

IN OUR PRAYERS

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 21st, 4th Sunday of Advent	
Tuesdays 11:00-3:30 p.m. Music Studio (S) Strings of Distinction (SR)		Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Evening Service (S)	
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)		Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day-December 29 Office Closed	
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)		Thursday, January 1, New Years’ Day Office Closed	
Fridays Music Studio (S)		Sunday, January 4, Epiphany	
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. Brunch on Noble (FH)		Tuesday, January 6 PEO Meeting (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		Sunday, January 11, Baptism of the Lord New Members Class	
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			
Bette Berline, Liturgist Mike Morris and Ed Bugby, Sound/Video Robin Ross, 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
4th Sunday of Advent
December 21, 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
In Dulci Jubilo - 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 Lord will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child.
All: She shall bear a son,
And name him Emmnuel: “God is with us”.
One: Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: (Purple) #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, as we behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story points us to your glory. Yet, we struggle to join in the song of praise and thanksgiving. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things that matter little that we overlook the good news of great joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith, hope and love because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ... *(silent prayer of confession)* ...through Christ our Lord, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MOMENT FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING OF MUSIC: “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” - Kevin McChesney
(FUPC Bells: Kim Bennett, Bette Berline, Jan Bugby, Lisa Hoel, Billy Richardson, Laina Richardson, Ruby Richardson)

*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 7:10-16

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL READING Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON Rev. Katrina Richardson

*HYMN: (Purple) #110 “Love Has Come”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

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) #136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
And the children of God said:
Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE: “Carol of the Manger” - Dale Wood Lisa Hoel

*Please stand as you are able.