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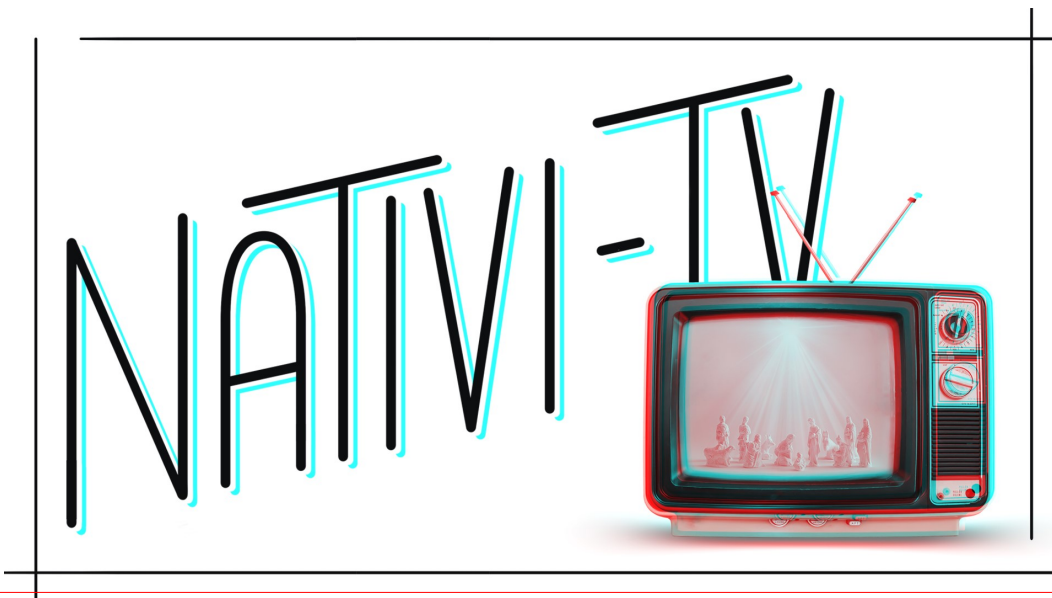
3rd Sunday
December

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Advent, Worship and Education

12/19	9:00am 10:00-11am	In-Person Worship In-Person Advent Activity-materials could be available for pick up Advent Bible Study, Youth Foundations of Personal Finance, Speaker: Bob Hartzheim will share the ways that you can impact our community by your support of the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter.
12/22		Midweek Devotion 4 th Week of Advent-available on the weekly email and church website.
12/24	5:00pm 7:00pm	In-Person Worship. PLEASE REGISTER HERE. Zoom Worship. Register HERE to receive ZOOM link.
12/26	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	In-Person Worship Youth Foundations of Personal Finance Zoom Education Hour, Advent Bible Study, Coffee Hour <i>(No In-person Education Hour activities)</i>

Many opportunities, in multiple formats, will allow our congregation to participate as they feel comfortable. In-person social distancing and masks are required to protect everyone during this time.



PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#).

5:00PM IN-PERSON CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Nativi-TV tells the story of the birth of Jesus, in a variety of ways. There are even advertisements! You don't want to miss it!

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Christmas EVE

Christmas Eve 5:00pm Worship

This year our 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service will be in person. Due to the need for physical distancing, we ask that you please let us know if you are planning to attend and how many will be attending with you. Please register [here](#). Weather permitting, we are hoping to end the service outside to sing Silent Night by candlelight.

We have permission to upload the video to our YouTube channel. We'll let you know as soon as it's available.

Christmas Eve 7:00pm ZOOM Worship

This year our 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service will be on ZOOM. You can get the ZOOM link [HERE](#). The format will be Lessons and Carols. If anyone wishes to read (preferably in person that night) and or submit a music video, please contact Ms. Kris at: musicministryfpc@gmail.com.

MERRY Christmas

Friday	December 24	Christmas Eve	5:00-6:00pm 7:00-8:00pm	In-person Worship Please register HERE . ZOOM Worship Register to get the ZOOM link HERE .
Saturday	December 25	Christmas Day	Celebrating the Birth of Jesus with family and friends	
Sunday	December 26	1st Sunday of Christmas	9:00-9:45am 10:30-11:30am	In-person Worship ZOOM Coffee Hour ZOOM Education Hour
Wednesday	December 29	Midweek Devotional Podcast		

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Serving Team Report - December 2021

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Alternative Gift Fair -The Alternative Gift Fair offers us the opportunity to reach out to our community, and the world, to share God's love by directing some of our Christmas giving to those who are in need. This year we are emphasizing three charities: [St. Katharine Drexel Shelter](#), [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#), and [Water Mission](#). You may donate to these missions through the church by [clicking here](#). Cards for each mission may be downloaded here:

[Water Mission](#), [St. Katharine Drexel Shelter](#), [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#).

Christmas Joy Offering – This offering will be taken at Christmas time to support Presbyterian Mission efforts. Information about Presbyterian Mission efforts will be given during December worship services and are available at the following link, [Christmas Joy Offering](#).

Clothing for Afghan Refugees - As you may know, Fort McCoy (here in Wisconsin) is hosting almost 8,000 Afghan refugees. There is an [Amazon Wish List](#) for things they need. These people do not have proper clothing for cold weather.

Presbyterian Disaster Relief - OUT OF CHAOS, [HOPE](#) - Kentucky and other parts of the United States have been decimated by recent tornados. You can help by clicking [here](#).

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Super Bowl of Caring - On Sunday February 6th, millions of Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. All money and food collected by our youth will stay right here in the Fond du Lac area. Watch the January newsletter for more information on how you can support this mission.

Feed My Starving Children – Planning is underway for an April food packing event. A Have a Heart campaign will be conducted in February to raise funds that will purchase ingredients and cover expenses for the food pack.

Warming Shelter Meal - For a few years, dedicated members of our congregation have spent an evening at the Fond du Lac warming shelter and provided a meal for those staying overnight. On Friday, February 25, First Presbyterian Church, again, will be helping to serve dinner at the Salvation Army Warming Shelter.

Loaves and Fishes - Thanks to your generous donations, we served 104 meals at Loaves and Fishes on Monday, December 13. Thank you to all who shared the love of Christ by providing desserts, preparing, serving and clean up after the meal. Thank you to everyone who helped us serve the community in need.

We will have the opportunity to serve, once again, on **January 19** from 4:00-6:00pm. If you could help prepare, serve or clean up after please contact the church office. Dessert donations are always needed and always appreciated.

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Coming Up in Worship

- 12.19.2021 Rev. Paul Zoschke
4th Sunday of Advent
- 12.24.2021 Christmas Eve
5:00pm Nativi-TV Play
7:00pm ZOOM Service
Lessons & Carols
- 12.26.2021 Rev. Dan Schultz
1st Sunday of Christmas
- 01.02.2022 Rev. Dan Schultz
Communion
2nd Sunday of Christmas
- 01.09.2022 Pedro Arellano
- 01.16.2022 Pastor Mary Balson

If you have any questions, please contact Kris Bartelt @ musicministryfpc.com

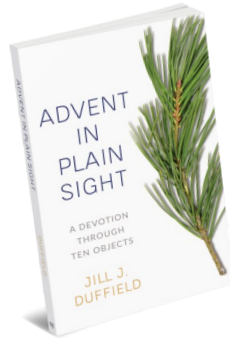
Join us on Christmas Eve



to celebrate the birth of Jesus at our 5:00pm in-person service. Our talented church family is leading worship.

PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#) SO WE CAN PLAN FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects



IN-PERSON GROUPS

Sunday 10:00-11:00am
December 19

Wednesday 10:30-11:30am
December 22
December 29
January 5

ZOOM GROUPS

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm
December 21
December 28
January 4

December Worship



Our Sunday morning schedule is as follows:

9:00am In-Person Worship
First Presbyterian
Church - Fond du Lac

YouTube Worship is available [here](#). It is "live" at 10:00am on Sunday morning. The same link provides previously recorded worship services.

This is what in-person worship looks like:

- Masks are required.
- Physical distancing is required.
- Nursery care is not available.



The church office will be CLOSED:

**December 27, 2021
January 3, 2022.**



Virtual livestream worship, at 10:00am, can be found here: <http://firstpreswausau.org/>

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Information @ Church

December 19 -
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Candles of
HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE



Mitten Tree!

We are collecting hats, scarves, socks and mittens for all ages. Please help those in need stay warm this winter.

Thank you for
your donations!

December 19 -
Christmas Joy Offering



The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our Church, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color - offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their skills to serve the Church and the world for years to come.

Please click [here](#) for additional information.

Please give generously.

December 19 -



This Sunday, December 19, we will take another step in getting back to regular routine.

Session approved taking the offering, as we did pre-pandemic and we will also be singing!



Masks will still be required.



2021 Alternative Gift Fair Shopping List

We want to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community, our country, and the world. A big part of our work is enabling members of our church and community to serve others.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Organization		\$
<p>St. Katharine Drexel Shelter</p>	<p>Homelessness can happen to anyone. Thousands of hardworking individuals and families in Fond du Lac County are one health, economic or family crisis away from losing their home. St. Katharine Drexel Shelter in Fond du Lac will provide a safe and structured living environment for singles and families experiencing homelessness. Once in our stable environment, they will have access to programs and support that offer short-term crisis intervention and long-term goal planning with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency.</p>	
	<p>We fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Too many boys and girls go without a bed—or even a pillow—to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health. Sleep in Heavenly Peace® in Fond du Lac is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. If a child needs a bed, we want to make sure they get one. No kid sleeps on the floor in our town®.</p>	
	<p>Water Mission is a non-profit, Christian based organization. The need for safer water is enormous. One person dies every 37 seconds from water-related illnesses. Water Mission has been providing sustainable safe water solutions since 1998. This organization has served more than 7,000,000 people, in 57 countries, providing them with lasting safe water solutions.</p>	
Total		\$
<p>Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church Contributions are tax-deductible.</p>		

You may donate to these missions through the church by [clicking here](#).

Cards for each mission may be downloaded here: [Water Mission](#), [St. Katharine Drexel Shelter](#), [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#).

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December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 9a-9:45a In-Person Worship 10a-11a In-Person Advent Activities 10a-10:30a Puppet Rehearsal 10a-11a Virtual Worship 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class In-Person and on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg	20 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting	21 Winter Solstice 7p-8p Advent in Plain Sight on Zoom	22 10:30a-11:30a Advent in Plain Sight-In Person 7p-8p Christmas Rehearsal 5pm Worship Service	23 9a-11a Financial Team Meeting (Parlor)	24 5p-6p In-Person Worship 7p-8p Zoom Worship-FPC Fond du Lac	25 Christmas
26 9a-9:45a In-Person Worship 10a-11a Virtual Worship 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class In-Person and on Zoom 10:30a-11:30a Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom	27 Church Office - Closed	28 7p-8p Advent in Plain Sight on Zoom	29 10:30a-11:30a Advent in Plain Sight-In Person	30 6:30p-7:30p Serving Team via Zoom	31	Notes:

April 2 - FMSC MobilePack



With all the change, in the world, in the last 18 months, Feed My Starving Children's commitment remained the same: feeding God's children - hungry in body and spirit.

We are excited to announce that the date of the Fond du Lac MobilePack will be **Saturday, April 2, 2022!**

Your efforts and contributions are even more critical in these unprecedented times. Undernourished children are far more susceptible to infectious diseases, like COVID-19. At this point, the global pandemic, and its economic impact, have left 265 million people on the brink of starvation. Please include our event number 2204-051SC to your donations to ensure that they will be added to **our** pack on April 2, 2022.

You can submit donations electronically at [FMSC https://www.fmsc.org](https://www.fmsc.org), or you can mail donations to:

Feed My Starving Children
 (ATTN: MobilePack #2204-051SC)
 401 93rd Avenue NW
 Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Please make checks be payable to:
 FMSC, memo line MobilePack #2204-051SC

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January 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 9a-10a In-Person Worship 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class on Zoom 10:30a-11:30a Zoom Worship-FPC Fond du Lac 11:15a-12p Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg	3 Church Office - Closed	4 4p-5p Learning Team-Zoom 7p-8p Advent in Plain Sight on Zoom	5 10:30a-11:30a Advent in Plain Sight-In Person	6	7	8
9 9:15a-10:15a Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class In-Person and on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg	10 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting	11	12 5:30p-7:30p Women in Faith In-Person	13	14	15
16 9:15a-10:15a Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class In-Person and on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg	17 Martin Luther King 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p-7:30p Virtual Session Meeting	18	19 6:30p-7:30p Bingo Via Zoom	20 5p-6p Loving Team via Zoom	21	22
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Wendy W.
Pam C.
Joyce J.
Pat D.
Gib D.
Arnold L.
Ruth S.
Lincoln D.
Jesse F.
Silas W.
Jane D.
Jerry and Mary H.
Chastity G. and Joan S.

The Family of Barbara Shamrock - [Obituary](#)

Prayer Partners

Send prayer requests to
fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org

Rejoice: The gift of growing
together in the body of Christ.

*Names will remain on the prayer list for
2 weeks. Please contact the office if a name
should be on the list for a longer length of time.

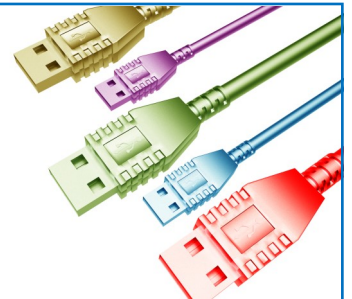
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Zoom There is more information on our website: www.fdlpresbyterian.org



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