

Fairview Presbyterian Church Weekly News

“Love Grows Here!”

December 18-31, 2023

Worship This Sunday Christmas Eve



It is the night we celebrate the opening of the most precious gift of presence we know – the birth of the Christ Child, the Light of the World. As we light our candles, we open our hearts to becoming part of the gift of light in the world. Like the shepherds, will we live in the shadows of fear, or will we dare to run to the manger to know and believe the Good News of new possibility for all who need it most?

The 7pm Christmas Eve Service will be family-friendly, interactive and include special music by David Durst.

The 10pm Christmas Eve Service will include 2 choral anthems and be more contemplative.

Both services will include communion and candlelight singing of “Silent Night.”

The 7pm service will also be live on Zoom!

If you are joining us virtually:

1. You can find us live on Sunday mornings on Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/905436486>
Meeting ID: 905 436 486
2. You can also find our service posted to our YouTube Channel later on Sunday, here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvb_imMOOo6qnV6jwQTGKTQ

Hope to see you on Christmas Eve!

Please note: There is NO worship service on Sunday morning, December 24th.

Worship Next Sunday December 31st



This time of year can be filled with worry about finding the perfect Christmas gifts. Deep down we want people in our lives to know they are special and that we love them. But sometimes we overlook the greatest gift of all - our very presence.

The Gift of Being Present

During Advent and Christmas, we remember that God came to be present among us through Jesus. How can we be more fully present this season?

The overwhelming message of the Christmas story is the assurance that we, too, are children of the Holy One. In this, our very presence is a gift if we will only allow the Spirit to move in and through us. Every day of our ordinary lives, we can show up – be present – and proclaim the assurance of hope, peace, joy, and love possible with God.

On Sunday, Dec 31st, there is NO Sunday School and NO Junior Church.

Adult Sunday School Class

No classes December 24, 31, & January 7.

Youth Group

There will be NO Youth Group on December 24, 31, and January 7.

Church Office Hours

The office will be closed this Friday, December 22, Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26.

Christmas Cards



At Christmas, we reach out to those who can't always make it to worship through Christmas cards and cookie tins. Over 225 cards came in to be distributed to our members at home alongside a tin of cookies baked by our deacons. Love grows here and is shared with our church family!

The Children's Christmas Pageant was amazing this past Sunday!
Congrats to all the kids for all their hard work! Thank you to our musician Nathan Hess for playing King Herod! And a big thank you to Sara and Linda Tobolewski for their work directing the pageant!





Our Angel Acolytes last Sunday – Ava Borland & Lily Tobolewski!



Our Cookie Crew! Thanks to all of them for their hard work baking, decorating and assembling the cookies!



Tom Fetterman is having his students in his 4th-8th grade Sunday School class each write a message to a person in the congregation, and then pin it on the tree in the Lobby. They are having fun leaving a secret note to others making them feel special. Be sure to check it out and see if YOUR name is on there!

We appreciate all of you who have helped and participated in our many missions, programs, and fundraisers through the year. We wouldn't be able to do the things we do without YOU! You all give the meaning to LOVE GROWS HERE!

Session Summary

Session held its stated meeting on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm

- Opened with a devotional and prayer.
- Reviewed financial reports for November 2023. Approved the 2024 Budgets for Operations, Mission, and the Building Fund. All budgets will be presented to the congregation as information at the Annual Meeting.
- Called the Annual Congregational Meeting for during worship on Sunday, January 28, 2024. Potluck Luncheon to follow.
- Heard reports from all committees – Administration and Personnel, Worship, Mission and Nurture, and Christian Education.
- On recommendation from the Personnel Committee, approved year end stipends.



Annual Reports from all committees and groups are due by January 17th. Please email all reports to Pastor Emily: RevEmilyZL@gmail.com.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, January 28th during worship with a Potluck Luncheon to follow.

Soul Sisters

The women's group will meet Wednesday, January 3 here at the church at 6:30 pm.

Men's Group

The men will meet Thursday, January 4 at 6:30 pm, at Chico's.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry distribution will be Saturday, January 6.