

THE OUTLOOK

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF WAXAHACHIE

402 N College Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

December 2024

A Note from Fred:

Christmas is coming!

Advent is a season of anticipation. We celebrate the arrival, or “advent”, of Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah and King. During this four-week season, we reflect on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. During worship on the four Sundays of Advent, we light an Advent Candle.

The Advent wreath uses evergreen branches to form a circle symbolizing eternal (circle) life (evergreen). There are five candles: three purple, one pink, and one white. Purple symbolizes royalty, repentance, and penance. We are reminded that we are filled with hope as we await the Messiah to free us from sin. We reflect on the peace we experience when, in faith, we turn from sin and follow the King. The pink candle symbolizes our joy as a result of the good news of the gospel. On Christmas Eve, we light the center candle, which is white. It is the Christ candle and white represents purity, light, and victory.

In John 8:12, Jesus says, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

At the end of our Christmas Eve Service, the lights in the sanctuary will grow dim as we sing “Silent Night”. Everyone is given a candle to light. Our church officers will come forward, light a candle from the Christ candle, and share their light with the congregation. Everyone’s lit candles will emit a beautiful glow as we sing the carol and celebrate the arrival of Jesus, the light of the world.

I hope you will join us as we journey through this season of Advent and celebrate the coming of God incarnate, Jesus the Christ, born in Bethlehem, the city of David.

Grace and peace,

Fred



December Birthdays

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| Callianne Buie | 2 | Jean Silvera | 20 |
| Jake Hibbard | 4 | Larry Felty | 25 |
| Ronnie Tapp | 10 | Mike Collier | 27 |
| Camille Willett | 17 | Vance Hinds | 31 |

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 16:3



Please provide your birthday to the church office. We, along with your friends, want to wish you a happy birthday!

Fellowship & Worship Opportunities

Children and Adult Sunday School Classes Sunday mornings, 9:30 am, Downstairs

Ministry Team Meeting Schedule

These teams meet immediately following worship:

- Worship**, First Sunday of the month
- Mission/Congregational Care**, Second Sunday of the month
- Discipleship**, Third Sunday of the month
- Finance/Admin.**, Third Monday of the month

If you want more information about the ministry teams listed, please join us for one of the meetings. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Jubilate Ringers meet Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 pm

Chancel Choir meets Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

Presbyterian Women's Circle

Morning Circle

2nd Thursday of each month,
10:00 a.m., in the parlor

Evening Circle

2nd Tuesday of each, 6:30 at the home
of Rene Craig, 2052 Abela, Waxahachie.



Memory Care Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 5:00 pm, in the parlor.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Second Saturday, Each Month, 8:00 am, Downstairs

Saturday Seekers meet the first Saturday of the month. Please email Keith Campbell for more information at keithc53@aol.com

OCTOBER 2024 FINANCIALS

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| Unrestricted donations | \$ 12,625 | YTD Unrestricted | \$174,872 |
| Other Income | \$ 10,000 | YTD Other | \$105,000 |
| Total Income | \$ 22,625 | | \$279,872 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 43,242 | YTD | \$283,343 |
| Net | \$ 20,617 | | \$ 3,471 |



Thank You

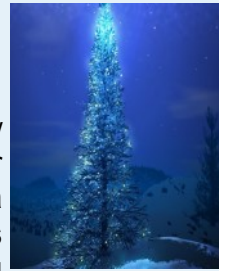
I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Thrower and the congregation for recognizing my service to the church over the years. How moved and humbled I was to be honored by my beloved church family. The love and support I have received has been overwhelming. Thank you for the beautiful plaques that will be placed on the doors into the Handbell room and a plaque for the room. The privilege of teaching the Handbell Choirs, and being a part of three generations of this church will always be such a blessing to me.

Winnie O'Donnell

Blue Christmas Service

Saturday, December 21st, 6:00 pm

The service is on December 21 — the shortest day of the year. This offers an opportunity the for community to reflect on darkness and light in a literal sense. When the darkness feels overwhelming, we can take comfort in knowing that God meets us here. And whether it is a seed in the soil, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, we know that life comes out of the dark



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services

Wednesday, December 24
5:00 pm & 11:00 pm

We will have two Christmas Eve Worship Services. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Christmas With Dignity is a program developed by Common Ground Ministries to give parents of the students enrolled in the after school mentoring and tutoring facility the blessing of purchasing toys for Christmas at a reduced rate.

Toys are donated to CGM from churches, organizations, individuals, and other local entities; and then priced at 1/3 of the original cost and organized in a store at Central Presbyterian Church. This year the store will be open in our Undercroft on December 7. Family members of CGM are invited to come shop from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. From 12:00-2:00pm, members of the community are invited to come shop with the same discount. Any items left are donated to another charitable organization for distribution. A **box** has been placed in the **sanctuary** by the ramp door for members and friends of CPC to donate toys.

Unfortunately, the online donation opportunity has expired. However, donations may still be dropped in the box by the ramp door until December 5. Let's help make Christmas a very special time for the children right here in our neighborhood.

Note: if any member or friend of CPC would like to help sell or wrap gifts on the day of the store, December 7, please contact Cheryl Loper.



BETHLEHEM REVISITED

6:00—9:00 pm

Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 7

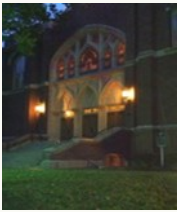
Sunday, December 8

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

Sunday, December 15

Central Presbyterian's Sanctuary will be open for Bethlehem Revisited. We would love for you to join us as a docent. It is a wonderful opportunity to share the beautiful sanctuary. Please call Johnna, in the church office 972-937-2924, for details.



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Sunday School 9:30 am
 Worship Service 11:00 am

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm
 Friday 9am-Noon

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DECEMBER 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Worship MT | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 6:00-9:00 PM BETHLEHEM REVISITED | 7 6:00—9:00 BR |
| 8 6:00—9:00 BR 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Mission MT | 9 | 10 6:30 pm Women's Evening Circle. At Rene Craig's 5:00 pm Memory Support Group | 11 6:00 Jubilate Ringers 7:00 Chancel Choir | 12 10:00 am Women's Morning Circle, Church parlor | 13 6:00-9:00 PM BETHLEHEM REVISITED | 14 8:00 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 6:00—9:00 BR |
| 15 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Discipleship MT | 16 10:00 am Finance MT | 17 | 18 6:00 Jubilate Ringers 7:00 Chancel Choir | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Children's Program SESSION | 23 | 24 <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight 5:00 pm &</i> | 25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 30 | 31 | | | | |