

# Grace Presbyterian News

## January 2022

### Sunday Worship Continues, In Person and Livestream

We continue Sunday worship in person under the protocols we have used since last March. You are welcome to attend, masked and distanced. We do sing. We do not pass the offering plates nor friendship pads. Please arrive no sooner than 10:45 and no later than 10:55. Enter the sanctuary by the doors on the east or west side that lead directly into the sanctuary, rather than using the hallways. Please move to a seat quickly. Please save most visiting for after the service so that it is easier to maintain distancing. We want to make worship in person possible for those who want to attend, but we are also practicing due caution in light of the highly contagious omicron variant of COVID-19. Please wear your mask over your mouth and nose at all times inside the church. We continue to live stream the service as an alternative to in person worship.

Pastor Mike Krech

### Sunday School for Adults, Children, and Youth Meet on Zoom

The adult Sunday School class meets on Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. John Price is leading the class, studying Genesis. Send Mike an email at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com) to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link. Children and youth are also meeting online Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Contact Cristaldawn Smith for more details at [revmiss2002@yahoo.com](mailto:revmiss2002@yahoo.com). Both classes end at 10:00 a.m. to give time to get to church.

### Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

Morning prayer on Zoom continues most Wednesdays. Email Mike at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com) to receive the link to join us. You will get an email by Tuesday noon with the link to join the Zoom chat and a list of the Scripture readings and hymn for the meeting. We pray for each person by name at morning prayer. I warmly invite those who find it meaningful to be remembered on the prayer list to also be among those who pray for those on the prayer list in this service. We try to open the room by 9:20 a.m. so we can chat and visit, start at 9:30, and conclude by 10:00.

### Thursday Night Study Group at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Our Thursday night study group on Zoom has proved quite meaningful to several folks across our first year of meeting, and we would be glad to welcome others. Our book for January and February is *How To Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Send Mike an email at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com) to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link.

### De-Christmas the Sanctuary – Friday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m.

We will take down the Christmas decorations Friday morning, January 7, at 10:00 a.m. A few helpful hands can probably accomplish this in 30-45 minutes.

### Game Nights on Zoom – Fridays, January 7 and 21, at 7:00 p.m.

We meet on Zoom for fellowship, word games, trivia, and many laughs. If you would like to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link, email Mike at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com).

### Ordination and Installation of Elders – Sunday, January 9

On the Sunday after Epiphany, the church turns attention to The Baptism of Jesus. This also seems an appropriate day to ordain and install our elders, who are living out their baptismal covenant by serving in the capacity of elder, as elected by the congregation. We are grateful the elder class of 2024, Akwi Aseh, Susie Hayes, and Janet Vawter and look forward to their ordination and installation in worship on January 9, 2022.

## Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings on Zoom (Lesson 5)

Evening Circle meets Monday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Day Circle meets Tuesday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.

If you received emails with the Zoom links in previous months, you will receive an email for the Zoom links to these meetings. If you have not participated, but wish to do so, email [patsykrech@gmail.com](mailto:patsykrech@gmail.com)

## Presbytery Education Day – Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 9am-2pm At Farmington Presbyterian Church 8245 Farmington Blvd Germantown TN 38139

A presbytery wide educational event is planned for Saturday, January 29, under the heading Vitality – Church in Post Pandemic Life. The keynote address and worship begin at 9:00 a.m. The speaker is Jan Edmiston, co-moderator of the General Assembly from 2016-2018 and General Presbyter of Charlotte Presbytery in North Carolina. Three workshops plus lunch take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., including *Worshipping with Our Senses*, led by Doug Barr; *Spiritual PTSD: Processing the Pandemic*, led by Jerry Heston; *Appreciative Inquiry and Why Change When Change Is Hard* led by James Gale, our executive presbyter; *Spiritual Vitality through Mindfulness* led by Anne Hagler; *Who Is My Neighbor*, led by Stephanie Patton; and *Ministry with Youth* led by Christopher Williams. Cost including lunch is \$25 and scholarships are available. Brochures are available on the tables at church.

## Offering Envelopes for 2022

Personalized offering envelopes are available for those who pledged for 2022 or have given regularly in the past. These are on the table in the narthex, and those worshipping in person are encouraged to pick these up and use them in 2022 as they help make accounting simpler. If you are not worshipping in person at present, you are welcome to come to the church and pick them up. Mondays and Fridays are the best days for that when Mike and Betsy are generally on site. However, if you come at a time when no one appears to be in the church offices, you can rap on the door to the Day Care on the south side of the church facilities and east of the church offices and let the Day Care director know who you are and you can access the church hallway to pick up your envelopes. Thank you for your faithful stewardship in the ongoing pandemic since March 2020.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Sch. on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person &amp; Live Stream Christmas 2/ Epiphany observed</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom</p> <p><i>Rick McAdams Karen Schlichte Martina Tafah</i></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Epiphany</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m. De-Christmas Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Game/Trivia Night on Zoom</p>	<p><b>1/8</b></p> <p>New Year's Day (1<sup>st</sup>)</p> <p><i>Eric Washburn (8<sup>th</sup>)</i></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Sch. on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person &amp; Live Stream Baptism of the Lord/Ordination of Elders</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Night Circle on Zoom</p> <p><i>Sue Cloughen</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Day Circle on Zoom</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom</p> <p><i>Cecilia Takwi</i></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Sch. on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person &amp; Live Stream</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Session Mtg on Zoom</p> <p><i>Lydia Smith</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>No Morning Prayer (Mike away)</p> <p><i>Becky Stirling Elizabeth Velazquez</i></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Game/Trivia Night on Zoom</p> <p><i>Oki Tafah</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Sch. on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person &amp; Live Stream</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Synod of Living Waters Franklin, TN</p> <p><i>Daniel Hicks</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><i>Lee Guenther</i></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom</p> <p><i>Caitlyn Walker</i></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Presbytery Education Event, Farmington Church</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Sch. on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person &amp; Live Stream</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p>Names <i>in italics</i> indicate that day is that person's birthday</p>				

**Readings to prepare for Worship:**

**Jan. 2:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72;  
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**Jan. 9:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-22

**Jan. 16:** Isaiah 62:1-7; Psalm 36;  
1 Cor. 12:1-12; John 2:1-11

**Jan. 23:** Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19;  
1 Cor. 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

**Jan. 30:** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71;  
1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

**A Prayer for Epiphany**

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls,  
who brought the nations to your light and kings  
to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world  
with your glory and show yourself to all nations  
through him who is the true light and the bright  
morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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