

## Please note:

**Single Service on Sunday, December 28, at 10:00 am** - Please note that there will be a single worship service this Sunday, December 28 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

There will be no nursery or children's programs in the morning,  
and no Youth Group that afternoon.

**Church Office Hours/Wednesday Lunch** - The church offices will be closed Thursday, December 25 through Friday, January 2. Staff will be on site only as needed. Offices will reopen on Monday, January 5. There will not be any Wednesday Lunch on Christmas Eve (December 24) or New Year's Eve (December 31). Lunches will resume on January 7.

**2025 Pledge Payments** - Any payments being made toward 2025 pledges must be received at the church by December 31 in order to be considered as 2025 deductions for IRS purposes. Please use the mailbox next to the Receptionist entry to the church to leave your payment if the offices are not open.

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## Ways to Connect

*Please check out our website ([firstpreswc.com](http://firstpreswc.com)) for additional details and upcoming events.*

**Night at the Movies** - Everyone is invited to a fun movie night during winter break! We've reserved a block of seats at Uptown Theatre (226 N. High St, WC) on Monday, Dec. 29 at 7 pm to see *Cool Runnings*. If you haven't seen this 1993 film, it's a classic: against all odds and ice, a fearless Jamaican team races for Olympic glory in this feel-good underdog story. Sign up through the website to reserve your ticket – it's free and includes popcorn!

**Hold the Date for Decorations Disassembling** - The Decorations Team has greatly appreciated the efforts of so many FPCers during this Christmas season. Thinking ahead, we invite you to hold the date of Sunday, January 4 to help disassemble both the indoor decorations and outdoor greens following the 10:45 service of worship. We pray that Christmas will be a time of deepening faith and wonderful celebrations for you, your friends and families! Thank you.

**Rescheduled - Moms Group Christmas Party** - The First Pres Moms Group is holding its annual gift exchange and Christmas party Sunday, January 4, starting at 4 pm. We can't wait to reunite for this snow-delayed time together! Talk to Mary Hambleton with any questions and go to the sign-up tab of the church's website to RSVP.

**New Season of Kids Choir** - We're excited to announce that the Children's Choir will be resuming rehearsals on Wednesday, January 14! All children ages 4 - 12 are welcome to join us as we prepare for upcoming services and special events. Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday from 5:15-6:15 pm. No prior experience is needed—just a love for music and a desire to sing! For more information, please contact Sara Pantazes at [spantazes@firstpreswc.com](mailto:spantazes@firstpreswc.com).

**January Enneagram Study** - Many people make resolutions to improve their lives at the start of a new year - why not try that in 2026 with your church community? First Pres is excited to offer a 6-week program on the Enneagram starting on January 7, meeting from 6:30 – 8:00 on Wednesday nights over Zoom. Enneagram is a personality profiling system that reveals wisdom about nine different types of human character. Rooted in the Christian faith, participants will learn about their personality types and how to let go of unhealthy action, attitudes, and patterns in order to move toward the health & wholeness found in Christ. The program will be led by David Bell, a trained Enneagram consultant and founder of Enneagram Insights. More information and the sign-up page can be found on the Sign-up tab of the church's website, click on "Enneagram Study." Talk to Sara Pantazes with any questions.

**January Parents Night Out** - Attention all parents! You are invited to a fun, relaxing evening out on Friday, January 23 at the home of Diane and Brett Damadio. We'll be gathering from 6-8 pm for light food, drinks and time together. We love our kids but this is a parent-only event (let us know if you need some babysitters!). RSVPs are appreciated through the Sign-up tab of the church's website or reach out to Diane at [diane.damadio@gmail.com](mailto:diane.damadio@gmail.com).

**New Member Class** - If you're interested in learning more about becoming a member at First Pres, plan to attend the next New Members Class. We'll meet on Sunday, February 8 at 11:45 in the Chapel, beginning with lunch. Reach out to Elizabeth Hess ([ehess@firstpreswc.com](mailto:ehess@firstpreswc.com)) for info or to sign up.

**February School's Off Day Camp** - First Pres will be offering a new School's Off Day Camp for elementary aged kids on Monday, February 16, 2026. We'll be leaning into what we think will be the main topic of conversation at that time – Winter Olympics! We can't wait for this day of games, crafts and fun all related to winter sports. A sign-up page will be advertised when the date is closer or you can sign up now - talk to Sara Pantazes.

**2026 Women's Retreat** - All women of First Pres are invited to a one-day Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 28 at Downingtown Country Club. Our theme of "In the Sanctuary of Women" will guide us through a day of learning, fellowship, fun and worship. More information and the sign-up page can be found on the Sign-up tab of the church's website; click on "Women's Retreat." Talk to Pastor Caroline or Sara Pantazes with any questions.

**Youth Retreat** - We're so excited to be going back to Gretna Glen for our Winter Refresh retreat February 20-22. Winter Refresh is for both Middle and High School, and we can't wait for another awesome retreat together. Registration is open and filling up fast, so don't miss out! Go to the Sign-Up tab on the church website to register.