and the current version is available
- Pastor Sydne and the Care & Connections team has resumed homebound communion
- Referred UKirk financial support request to Mission team
- Session will meet on Sunday, December 17, for lunch and stated meeting.

The Christmas Spirit

By Ann Weems

**The Christmas Spirit
is that hope
which tenaciously clings
to the hearts of the faithful
and announces
in the face
of any Herod, the world can produce
and all the inn doors slammed in our faces
and all the dark nights of our souls
that with God
all things are possible,
that even now
unto us
a Child is born!**

Children's Sunday School

1st & 3rd Sundays at 10:00 AM

December 3

Angels Visit

December 17

Jesus is Born



Christmas Caroling

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
SPRING ARBOR COMMUNITY
1:30 PM
(WE WILL LEAVE AFTER WORSHIP OR
YOU CAN MEET US MEET AT PEACE AT
1:00 PM)

more details in bulletin and on website



"Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you – wonderful, joyous news for all people."

Luke 2:10 (CEB)

December Scripture Readings

DECEMBER 3-9

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-27

DECEMBER 17-23

Isaiah 64:1-4,8-11
Psalm 126
Luke 1:46b-55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28



DECEMBER 10-16

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

DECEMBER 24-30

Psalm 89 1-4,19-26
Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20
Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7

DECEMBER 31

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:1-7
Luke 2:22-40

Remember In Your Prayers

Members of the Congregation

Sandy Daugherty, Arleta Wood, Faye Harris,
Edith and Gene Pratt, Barb Smith



Family & Friends

Evan Rogerson (Student of Peggy Vaughan)
Hayden Lenz (Neighbor of Molly Ortiz)
Laura Dail (Family of Anna & Steve Bridgman)
Ashley Dail (Family of Anna & Steve Bridgman)
Bryan, Emily, and Tad Delgado (Pastor
Sydne's Family)
Jeff Check (Father of Pastor Sydne)

John Sword (Peter Sword's Father)
Caroline (granddaughter of Barbara Smith)
Jerry Jo Creech (Friend of Kelly McLean)
Meredith Bailey (Friend of Kelly McLean)
Brian Nicholson (Friend of Kelly McLean)
Susan Linsmier (Sister-in-law of Lisa Jones)



Serving in December	3	10	17	24	31
Liturgist	Tom Doumaux	Amy Hearon	Ann Barnhill	Richard Johnson	Lucy Freeman
Ushers	Diane Minshew Margaret Cox	Dan Smith Joanne Lang	Kelly McLean Jesse Riggs	Kevin & Stacey Skinner	Pam & Paul Gares
A/V Team	Ron Skinner Steve Bridgman	Chris Dennis John Daugherty	Ron Skinner Steve Bridgman	Chris Dennis John Daugherty	Chris Dennis John Daugherty
Communion				Lisa Jones Lorrie Basnight Jim Bryant Amy Hearon Janet & Richard Johnson	



Care & Connections

Peace Connections

December 6 @ 10:00 AM



Transportation & Meals



Contact Diane Minshew if you need help getting to church, appointments or the grocery store. Contact Margaret Cox for help with meals in time of need.

Fellowship

Peace Christmas Party, December 2 from 2-4 PM
 Christmas Caroling, December 10 at 2:00 PM
 Third Sunday Gathering, December 17, following Worship





To learn more about the ministries of Peace Presbyterian Church, or to share a specific request, question, or concern, please reach out to the Pastor or Session, as they are listed below!

The Session

Class of 2023

Pam Gares
Janet Johnson
Jesse Riggs
Carol Poston

Class of 2024

Christina Brizendine
John Daugherty
Kevin Skinner
Mackenzie Smith

Class of 2025

Lucy Freeman
Bill Grobe
Amy Hearon

Clerk: Jesse Riggs
Treasurer: Lisa Jones

Rev. Sydne Allen, Pastor
Peggy Vaughan, Director of Music
John Holter, Piano/Organ
Deb Brady, Office Administrator

