

THE CHRIST CHILD IS BORN!

First Presbyterian
Preschool
Mesa, AZ

December 1, 2023



ALLELUIA!

December 2023

In the city of David

He came to humble parents who were seeking to do God's will. He brought nations together to adore Him. He comes to each one of us bearing the gift of eternal life. He is our Savior, Jesus! We celebrate the birth of Jesus, the life of Jesus, the love of Jesus this month and all year long. It's not about huge parties or how many gifts are under the tree. The true spirit of Christmas means living each moment of our lives like little children – loving each experience and finding delight in the little things with family. Take sometime this holiday season to enjoy the gifts that you *already* have received because Jesus has come to us. YOU are your child's first teacher. Let's give them the gift of knowing who He is.

Merry Christmas!



Important! Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well and are sick. Call the school when they are out & will not be attending and let us know why.
480-835-7877

Birth to 5 Helpline: Feeling a bit overwhelmed with your little one? The Birth to 5 Helpline is designed to answer any questions you might have and get you connected with local resources if needed.
877-705-KIDS

Special Christmas Program

Each year we plan special songs to celebrate the Christmas Spirit for all the families to see! Please join us on **Thursday, December 14, at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall.** The program will last about 30 minutes with Cookies & Milk to follow. Plan to bring your family & your camera. There is sure to be a few photo opportunities you won't want to miss! We will be celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus and the joy of the Christmas Season with all of you. Watch your mailbox for a reminder invitation!

Announcement: In January we you will help us get the word out and share the good news that we have openings in both classrooms with scholarships available! Thanks to the Quality First Scholarship Program we can enroll 6 more children. Please have your friends and family with small children stop by the office and pick up a registration packet and scholarship application. We would love to have more children join our school family!

First Presbyterian Church **Christmas Service**

Christmas Eve 12/24 – 3pm



Little Helpers:

The Christmas season is a great time to let your little one help with special holiday gifts. Children love to make cookies or baked goods and help wrap gifts. Let's make new memories together!

This Month's Volunteer Opportunity

Christmas Program Helpers:

Would you be interested in helping set up the Christmas cookies and milk for our refreshments on Wednesday, December 14th before the program begins? We would love your help!

Reminders to families

If you need to make a payment or inform the office of any changes in your schedule or personal contact information, please leave those in the preschool mailbox hanging outside of the office door or email us at

preschool@fpcmesa.org

- Please **pick up your child on time** at their scheduled time. The teachers need to prepare their classrooms for the next day but only have 30 minutes to do that after pickup time. Remember, there is a **late pickup fee of \$15 for every 15 minutes** you are late. Thank you!
- Please **bring your child in a jacket** and mark it with their name.

Special Visitors coming!

January is a fun month to talk about different kinds of Transportation and Community Helpers. We will be welcoming special visitors to tell us more about their profession like the fire department. Would you like to share your skill with the children? Let us know!

School Closures

1. Christmas Holiday,
Dec 22-January 5

School resumes on January 8th

2. January 15th Martin Luther King Day- Closed

Daily Support for your Preschooler

Monday

Allow your preschooler to decorate the Christmas tree with you.

Tuesday

Write personal Holiday cards as a family. Have each member sign their own name and send them out early this year.

Wednesday

Ask where your child would choose to go for a dream vacation and why.

Thursday

Make homemade playdough and spend time playing together

Friday

Let them feed the animals once a day/week.

A special Thank You goes out to all of our amazing families for being such great advocates of our preschool, for all the snacks and donations **and** for helping to keep us all healthy and safe. What a blessing, indeed!

Donation requests:

- 3oz Dixie cups
- Large Bottles of Bubbles
- Magic Erasers
- Large Paper Plates

Heart full of Love

So far, this school year has been filled with great joy and exciting new adventures for our preschool children. I feel very blessed to be a part of this Preschool. My heart is full and I feel appreciation for the families that we serve. I also want to say how special it is to work with these women after Christ's heart. They make my everyday experiences so rich and satisfying! Finally, may your family be abundantly blessed this Christmas season knowing that Jesus Christ is born!

Sincerely ~ Shiloh Murillo - Director
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