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## *At Lake Forest Presbyterian Church*



*We Gather for an In-Person Worship Service  
each Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m.*

We continue to offer a variety of options for joining in worship with us:

- Participating in person at our 10:45 a.m. worship service.
- Participating in our live streamed service during the regular 10:45 a.m. worship time through our Facebook page.
- Viewing an archived video of our worship service, found on our Facebook page.

**At this time, wearing masks is optional at all our church gatherings.**

Rev. Wyn Bryant is our interim pastor  
He is in the office each week, usually on Wednesday,  
but can be reached at any time on his cell phone  
(865-254-1114) or by email ([wyn@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:wyn@lakeforestpc.org)).



Our 10:45 a.m. worship service streams live each Sunday morning on the church's Facebook page. If you can't join us in person we invite you to participate with us in worship as our worship service streams online.

In our Sunday Worship Email, we send a link to our Facebook page where our live video feed is available. You will also find a .pdf of the bulletin in the weekly email as well, so that you can fully participate in the liturgy.

If you miss viewing the service as it is streaming live at 10:45 a.m., an archive of the service will be available for viewing at your convenience almost immediately after our 10:45 a.m. service ends on our Facebook page.

*(The link to our Facebook page as well as the audio of each week's sermon and anthem can be found on our church's website as well.)*



Our Children's Worship Group and Youth Group will be leading Children's Time during our 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 4





*Please be much in prayer for these willing servants of God, that He will protect them, guide them with clarity and unity, and that, through them, He will bring our church family His chosen servant leaders who will wisely, lovingly and selflessly serve Him among us.*

Lake Forest Presbyterian  
Church Pastor Nominating  
Committee :

Stan Boren	Andy Graf
Stephanie Carpenter	Mandy Irvin
Michele Galindo	Seth Maples
	Jim Watson

Those serving on our 2022  
Nominating Committee:

Miriam Broome  
Pat Farley  
Brad Johnson  
Bethany Maples

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A meeting of the congregation of Lake Forest Presbyterian Church is hereby called to be held on Sunday, December 11, immediately following our 10:45 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders to the classes of 2023, 2024 and 2025. Nominations for these offices will be made by the Nominating Committee. Other nominations may be made by members of the congregation from the floor during the meeting.

Elders for the class of 2025: Lindsay Johnson, Bethany Maples, Ben Thomas

Elders for the class of 2024: Ryan Pierce

Elders for the class of 2023: Melinda Kelley

Debbi Potts, Clerk of Session  
Rev. Wyn Bryant, Moderator



OUR HANDBELL CHOIR WILL PROVIDE  
THE SPECIAL MUSIC ON SUNDAY,  
**DECEMBER 18**

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR*

# **CHRISTMAS EVE**

WORSHIP SERVICE

WITH CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 5:30 P.M.





**WORSHIP WITH US ON**

# Christmas Day

**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 25  
AT 10:45 A.M.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES  
WILL NOT MEET ON THAT DAY



If you purchased one of the lovely poinsettias that are displayed in our sanctuary during the Advent season please be sure to drop your \$15 payment for that in the offering plate with "poinsettia" marked clearly on your offering envelope.

You can also mail that payment to the church office but, again, be sure to indicate that you wish to pay for the poinsettia you reserved in honor or in memory of someone you love. Your poinsettia will be available for you to take with you after the Christmas Eve service.



*One of the most beautiful aspects of our worship during the Advent season is the sounds of the familiar carols, the bells, Christmas anthems old and new, that draw our hearts toward Bethlehem. Our Lake Forest chancel choir, our handbells, and our musicians set to music the extravagant love expressed in the birth of our Savior. As we join our voices with theirs, and as we bask in the special music that will fill our church during Advent, may the joyful sounds invite our hearts to once again come and see the Greatest Gift, The Christ Child Who came to make His dwelling among us.*

### **Weekly rehearsal schedule:**

- Handbell Choir rehearses each Wednesday night at 6 p.m. Our handbells will play in the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday December 18 and then be on break from rehearsals until February 2023.
- Chancel choir rehearsal is on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. The choir will rehearse on December 7 and 14 at 7 p.m. and then be on break until January 11 at 6:30 p.m. All January rehearsals will be at 6:30 p.m.
- Planned childcare is now provided for children of our chancel choir members while they rehearse.

**Our choirs will not rehearse on Wednesday, December 21,  
Wednesday, December 28 or Wednesday, January 4.**



## Opportunities to Give During the Season of Advent



For the past several years at Christmas we have partnered a non-profit organization, the Unicorn Fund, to provide shoebox gifts for needy families. The Unicorn Fund is going through a restructuring period as they seek new leadership. As a result they will not be collecting shoebox gifts. So our Session has decided our special giving emphasis for December will be to once again receive a **Birthday for Jesus Offering** to help eliminate our shortfall in our yearly budget. Throughout the month of December all offerings designated to the Birthday Offering for Jesus as well as any loose offerings collected will go to this deficit reduction effort.

This Christmas we will be providing 80 Christmas stockings filled with items for 5th graders at Dogwood Elementary School. If you would like to make a donation to help us buy items as well as the stockings you may do so by dropping a gift in the offering plate or mailing your donation to our church office. Please be sure to write "**Stockings for Dogwood**" in the memo blank on your check or on the outside of your offering envelope to make sure that your gift helps us bring joy to these 5th graders who attend school right here in our neighborhood.



A non-profit organization in our community that our Lake Forest church family has partnered with for several years is the FISH Hospitality Pantries. Volunteers at the FISH pantries work year-round to provide food and other essential items to our neighbors in need right here in South Knoxville. Please bring **cans of soup, cans of chili, and canned fruit** with you as you come to church and place them in the large plastic bins that are located in the narthex and the gallery. These items will be donated to the FISH pantries to help feed families during the holidays and throughout the coming year.





Our Youth Group is a Wednesday night program filled with fun, games, music and listening for God's Word. We also look for opportunities throughout the school year to get outside the walls of the church to have fun as a group at some exciting events.

Our youth group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday night of each month throughout the school year from 6-7 p.m. in the youth room.

There will be no Youth Group or other Wednesday night activities on December 21, December 28 and January 4.

We also offer a weekly in-person Sunday School class for our 5th-8th grade youth. It is taught by Michael Kelley and Carol Vinson and meets in the educational wing at 9:30 a.m.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be a part of the team that leads our youth on Wednesday nights throughout the school year, please email the church office at [office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org)



Children's Worship Group is a fantastic way to teach our kids about God and have a blast doing it. We gather on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights of each month from 6-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will invite your friends to join us for this awesome part of our Wednesday night lineup of activities.

There will be no Children's Worship Group or other Wednesday night activities on December 21, December 28 and January 4.

We have Sunday School classes for our children that meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the education wing of our church. Here's our line-up of Sunday School classes and teachers who have committed to discipling our children:

PreK- K - Debbi Potts and Karen Talley

1-3 grade - Matt and Megan Talley

4-5 grade - Taylor Baker and Molly McGill

If you would like more information on our Children's ministry or have any questions concerning our children's program, you can contact our Christian Education & Discipleship Committee Chairperson - Carol Vinson or email us in the church office ([office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org))



<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>	<b>Operating</b>
<b>Giving</b>	14,738.77
<b>Expenses</b>	14,132.26
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>606.51</b>
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE 2022</b>	<b>Operating</b>
<b>Giving</b>	119,294.29
<b>Expenses</b>	122,716.15
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(3,421.86)</b>



We sure have missed our monthly gathering with our Lunch Bunch friends throughout the months of the pandemic. We're looking forward to a day when we will be able to gather around the table again to share a meal, discover something new, and tell a funny story or two. Even though we haven't been able to have our monthly meal during this uncertain season, our lunch bunch crew, young and old, have been close to our hearts and always in our thoughts and prayers.

Bunch has not yet scheduled our next gathering. We're hoping it won't be too much longer until it will be safe for us to have lunch again. Until then, we hope each of you, as well as those you love, are staying safe and happy.

With the health and safety of those who meet with us always our guiding principle, the Lunch

If there is ever any way our church can serve you or pray for you, please let us know by calling the church office at 865-577-2800 or sending us an email at [office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org)

**The Session Will Meet Thursday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m.**



Would you like to hear the stories of the Bible  
come alive to our Lake Forest kids?

Why not consider becoming one member of our  
rotating team of

## Children's Time Speakers?

Children's Time is a special moment in our  
Sunday morning worship service. During this  
time we teach the truth of God's Word in ways  
specifically designed to touch the  
hearts of our children. If you would be open to  
learning more about leading our Children's Time,  
or participating in training so that you can join  
the team of volunteers that serve our children in  
this way, please contact the church office at  
[office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org).

## & Prayers & PRAISES

*Our Lake Forest Church family so often gets to see the love  
of God flow through our commitment to pray for each other.  
God has worked in miraculous ways among us and  
we consider it a joy and privilege to pray for each other  
and watch to see how God answers our prayers.*

*If you have a need - if you are facing a healthcare concern or crisis, have experienced the loss of a  
job, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or are asking God to work in a specific situation in your  
life that needs His powerful touch, please let us know so that we can pray for you.*

*You can email us at [office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org) whenever you have a prayer need that you would like to  
share. We send out a Prayers & Praises email each week on Thursday morning so that we can know  
how to pray for each other and celebrate what God is doing in our body.*

*If you know someone who is not currently receiving the Prayers & Praises email and would like to  
be added to our list, please ask them to let us know by sending their email address to the church  
office at the email address above.*

*And don't forget to send us updates of how God has responded to your prayer need or anytime you  
have something that we can celebrate with you. We want to make sure that we are as attentive to the  
praises part of our list as we are to each individual prayer need. So be sure to let us know how God  
has been working in your life by emailing us in the church office as well.*

Thanks for being a praying church family!



We're  
Celebrating  
Our  
Friends  
With  
December  
Birthdays



December 2 – MELINDA WATSON  
December 3 – AIDEN BROOKS  
December 5 – JOHN DUNN III  
December 6 – CATIE ORTH  
December 7 – ED IRVIN  
December 9 – JOHN BEVIS  
December 10 – ELLISA ARNOLD  
December 24 – MICHAEL KELLEY  
December 29 – ROBERT HUFF

Did we miss wishing a "Happy Birthday" to someone who is a part of our church family? If so, please help us keep our birthday list up-to-date by emailing us at [office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org).



Building & Grounds - Brad Johnson  
Christian Education & Discipleship - Carol Vinson  
Finance - Josh McGill  
Spiritual Care - Debbi Potts  
Worship - Brad Johnson

*Chairpeople*  
Our Committee

DON'T END UP ON THE  
NAUGHTY  
LIST



The deadline for the Lake Forest FOCUS for  
January 2023 is

**Thursday, December 22**

If you have an announcement about an upcoming event, a volunteer list, a committee meeting date and time, or any other information that needs to be included in the January 2023 issue of the Lake Forest FOCUS, please take a few minutes, as soon as you know the details, to email that information to: [office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> Sunday School <i>at 9:30 a.m.</i> In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook <b>Children's Worship  Group &amp; our Youth  group lead  Children's time</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>5</b> Lake Forest Neighborhood Association 7 p.m. 	<b>6</b>       AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>7</b> 6:00 p.m. Youth Group <b>No Children's  Worship Group</b> Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Sunday School <i>at 9:30 a.m.</i> In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook  <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>       AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>14</b> 6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Group <b>No Youth Group</b> 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  Sunday School <i>at 9:30 a.m.</i> In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook <b>Handbells play in our  10:45 a.m. worship  service</b> <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  The Session Meets at 6:30       AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>21</b>  No Wednesday Night Activities	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>       <i>Christmas Eve</i>
<b>25</b> Sunday School <i>at 9:30 a.m.</i> In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook  <i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>26</b> Deadline for January FOCUS	<b>27</b>       AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>28</b>  No Wednesday Night Activities	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



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