

| November 2025 Income/Expense Report |             |                |                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                     | 2025 Budget | 2025 Actual    | 2024 Actual    |
| Income Received:                    | \$295,240   | \$272,068.04   | \$279,395.01   |
| Expenses:                           | \$295,240   | \$289,236.20   | \$304,805.96   |
| * (Deficit)/Surplus:                |             | \$ (17,168.16) | \$ (25,410.95) |

**SHOW APPRECIATION TO OUR CHURCH STAFF—LAST DAY TO GIVE!**

Our paid staff works very hard to keep our Church running smoothly. We would like to give them an extra thank you during this giving season. This is your opportunity to show your appreciation for their continued dedication to our church. I ask you to consider a special gift this Christmas season. We would like to distribute this to the staff before Christmas. **It will be greatly appreciated if your gift is received TODAY. Please use the staff bonus envelope, if you use giving envelopes, or there are envelopes at the back of the Sanctuary. Mark your checks with “staff bonus”.**

Thank you so much! *Peggy Deakyne, Personnel & Nominating Elder*

**GIVING TREE 2025**

Please take a moment and stop by the 2025 Giving Tree! It is beautifully decorated and is full of gift tags. This year, FPC is assisting five families for the Christmas season. **If your heart leads you, choose a tag (or two), purchase the gift on the tag, wrap it and return it to church by Sunday, December 21.** The families will be here that day to pick up the gifts. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. FPC's support of these families truly reflects our spirit of giving and love of community.

**2026 GIVING ENVELOPES**

The 2026 giving envelopes are now available by the back door on the table. Please take only one book per family.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...**

“WHAT DID MARY KNOW & WHEN DID SHE KNOW IT?”

Mark Lowry Interview & Song

**Join our Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9am Before Worship Service.**

**FPC, YOU'RE ANSWERING THE CALL—THANK YOU!**

We are grateful for your food and financial gifts to our *Little Yellow Food Pantry*, helping neighbors who often fall through the cracks of traditional assistance this holiday season. Thanksgiving was a success, and with Christmas coming, let's keep the momentum going by donating non-perishables or giving through yellow pew envelopes.

**Your kindness is making a real difference.** Consider volunteering a little of your time to help restock shelves, shop, or organize storage beginning in January—look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall.

**DECEMBER 14 THROUGH DECEMBER 21, 2025**

|                  |          |                                     |
|------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | 9:00 am  | Adult Sunday School                 |
|                  | 10:00 am | Worship                             |
|                  | 11:15 am | Fellowship Hour                     |
| <b>Monday</b>    |          |                                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 1:00 pm  | Westminster Circle                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:30 am  | Men's Great Banquet Reunion Group   |
|                  | 8:30 am  | Women's Great Banquet Reunion Group |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 7:00 pm  | Choir Rehearsal                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9:00 am  | Shepherd's Center                   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 8:30 am  | Aerobics                            |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:00 am  | Adult Sunday School                 |
|                  | 10:00 am | Worship                             |
|                  | 11:15 am | Fellowship Hour                     |

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS  
DECEMBER 24, 2025—6 PM**

Christmas Eve is a joyous time at FPC, and all are invited as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The Sanctuary will be alive for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service featuring traditional lessons and carols of Christmas, and the Chancel Choir. The evening concludes with our much-beloved “Silent Night, Holy Night” candlelight closing as we share the light of our individual candles with one another, signifying that light will overcome darkness with the arrival of Jesus on earth.

Overflow parking is available at City Hall, one block west of church

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- ♥ **The family of Michael Rogers** upon his passing.
- ♥ **Bob Wesley**, having shoulder replacement surgery on Wednesday, December 17, 2025.
- ♥ **Bob Wesley**, on the passing of his sister (San Jose, CA).



**Continue to remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:**

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| <b>Wendy Bittle</b>                                     | <b>Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village</b> |
| <b>Ray Faust—Harbor Manor</b>                           | <b>Barbara Landes</b>                        |
| <b>Carolyn &amp; Joe McGinley – Hamilton Trace</b>      |  |
| <b>Verna Merrell</b>                                    | <b>Rachel Morgan</b>                         |
| <b>Carol Stough—Five Star Residences of Noblesville</b> |  |



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

DECEMBER 14, 2025  
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| SESSION       |                     | DEACONS                     |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Laurie Szabo  | Christian Education | Susan Clark, Co-Moderator   |
| Barb Runyon   | Evangelism          | Andrea Joines, Co-Moderator |
| Mark Wisely   | Finance             | Johnathan Baker             |
| Jennie Auble  | Mission             | Anne Burress                |
| Bob Moore     | Planning            | Brenda Christian            |
| Peggy Deakyne | Personnel /Nom.     | Clint Gingerich             |
| Sue Jourdan   | Properties          | Gail Ratliff                |
| Karen McCord  | Clerk               | Robin Rufatto               |
| Eric R. Gale  | Moderator           | Joe Sullivan                |
|               |                     | Quinn Teague                |
|               |                     | Debbie Wilson               |



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 14, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember there are those who cherish a time of quiet before worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Birthdays

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Fantasia on "Adeste Fidelis"

Cheryl Mayhew, organist

Lani Smith

ADVENT READING

Reader: Kiersten Clifford

L: We all know the story about the birth of Jesus. Most of us will spend not only large amounts of money but large amounts of time the month of December preparing for Christmas – buying gifts, going to parties, attending or participating in Christmas programs, decorating our homes and traveling to be with friends and family. But are we preparing our hearts for the real Christmas?

So, let's simplify what this big deal is all about. There was a baby born to Mary and Joseph in a manger, witnessed by several animals and sought out by shepherds and wise men who followed a star to Bethlehem. While we are at it, we can throw in a few angels to our story. Can we think of the power of God through these simple things?

Ahh, the "angels", who are so crucial to this entire story, weave their way throughout the birth of Christ. The Bible tells us of many times where God sent His angels to make big announcements. It is written in Luke 1:25-28, "...the angel Gabriel was sent from God to the city of Nazareth to a virgin whose name was Mary who was espoused to Joseph from the lineage of the House of David" and Luke also wrote in 1:30-31, "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS". But it wasn't just Mary that needed a warning and assurance; Joseph was visited by an angel in his dream. In Matthew 1:20-21, the angel of the Lord said, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name JESUS". So, the message was similar but there was not quite the JOY that most of us would feel when we find out we are having a baby. However, the angels weren't finished with this story. And written in Luke 2:8-10, a passage which Handel's Messiah made very familiar, "And there were in the same county shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks at night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were so afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great JOY, which shall be to all people."

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF JOY

L: We light this third candle of Advent, the candle of JOY, to acknowledge that not only angels announced the great JOY of the birth of Jesus but we, too, as Christians should be doing the same

† OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#244

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear Lord, forgive us for not spreading the great news of the birth of Your Son, Jesus, when we spend more time wrapping presents than glorifying You for this wonderful gift of Your Son. Help us to be more like the angels, who share the good news of great JOY. Remind us that JOY is the gift given to us every day by You, Lord. And give us the ability to see the JOY in all the things You have created. Amen.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive)

L: The angels assured Mary and Joseph not to fear for they would bear a son, who was given to them by the Holy Ghost, and their son would give humankind peace and salvation. We should not fear, as well, to worship and glorify Christ.

P: We want to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to experience the JOY that only God can give us.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI

words on screen

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Come to the Manger" (Richard Kountz)

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"What's Real About Christmas?"

Douglas

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

words on screen

(Please keep joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer)

OFFERING

Offertory

"Cradle Song"

Arr. by Roger C. Wilson

† Doxology

words on screen

† Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Emmanuel"

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MESSAGE

Pastor Kevin Bausman

"Symbols in the Christmas Story—The Gospel of Luke"

Luke 2:1-20

† CLOSING HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#277

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Petite Noel"

Carl Simone

†Please stand if you are able.

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.

\* Please sign and date the attendance pad.

Thank you to Claudia MacRae who is authoring our Advent Readings this season.

We welcome Pastor Kevin Bausman to the pulpit today.

SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE NOTES

LUKE2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup>(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

<sup>16</sup>So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.