



## Weekly E-Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church

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*God's Love Is Here for You*  
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Greetings, friends!

Today is the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas—the Epiphany of the Lord. While Presbyterians observe this holy day more quietly, Christians around the world make a bigger deal about it. Other countries celebrate on the evening before and on the actual day with parades of decorative floats and people in costume as the “kings” bearing gifts. The festivities often feature light and music shows, and clowns and jugglers who throw candy to the crowds.

In Spain and in many Latin American countries, Christmas gifts are traditionally given on Epiphany. Children write letters to the Magi—not Santa—on the feast’s eve, requesting presents; they leave their shoes out overnight and find presents inside them in the morning.

More important than gifts or parades, on the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember how Christ, born to Mary in a stable in Bethlehem long ago, has been revealed to us all. He doesn’t belong to just one group of people or culture, nor to rich or poor, kings, shepherds or wise people, children or adults. God continues to desire to reveal himself to us in a personal relationship rooted in the love of God that has come into the world. I pray that your relationship with the King of kings will be deepened in the coming year.

I am on continuing education leave these next two weeks. I have officially begun a part-time program of studies through Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary that will lead to a doctor of ministry degree. My first seminar is *Wonder and the Soul: Living Before God*.

This Sunday, Jan. 9, we welcome the Rev. Ben George, Director of Camp Wakonda, who will be leading worship and sharing the message. On Jan. 16, elders will lead worship, and, rather than a sermon, the congregation will be invited to suggest some extra hymns to sing.

I am sad to be missing one of my favorite hymns on Jan. 16: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. It has become the theme for my ministry. Through every season and new day, God’s mercy and love will strengthen and guide us. The Lord always provides for our needs. In gratitude, let us be faithful to God through our words and witness.

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Karen



## What's Happening with the Church This Week?

Thursday (1/6):	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Fellowship in the Fireside Room
Sunday (1/9):	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the sanctuary
Wednesday (1/12):	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thursday (1/13):	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Fellowship in the Fireside Room
Sunday (1/16):	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the sanctuary
Wednesday (1/19):	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal



### Scriptures:

**January 9:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**January 16:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

### In our hearts and prayers:

Wilma Hunt - The Oaks at Bethesda, Rm. 213, 2971 Maple Ave., Zanesville, 43701

Jan Kobel - Altercare, Room 201

Barb Moore - Home

John Unger - Home

Donna Westfall - Home

Barb Wheeler - Home



this week  
and next!

**Happy Birthday to:** Jay Millward, Alex Taylor (1/3); Jim Lerch (1/4); Betty Boatman,

Cindy Catt (1/5); Tami Porteus (1/7); Steve Siegrist (1/8); Nancy Cochran, Janie Kinkley (1/9);  
Emma Carnicom (1/10); Judy Addy, Greg Mentzer, Scott Nelson (1/11); Kathy Millward (1/12);  
Tim Cooksey, Leslie Crane (1/13); Tucker Nelson (1/16); Andrew Hildreth, Lukas Justice,  
Dolores Millward (1/17); Hunter Haines (1/18)

**Happy Anniversary to:** Glenn & Sally Kinkade (1/5); Carl & Wendy Wilke (1/7);  
Brent & Tami Porteus (1/15); Woody & Tina Johnson (1/16)

## OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

2022 Offering Envelope boxes are available for pick-up in the assembly room. As more people are using our online giving, the number of boxes ordered has decreased. Your number may have changed. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please let Tina in the office know.



**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT** for 2022 remains the same. It is \$30.59 per member. Blue envelopes are available in your offering envelope box or you can put it in a plain envelope marked "2022 Per Capita." Thank you!

## LESSONS FROM A SNOWMAN

- ✧ It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- ✧ Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- ✧ Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
- ✧ We're all made mostly of water.
- ✧ You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- ✧ So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
- ✧ Don't get too much sun.
- ✧ Sweating too much can be disastrous!







# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS



Benson & Lyvi Wright on Christmas Eve



Carol Moore & grandson with their gingerbread house



Janie Kinkley celebrating in Florida



Christmas Eve Worship submitted by Valeree Bryant

# Jesus, the One and Only

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22b (NIV)

Based on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



U A P Q Y B U M L J H F Z G J  
J O H N N V A M V Z I D I P T  
Q J R F J F K P D L T K O R W  
P E O P L E H E T I J G Q V E  
C H R I S T N B R I A U V K E  
P N S Y N E D I X M Z X L V G  
C K M X P R P L L F M E Z D L  
C J J O W S T M X D U T D M V  
M H M Y X A Z C A E Z W V U M  
H E T F Q Z T K P R A Y I N G  
O A C T T A T E J E S U S P P  
L V G W Z R U H R V O I C E T  
Y E O U M D W Q X G R E W R K  
Z N P N F W H N C V X P R A Q  
L P O W E R F U L B F F P B E

PEOPLE  
POWERFUL  
CHRIST

BAPTIZE  
JOHN  
WATER

DOVE  
OPENED  
HOLY

PRAYING  
SPIRIT  
HEAVEN

FIRE  
VOICE  
JESUS