



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
January 9, 2022

TODAY

8:30 a.m. EARLY SERVICE in the Sanctuary

Please wear a mask and sit every other pew. Hymnals and Bibles are available in the book racks in the Upper Commons. Following worship, please place these books on the Resting Table near the elevator.

10:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP, HYBRID STYLE (in-person and livestream)

Our in-person and livestream congregations share worship together. We ask those in the Sanctuary to continue to wear a mask and sit every other pew. Hymnals and Bibles are available in the book racks in the Upper Commons. Following worship, please place these books on the Resting Table near the elevator. This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, and you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

FOR OUR 10:30 a.m. ONLINE CONGREGATION

The link will open around 10:20 a.m.

Here's a few ideas about how to make a home worship space. This Sunday, January 9, is The Baptism of the Lord, and the Liturgical color is WHITE and/or GOLD. Pick up a copy of the bulletin so you can join in the liturgy at home. You can find the week's materials on the church's website: www.firstpreshc.org

REMEMBRANCE CANDLE – We light a candle every week during the Covid-19 crisis to remember those who have died from this virus.

WORSHIP BAGS: Worship bags are available to enhance the worship experience for children. Please return everything (except the bulletins) to the bags and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY:

Liturgist: Toni (10:30) *Song Leader:* Wayne (10:30)

Ushers & Greeters: Margot (10:30)

Tech Crew: Jean Robert, Jonathan, Mark

TODAY WE SEND OUT OUR PDA MISSION TEAM to Hammond, Louisiana: Woody, Amanda, Pat, Matt, Bruce, Craig, Debbie, Brett and Tom. They will be in Hammond, Louisiana Sunday, January 16 – Saturday, January 22.

EPIPHANY STAR WORDS

Starting on Epiphany Sunday (*January 2, 2022*) everyone is invited to take a Star Word during worship. Inspired by the Magi following the star to Jesus, selecting a star word to meditate on throughout the year can deepen your self-reflection and prayer practices. During the year you are invited to ponder what significance this word might have in your life, and how God might be speaking to you through the simple message. Email Virginia Callegary (vcallegary@firstpreshc.org) if you can't make it to church and would like us to send you a Star Word.



GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Please pray for: Virgie, Burta, Dave, Dylan, Mike, Natalie and Jeff, Paula, Blessing and Obinna, Mil, Rose, Evelyn and Stacy and Family, Doris, Maria, Martin, Pat, Barb, Ruthie and Family, Shirley; for everyone living in Charlestown, Millers Grant, Riderwood and Vantage House; those in our congregation who have tested positive for Covid-19; healthcare workers and essential employees working during Covid-19 pandemic; those in the congregations of the Union Maya Boca Costa Presbiterio in Guatemala who have tested positive for Covid-19.

Members and friends who are staying home during the Corona Virus outbreak.

Non-Resident Members: Frank and Betty, Vivian, Barb

Friends & Family: *Kim's caregiver and friend, Velaria*; Jan, Myrna, Evan, Joyce, Rosalie and George, Al, Heather, Jane, Aaron, Sarah, Frank, Eyler, Matt, Erika, Charles.

Recovering from surgery: Ilene, Shirley, Pat

Care Center: Carol, Paul, Barbara, Bob, Beth

Bereaved: Bruce; Mispá, Jowin, Kelcey and Christopher, Cheryl, Mike, Mandy, Rebecca and Jeremy, Jackie, Doria, Rhydeil, Agnes and Roy, Betsy, Kendrick

Seminarians: Blake, Emma

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo, www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru, www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball; Leslie Vogel in Guatemala, www.PCUSA.org/leslie-vogel

Please contact one of the Pastors: Morton Harris, 443-824-3768 or Sue Lowcock Harris, 443-824-4305 with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share.



PEOPLE ON THE WAY

Martin Luther King, Jr. renewer of society, martyr (*January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968*) Dr. King is remembered as an American prophet of justice among races and nations, a Christian whose faith undergirded his advocacy of vigorous yet nonviolent action for racial equality. A pastor of churches in Montgomery, Alabama and Atlanta, Georgia, his witness was taken into the streets in such other places as Birmingham, Alabama, where he was jailed while protesting against segregation. He preached nonviolence and demanded that love be returned for hate. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he was killed by an assassin on April 4, 1968. Though most commemorations are held on the date of a person's death, many churches remember Dr. King near his birth date. Our nation will pause to remember him next week. Why not join in this remembrance by participating in the National Day of Service on January 21st – or really any day next week?

OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP PRAYER CYCLE FOR 2022

We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✦ Ark and Dove Church in Odenton – *Tim Stern, Pastor and Jonathan Nelson, Associate Pastor*
- ✦ Ashland Church in Hunt Valley – *Shannon Meacham, Pastor*
- ✦ Babcock Church in Baltimore County – *Glen Misick, Pastor*

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THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE focuses the prayers of Christians week by week, so that over the year all the countries of the world are prayed for.

This week we pray for Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Iran, Iraq, Syria.

Prayers of thanks for:

- Ending the violence racking this region, that the people might live together in peace, security and respect for each other.
- Those who have grown weary and disillusioned in searching for solutions.
- An end to religious differences being exploited to perpetuate conflict and further displacement of people.
- Greater openness to welcoming those displaced or fleeing from these lands, desperately seeking safety and wellbeing.

For more information about the Prayer Cycle,
visit the website of the World Council of Churches: www.oikoumene.org

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

FACEBOOK LIVE: EVENING PRAYER WITH THE CO-PASTORS

Thursdays at 9:30 p.m.

Fifteen-ish minutes of quiet and peace, cultivating our awareness of God's presence as we end the day.

You do not need to have a Facebook account to join in – use the link (big blue F) on the front page of the church website and come join us!

ALL JANUARY DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS in 2022

Please sign up! Select your date now for having a flower arrangement in the sanctuary on a Sunday morning in 2022! Go to <http://firstpreshc.org/sanctuary-flowers> When you place your order, you can indicate the dedication you would like in the bulletin that Sunday and whether you want to take the flowers home or leave them for the Deacons to deliver to a church member to brighten their day. The flowers cost \$35. Please send a check to the church office or via [PayPal](#). Questions? Contact Church Administrator, Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Classes are being held in person in the church building and on Zoom. Visit <http://www.firstpreshc.org/adult-sunday-school/> for information on how to access these hybrid classes. If attending in person, please wear a mask.

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE BOOK DISCUSSION *with Paula*

Sundays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us in January as we read *Kindred* by Octavia Butler. *Kindred* explores the dynamics and dilemmas of antebellum slavery from the sensibility of a late 20th-century black woman, who is aware of its legacy in contemporary American society. Through the two interracial couples who form the emotional core of the story, the novel also explores the intersection of power, gender, and race issues, and speculates on the prospects of future egalitarianism.

THE BIBLE IN DEPTH *facilitated by Doyle*

Every Sunday at 9:30 am. on Zoom and in the Parlor

This lively conversational study is reading through the literature of the Old Testament. All are invited to jump right in!

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

We're going to convene for January 12 for general conversation – so bring your favorite beverage and pull up to zoom! The link is the same as last fall – and is on the website if you've lost the link. Watch First Day for more details or look for an email about what we will be studying!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NURSERY IS OPEN!

On Sunday mornings the Nursery is open for children age 4 and under. Children age 3 and up are encouraged to wear a mask. Other Covid health and safety protocols will be followed. For more details or questions email DCE Virginia Callegary (vcallegary@firstpreshc.org).

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Is taking a break on January 13 due to the coronavirus surge.

Next Class - *Thursday, January 19, 2022, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Room 258*

YOUTH GROUP

5th through 12th graders are invited to gather on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month for youth group. Here's what you need to know:

Date and time: *Wednesday, January 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

Bring a chair and your own dinner and we'll provide water and dessert.

Please wear a mask. Check your email for more details.

Questions? Email DCE Virginia Callegary (vcallegary@firstpreshc.org)

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

COLD WEATHER SHELTER 2022

Monday, February 14 through Sunday, February 20

The Cold Weather Shelter is the same as last year due to COVID. For the entire 17 weeks, the guests will again be at the Extended Stay America Hotel, 8870 Columbia 100 Parkway. Our church is responsible for providing 2 people each evening from 5:30–7:00 p.m. to deliver packaged dinners to the guest's rooms.

There will be a Grassroots Staff person there also. Everyone (guests, volunteers, and staff) is required to wear masks and practice social distancing. We will have limited contact with the guests. However, I suggest that church volunteers be vaccinated against COVID. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Margot or the church office.

Meals will be catered by Absolutely Perfect Catering who has done a fantastic job with Feed Howard County. Our church needs to contribute about \$3800 to cover the meals and laundry for the week for 31 guests, including 12 children. Please consider what you might have spent in preparing a casserole or a roast and how much you value NOT having to spend the night at church or scrubbing bathrooms and give accordingly! CLICK HERE to donate on PayPal or send a check marked with "CWS" to the church.



MITTEN TREE RETURNS!

The Deacons are collecting new gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for all ages.

Decorate the Mitten Tree in the Lower Commons with your new items through *Monday, January 31, 2022*.

Thank you! Questions? Contact: Amanda or the church office

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ruth Circle would like to send your college student a message of friendship and support for Valentine's Day. Please send your college student's mailing address to the church office as soon as possible (deadline Saturday, January 22). All college students, whether at home or away are included. For more information, contact Linda.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM PLEDGE STATUS:

As of January 5, 2022--130 persons in 107 households have turned in their commitments to be counted, \$ 552,987 total.

Thank you to those who have responded!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Since we can't pass the offering plate as usual, many people have asked about other ways to make their contributions and pledges. [FIND OUT](#) other ways we can continue to give, <http://www.firstpreshc.org/giving/> In-person worshippers may leave their offering in the basket in the Upper Commons after the worship service. Thank you for all the ways you support the Church!

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of January 6, 2022	\$7,839.55
Actual Expenses as of January 6, 2022	<u>6,662.72</u>
Total	\$ 1,176.83

It takes an average of \$2,156.74 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church. The total surplus/deficit shown above is days ahead/(behind).

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE NOW DUE!

2021 Annual Reports are past due. Please send them to Church Administrator, Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org. Thanks!

TIDINGS ARTICLES FOR JANUARY 2022 E-NEWSLETTERS

Please send any articles to fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org as soon as possible to be included in Ministry Area Tidings e-Newsletters for January. Deadline for Tidings articles are the second Thursday of the month. Thank you!

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Will meet on *Wednesday, January 12, 2022* at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults
- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Hybrid Worship

Please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/firstpreshc/live

YOUTUBE <http://www.youtube.com/c/firstpreshc>

LINKS CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE www.firstpreshc.org

CHURCH MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO CHURCH OFFICE

TUESDAY - SATURDAY BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. OR BY APPOINTMENT

(PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE COMING)

CHURCH STAFF CAN BE REACHED VIA EMAIL, SEE LISTING IN FIRST DAY

DEACONS MITTEN TREE COLLECTION THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2022

Sunday, January 9th

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Education Hour – Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Hybrid Service
- 4:00 p.m. South Asian Language (Urdu) Worship Service

Tuesday, January 11th

SUPER TUESDAY

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Education via Zoom
- Discipleship & Caring Ministries
- Mission Committee via Zoom
- WAM Ministry Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, January 12th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Study Group via Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Study Group via Zoom
- Coordinating Council via Zoom

Thursday, January 13th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

- 9:30 p.m. Evening Prayer with Pastor – Facebook Live

Friday, January 14th

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

- 1:00 p.m. Fold Bulletins

Sunday, January 16th

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Education Hour – Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Hybrid
- 4:00 p.m. South Asian Language (Urdu) Worship Service

The Church Office and Building are now open. The Church Office is open from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please contact the Church Administrator, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org if you need access to the church building.

For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check our website at www.firstpreshc.org for the weekly issue of First Day or the weekly issues of Tidings by Ministry Area.

A Weekly Email is sent every Friday, if you would like to receive it please contact the church office.

To submit news or events for the weekly bulletin **First Day!** please email to: fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, the church's newsletter sent out weekly by Ministry Area, please send articles by email to: fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for February 2022 Issues. Then watch your inbox every week!