

A stylized green cross logo composed of four curved, overlapping bands that form a cross shape.

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 14, 2025



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Liturgist: Bill Wheeler

10:00 AM

*Those who are able, may stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Prelude is the opening of worship and a time of reflection for all. Please mute or turn off all electronic devices.

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle¹

Tony & Kelly DeSimone

ALL:

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.

Introduction and Relighting the Candles of Hope and Peace (purple)

Lighting the candle of Joy (pink)

Scripture Philippians 4:4-7

Prayer (Unison)

Giver of life, we live in a world that often seeks to steal our joy. Grant us courage to revel in your goodness, standing against the forces that thrive on fear. May we be bold to rely on you in the midst of chaos, healing our souls. You, O God, are our hope our peace, our joy, our quiet strength as we long for your coming kingdom. Amen.

***Hymn # 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Invitation to Confession (Romans 3:23-24)

Prayer of Confession

O God, our sense of wonder has dulled, but you would still surprise us. We have stopped looking for the wonder of your work going on around us. May your light shine through us into a dark and needy world, in Jesus' name.

(We continue in silent prayer) **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (Matthew 1:21)

The angel told Joseph, "You are to name the baby Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.

***Response #71**

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

refrain

¹adapted from Wait for the Lord (2024) by Presbyterian Outlook

Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Let us share the peace that comes from God.

***Response No. 591**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Minute for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Judges 4:4-9, 17-22

New Testament

Luke 1:46-55

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Our hearts are open.

Sermon

“Gentle Mary?”

Rev. Dr. Wally Wilson

***Hymn # 118**

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

all 6 verses

A Time to Share Joys and Concerns

(Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our Prayer**)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Worship in Giving

Invitation to Offer Gifts

Offertory

Response # 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

O God, we offer ourselves and our gifts, that through the witness of the whole Church your reign of peace and freedom for all may be reality. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Hymn # 119**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

***Benediction**

***Response #765**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

sing twice

Postlude

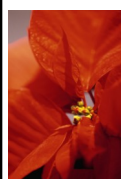
Calendar for Week of December 14

Sunday 12/14	10 AM Worship
	11:30 AM Sarah Circle Christmas Party — Murphy's Craft House
	1:30 PM Scout Band Christmas Concert
Tuesday 12/15	11:30 AM Prime Timers — Edy's Restaurant
	6:30 PM Cub Scouts Den Meetings MP Room
	7 PM Session — Education Room
Saturday 12/20	9 AM Carol Fleshood — MP Room
Sunday 12/21	10 AM Worship
	2 PM Scout Band Christmas Party — MP Room



Christ Presbyterian Church wants God to be a vital part of our lives as we reach out to our community and we embrace the following Vision Statement:

We believe that God is calling us to be the open arms, the healing hands, and the loving hearts of the body of Christ in our community.



An order form for Advent Christmas decorations is included in the bulletin. Deadline for donations is TODAY



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Men of Christ Angel Tree

Help the CPC family make Christmas happy for two local area families. Here are five easy steps:

- 1) Pick a gift tag from the tree in the Narthex
- 2) Buy and wrap the gift **\$25 maximum**
- 3) Add the **original** gift tag **by taping the yarn onto the present**
- 4) Bring to church by **December 18.**

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, place it in an envelope and identify it for the Angel Tree. Money is due by **December 7.**



Food Drive



**F.A.R.M. Needs These Items
F. A. R. M.**

(Fortville Area Resource Mission)

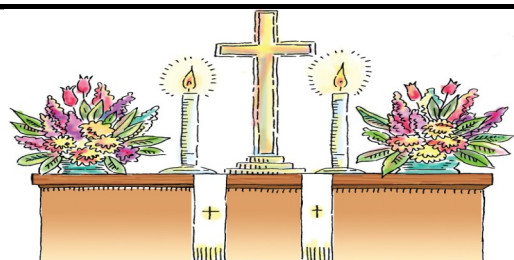
F. A. R. M. is open every Tuesday from 12:30-2:30 for food pickup. On Thursdays they take food to a low income apartment complex on the north side of Fortville. They have 125 families at the pantry on Tuesdays and around 25 families in the apartments. They also sponsor snack bags for around 45 students in the Mt. Vernon school system to take home for the weekends.

F.A.R.M. is currently in need of the following items to add to their shelves.

- Boxed potatoes, pasta, rice
- Canned meats [chicken, tuna, sausage]
- Canned soups and vegetables
- Canned or dried fruits
- Cereal
- Dessert mixes
- Oatmeal

These items can be left in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank You!

NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!



Worship Schedule

Sunday December 21

Usher: Deacons

Liturgist: Ross King

Flowers: ????????

Fellowship: Deacons

**If Pastoral Care is needed,
Rev. Wally Wilson
Can be reached at
(765) 278-3749 or
revwwilson@gmail.com**



ATTENDANCE

December 7

In person — 25

Virtual — 142

FINANCIAL HEALTH
OUR CHURCH'S

December 7

\$2,742

Year to Date

\$149,676



At Home:

Shirley Sheeks

Dick Abdon

Linda Abdon



In Hospital, Nursing Home & Assisted Living Centers:

Ann McFate @ Wyndmoor of Castleton,
Indpls., IN 46250

Shirley Tichenor @ Westminster Village
10050 Presbyterian Dr.; 3386 Juniper
Commons 46236 phone 317-823-6841

Betty Burney @ Independence Village
9745 Olympia Drive Room #407;
Fishers, IN 46037

Martha Dawson @ 10050 Presbyterian
Drive; ATTN: 4315 Laurel Commons;
ZIP 46236



Toys for Tots

Tony DeSimone's
neighborhood as well as Cub
Pack 88 is doing a **Toys for Tots** drive.
Place **NEW UNWRAPPED** toys in either
box (Narthex or outside of the
office).

If you would like to add to the box,
feel free to do so up until Sunday,
December 14.



December

Indy DeSimone 12/14

Tony DeSimone 12/15

Andy Baker 12/15

JoEllen King 12/23

Christie Waggoner 12/23

Diana Chastain 12/25

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January 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 30	Dec 1 7:00pm Troop 88 (MP Room)	2 1:00pm Needlecrafters (MP Room) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room)	3 6:00pm Deer Creek HOA (MP Room)	4 11:30am Sarah Circle (MP Room) 1:00pm PW Coordinating Team (Education Room)	5	6
7 2:00pm Scout Band (MP Room) 6:30pm A Night of Christmas Music (Sanctuary)	8 7:00pm Troop 88 (MP Room)	9 10:30am Hope Circle (Education Room) 12:00pm Stewardship Commission (The 6:00pm Cub Scout Den	10 6:30pm Crystal Pointe HOA (MP Room)	11	12	13 9:00am Men of Christ (Lincoln Square) 4:00pm Eagle Court of Honor (Sanctuary / MP Room)
14 11:30am Sarah Circle Christmas Party (Murphys's 2:00pm Scout Band Christmas Concert	15	16 11:30am Prime Timers (MP Room) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room) 7:00pm Session Meeting	17	18	19	20 9:00am Carol Fleshood (MP Room)
21 2:00pm Scout Band Christmas Party (MP Room)	22	23 1:00pm Knit & Natters (Education Room) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room)	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29 7:00pm BBBC Board Meeting (Education Room)	30 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room)	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1, 26	2	3

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February 2026

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18 2:00pm Scout Band (MP Room)	19 Martin Luther King Day	20 11:30am Prime Timers (MP Room) 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings (MP Room)	21	22 7:00pm Euchre Night (MP Room)	23	24
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Joys and Concerns ~ December 14, 2025

- *We pray for our members and friends in the Armed Services, especially Curtis Call-Bridgewater, Scott Kelley, Amy [Abramo] Allgood, Nate Henry, Chase Bilyou*
 - *Prayers for the people of Ukraine.*
- *Prayers for an end to violence in Indianapolis*
- *Prayers for the people of Israel and Ukraine*
 - *The people of Jamaica*

We Pray for God's Healing for:

*Ann McFate
Betty Burney
Roy Bilyou
Martha Dawson
Tildan "Bud" Blanton
Carol Fleshood
Dennis Wasitis
Linda Abdon
Emily Grelle
Hollis Bassler*

*Shirley Tichenor
Diana Chastain
Cheryl Embrey
Shirley Sheeks
Mary Jane Smock
Richard Perry
Marilyn Juhlin
Dick Abdon
Coleson Correll
Jim Imel*

*Prayers of Thanksgiving for **Dick & Linda Abdon** and **Wally & Paula Wilson** for their presence and gifts to our family of faith.*

Welcome to CPC ~ CONNECT WITH US

Please let us know who you are and how we can help you. Please tear off this sheet, fill it in and place in the offering basket.

Today's Date: _____

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City / ZIP _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

How did you hear about us: _____

[☐] First Visit [☐] Address change [☐] Connect Me