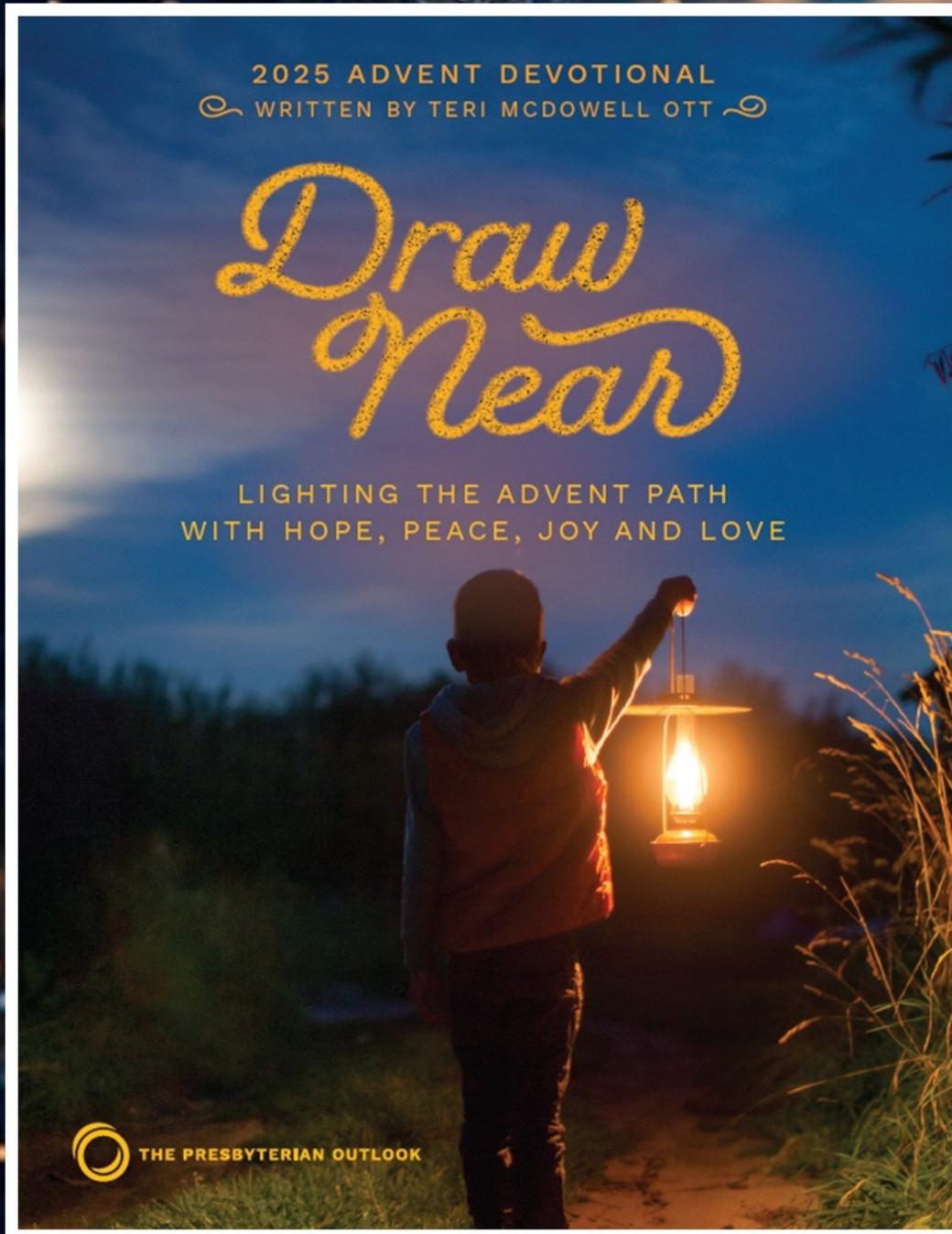


# 1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

## November - December 2025



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*Celebrating Christ's love for all people*

# Pastor's Page:

*"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. <sup>2</sup>(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) <sup>5</sup>to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. <sup>6</sup>And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." — Luke 2:1-7 KJV*



## Siblings in Christ at First Presbyterian Church,

**Three more Sundays 'til Advent! Before that we need only: 1) set up for Christmas trees, 2) host a presbytery meeting, 3) host The Table, 4) unload the Christmas trees, 4) decorate the church, and 4) celebrate Thanksgiving. Easy-peasy, nothin' to it!**

### Things of Note:

**Mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 26, at 5:30pm. We are participating in a shared Thanksgiving worship service at Zoar Lutheran Church. Even though I will be on vacation that week, I will be participating in the worship service and very much hope that 1st Pres will make a good showing. If you are able, please attend!**

**Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall worship and study program here at FPC. This work was among the best of my ministry thus far. And thank you to all who came and spoke together at the congregational forum on Sunday, November 9th. And thank you to Susan Rowland Miller, Allison Mackin, Marti Clayton, and Jay Salvage, who put in A LOT of work with me in implementing this programming and the forum. Actually, big thank you to Amy in the office too! She did SO MUCH behind the scenes work on this project.**

**What follows is an excerpt from my sermon this past Sunday. I ask us all to continue considering what gets us enthusiastic, excited, revved up in the life of faith.**

What gets you enthusiastic in the life of faith?

I got really revved up this past weekend attending the Freedom Rising Conference at Middle Collegiate Church in New York City (on line of course). From the very first speaker to the last I was alight, afire, almost "hyper-excited" about peeking into the room of Black, Brown, Queer, and Women inter-denominational and interfaith clergy preaching and teaching about "the fierce urgency of now" — the urgency of this time and this place and the calling for all people who know the good news of Jesus Christ (of Love) to go and speak it, and stand for it, and demand it. I called my mom, emailed and texted all my friends, shared my login information widely so they could all check out the amazing speakers. I was writing my report about the conference for the session meeting this week, and I got excited all over again just reading my notes.

So, what gets you delirious with excitement about the life of faith? What makes you go, "Oh yeah! This is what it's all about. This is why we come to church! This is what it's all for!" What makes you think, "This. This is what I give my money to the church for. This is why I go to this church." What glimpses of God's throne room have you seen?

**Blessings, Pastor Katie**

We will be getting ready for the pageant during Jr. Worship. Each Sunday, we will explore the story of Jesus's birth. Through scripture, art, and by asking questions about how this miracle took place, we will deepen our appreciation for the magic of this blessed season. Don't worry if you can't attend every Sunday. You will receive the lesson early in the week via email for your review. There will be a few simple questions to help spark family discussions. There are no right or wrong answers; it's all about how each child interprets the pictures. You can keep a journal or send your comments back to Gretchen Downs so we can incorporate their thoughts into the program. We will have a practice on December 7th during Jr. Worship.

## Christmas Pageant on Dec 14

Join us during Sunday service

## Perrysburg Holiday Parade

On December 6th, we will once again take part in the Perrysburg Holiday Parade. This event is so festive and a wonderful opportunity for us to express our love for Jesus to the community.

There will be additional information heading your way soon.





A big thank you to all who contributed candy and joined us in handing it out during trick-or-treating!

# BEER & HUMMS NIGHT

**Hanon's Block Restaurant**

619 Monroe Street

**Sunday, November 30**

Music from 7:00-8:00 pm

Arrive early to get a good seat and enjoy great food before the festivities begin!



## Hanging of the Greens

hosted by JoyBelles and Congregational Life

**Tuesday, Nov 25 at 6 pm**





## Community Outreach

### The Table: November 19th - Turkey

**PCU "One Day Sunday": November 30th - Toilet Paper**

ANGEL TREE: 3RD WEEK IN NOVEMBER - 20 ANGELS FOR WOOD CO CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS MORE SPECIAL!

**Christmas Joy Offering: November 30th—December 21st**  
**See the kid's banner in Fellowship Hall!**

*Reverse Advent Calendar: supporting the PCU at the end of November*

*Flyers can be found on the information table in the Fellowship Hall!*

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY: PERRYSBURG STUDENT SERVICES & WELL-BEING  
OUR 4TH YEAR!

**Kindly remember to  
purchase and bring  
poinsettias on Sunday,  
December 21, for the  
Christmas Eve service.**



# November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>16</b> 10am Worship MVP Meeting Set-up	<b>17</b> MVP Meeting Set-up	<b>18</b> 10AM -3 PM MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY MEETING	<b>19</b> 5pm The Table 6pm AlAnon	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:45pm Toastmasters	<b>22</b> Pastor KRT vacation→
<b>23</b> 10am Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm JoyBelles 6pm Hanging of the Greens	<b>26</b> 6pm AlAnon	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> ←Pastor KRT vacation	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10am Worship Budget to Congregation 7pm Beer & Hymns						

## UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

**November 16:** Stephen Potts, Rauscher Family, Jay Salvage, Gretchen Downs

**November 23:** Don Youel, Tom & Karen Lingeman, Kathy Jarosz, Stephen Potts

**November 30:** Stephen Potts, Dennis & Jean Thayer, Lizzy Crawford/Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

**December 7:** Don Youel, David Nunn & Marty Sloan, David/Susan Rowland Miller, Nancy Gates

**Communion:** Jay & Jo Salvage, Tom & Karen Lingeman

**December 14:** Stephen Potts, Lowrie Gilmore, Sarah Magoun, Kathy Jarosz

**December 21:** Don Youel, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Jo Salvage, Gretchen Downs

**December 28:** Stephen Potts, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Isla/Fiona Davies, Stephen Potts

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10am Bible Study	3 6pm Community Outreach 6pm AlAnon	4	5	6
7 10am Worship Congregational Meeting	8	9 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Session	10 6pm AlAnon	11	12	13
14 10am Worship Children's Pageant Cookie Gala	15	16 10am Bible Study	17 5pm The Table 6pm AlAnon	18	19 5:45pm Toastmasters	20
21 10am Worship Solstice Party	22	23 10am Bible Study 1pm JoyBelles	24 Christmas Eve Worship	25 	26	27
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