

Midweek Message



Midweek E-mail from First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, New York

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David Horne, Minister of Music

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT:

It has been a surprisingly quick two months for me since I started at First Presbyterian. The way you all have welcomed me into your community has been a huge inspiration for me and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to lead the music.

Speaking of leadership, I once heard an athletic coach opine that leadership is not taking charge nor it is telling people what to do. Rather, he suggested, leadership is making others around you better. By that standard, all of you are leaders for it is your outpouring of gracious welcome that has helped me be a better minister of music and a better musician.

It is in fact the very essence of music that all leaders are followers and all followers become leaders because the true goal of musical expression is to blend with and balance the others in the ensemble to create a greater whole. If that is not a metaphor for the church's mission in the world, then I don't know what is!

So, to that end, I invite all of you to participate in the church's mission by participating in and supporting our music ministry. Whether as a neophyte in the Chancel Choir or a returning 'old hand' or a ringer of bells, you are welcome. As we look forward to growing our program for children and youth, it is good to remember that our kids learn most from what we *do* rather than what we *say*. Joining the music ministry is one of the best ways I know to inspire others to get involved and make leaders of us all.

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REMEMBERING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS:

Lucy Miller's son Paul; Liz Harris; Helen Bigg; Jan William's Father, Harry; Bruce Dudgeon's mother; Becky, Ruth, and comfort for Joanie Ericson and Mick Yates; patience with our families over the Holidays, a lot of families traveling over the next week, and always remember those surviving tragedies like forest fires, floods, violence, and remember the migrant families in Mexico. Merrilee Harrington would also like to thank her First Pres family for their prayers, Thank You God!

ACP Family for October: James and Lianne

Staff Member: Lindsey Staples

If you need a ride to church or a doctor's appointment, would like a visit from the Pastor, could use support from our Casserole and Cookie Crew, or would like to let us know about a prayer concern, please let the church office know. The Member Care Committee is ready to help you out.

NEW for this Sunday, November 25th

Sunday School Breakfast at 9:00 am
Pastor's Storytime at 9:15, then classes at 9:30 am
This week the children will be learning about Isaiah
Adult Education will cover this week's video series
"Aliveness in Word"
Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am
Communion will be served.

This Sunday, November 25th

Liturgist: Craig Butler

Greeter: Dick Reddington

Ushers: Sherra and Jim Babcock, Jetta and Mark Wilson

Next Sunday, December 2nd

Liturgist: Craig Butler

Greeter: Craig Butler

Ushers: Becky and Craig Colburn, Wendy and Charlie Heinz

Coming Soon!

DECK THE HALLS

Join us after the Service on this first Sunday of Advent to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Bring a dozen cookies to share, we'll have the hot cocoa, tools, and decorations. This is a family event.

Happy Thanksgiving to You!

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Church Business Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

November 22 & 23 **Church Offices and ACP Closed for Thanksgiving**

November 25 – Mission Committee 11:45 am

November 26 – Chamber Singers 6:00 pm

November 27 – Newsletter Assembly 10:00 am

November 27 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm

November 27 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm

November 28 – TON 3:15 pm

November 29 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

November 29 – ACP Meeting 1:30 pm

November 29 – Building and Grounds 5:00 pm

November 29 – Children's Choir 5:30 pm

November 29 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

December 2 – **Deck The Halls** 11:45 am

December 9 – Fellowship/Hospitality Committee 11:45 am

December 9 – Youth Committee 11:45 am

December 16 – Communication Committee 11:45 am