

IN OUR PRAYERS

Family and Friends of Barbara Sawyer, Family and Friends of Ginney Neff, Ed Bugby, Bob Beck, Sandra Peterson, Lonnie Bobo, Della and Fred Ryder (Cousin of Pat Flaga), Zelma (Darlene Key), Mark Hall, Nancy Gaylor, Jane Mitchell, Lynette Hayes (Bugby), Flora and Lisa (Nancy Gaylor), Zayne Carrington (Dennis Laughlin), Mary Kay Foster (Donna Parker's Mom), Nico (Harris), Angela Hatcher (Bird/Walkingstick), Tami Ross (Bennetts), Ken Jones (Esther Houser), Bill Lockman (Bob Beck), and Marie and Dennis Lynch (Robin Ross)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER, SERVICE & WORSHIP

Recurring Events		Special Events
Mondays	11:00-6:00 p.m. Music Studio (S)	Sunday, December 14, 4th Sunday of Advent Following worship, Christmas Luncheon (FH)
Tuesdays	11:00-3:30 p.m. Music Studio (S) Strings of Distinction (SR)	Tuesday, December 16 11:30 a.m. Staff Christmas (D)
Wednesdays	10:15 a.m. Holy Grounds (P) 11:30 a.m. PW Wednesdays (D/FH/P) 1:00-5:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR) 4:30-6:00 p.m. Music Studio (S) 5:32 p.m. 'Changed' Youth Group (FH)	Wednesday, December 17 5:32 p.m. Youth Christmas Party (FH) Sunday, December 21st, 4th Sunday of Advent
Thursdays	11:00-6:00 p.m. Music Studio (S) 1:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR) 4:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (MR)	Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Evening Service (S) Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day Office Closed
Fridays	Music Studio (S)	
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. Brunch on Noble (FH)	
Sundays	9:30 a.m. Handbells (D) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School (D) 10:45 a.m. Worship Service & Communion on 1st Sunday	Church Office Hours: 8:30-4:30 Monday – Thursday D = Downstairs FH = Fellowship Hall L = Library MR = Music Room P = Parlor S = Sanctuary SR = Sunshine Room U = Upstairs
Leading in Worship Today		
Dennis Laughlin, Liturgist Mike Morris and Ed Bugby, Sound/Video Stephanie Brown, Ushers	Lisa Hoel, Music Minister Rev. Katrina Richardson, Minister	

Mission Statement

Setting a Welcome Table Since 1889

First United Presbyterian Church of Guthrie is a caring family of Christians striving to bring individuals closer to God through worship, education, fellowship, and service.

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Order of Divine Worship for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025



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Welcome! Children of all ages are always welcome in worship—activity bags are available in the narthex. Please silence all electronic devices. Personal hearing assistance devices are available; please ask your ushers for assistance. Restrooms are located in the narthex.

—GATHERING—

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Shepherd's Pipe Carol - Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from P. 163 BOCW

One: We Light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
As the Lord has promised, in days to come...
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
The desert shall rejoice and blossom;
All: like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
And rejoice with joy and singing.
One: Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: (Purple) #118

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and wonderful God, we confess that we have closed our eyes to what you are doing. We prefer to concentrate on problems, bad news and violence. When we do, we miss all the healing, freeing and helping you accomplish in our world. We pass up opportunities to participate in your Good News. We rob ourselves of so much joy. Forgive us and give us eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to treasure your mission in the world. Fill us with unquenchable joy at the coming of Jesus... (silent prayer of confession) ...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MOMENT FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING OF MUSIC:

O Come to Set Us Free - Mary McDonald

(FUPC Singers: Patty Armer, Jan Harris, Lisa Hoel, Leslie Nichols, Bette Berline (piano))

*DOXOLOGY #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

—THE WORD —

SONG OF ILLUMINATION: (Purple) #100 (chorus) “My Soul Cries out with a Joyful Shout”
“My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON

Rev. Katrina Richardson

*HYMN: (Purple) #83

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

—OUR RESPONSE—

*CLOSING HYMN: (Purple) #123 (v1, 2, 3, 4)

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And the children of God said:
Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE:

Sussex Carol - Dale Wood

Lisa Hoel

*Please stand as you are able.