



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



January 2022

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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Sunday Schedule

Jan. 2 - Jane Els
Jan. 9 - Baptism of the Lord - Jimmy Chapman,
Installation of Officers, Communion, Annual Congregational
Meeting, Session Meeting
Jan. 16 - Jane Els
Jan. 23 - Lessons and Hymns
Jan. 30 - TBA

Announcement

On January 9 immediately following worship, we will have a congregational meeting to hear annual Session and committee reports.

Christian England graduated from the University of North Texas, December 12, 2021, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. On January 10, 2022, he will start working full-time for Wells Fargo as a Financial Analyst, and relocate temporarily to

Charlotte, North Carolina, for their 6-month training program. Thereafter, he will return to the Frisco/North Dallas area. Christian's time at college went by quickly, and we want to take this opportunity to thank First Presbyterian Church of Winnsboro and the Reid Foundation. They provided moral support and financial funding, which made it possible for Christian to pursue and reach his academic and professional goals. Christian is excited to start the next chapter of his journey. We wish everyone a healthy and Happy New Year!

Laquita, Michelle, Christian and Charlie



January 2022 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Second Sunday of Christmas—January 2

Jeremiah 31:7–14
Psalm 147:12–20
Ephesians 1:3–14
John 1:(1–9) 10–18

Baptism of the Lord—January 9

Isaiah 43:1–7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14–17
Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Sunday, January 16

Isaiah 62:1–5
Psalm 36:5–10
1 Corinthians 12:1–11
John 2:1–11

Sunday, January 23

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12–31a
Luke 4:14–21

Sunday, January 30

Jeremiah 1:4–10
Psalm 71:1–6
1 Corinthians 13:1–13
Luke 4:21–30

**January birthdays &
anniversaries:**

**(Please notify the office if I do not
have your birthday)**

**9 Kelly Holloman
11 Don Kattleson
12 Christian England
13 Tricia Clark
17 Garnett Russell
22 Laquita Kelm
26 Susan Drennan**

Attendance:

**November 28—12
December 5—12
December 12—14
December 19—13
December 24—18
December 26—10**



Jane's Journey

Welcome to a new year! If you are like me, you will probably greet the new year behind your eyelids and let it all unfold without you. I can't remember the last time I was awake at midnight at a party which is hilarious since I do have more than occasional insomnia and being awake at midnight staring at the ceiling pondering the mysteries of life at 3 a.m. is common. But midnight parties are long forgotten.

I sometimes ask people how they ended up in Winnsboro. Other than being born here there is little industry I can think of to draw a person to have their business transfer them to this part of Texas. I can tell you how Beaven and I ended up here and it goes back to our family's annual New Year's Eve celebration. Since both of our parents and extended families lived in Dallas, our Christmas Day was spent in a hectic freeway race to cover all the relatives. We decided to create our own holiday for "just us" and called it Family Day.

Thus, was born a 15-year tradition of staying in cabin #2 at Daingerfield State Park for New Years Eve. It got us out of the busy Dallas traffic and into the calm of the woods. I would go outside at midnight and look up at the sky at midnight to say thanks to God. The next morning I'd put a turkey in the oven and go for a walk around the lake in the park. Some years the weather would be so cold the lake would be frozen at the edges. I remember how quiet it was on the trail. Once I stopped and realized I was able to hear my heart beat inside my body. I could track the birds following me and marking their territory as I walked. The kids would be occupied with their Christmas presents and life would be good. One of my favorite photos of them was taken with the pines towering over them and the multi-colored sweetgum leaves laying a carpet at their feet. It was our favorite holiday of the year. That's when we fell in love with this part of Texas and vowed to buy land and retired here.

I have always felt at peace surrounded by trees. The more I learn about the planet God created and gave to us as stewards over it, the more impressed I am. Lately, I have discovered the tiny, minute filaments in the ground that are the roots of fungi, better known as mushrooms. My kids laugh at me but they really have been overlooked and ignored except as a pizza topping yet recently one type of fungi has been proposed as a possible remedy for oil spills. And it is the fungal *mycelium* that creates the most fertile soil for gardening. All of nature depends on one another. Like people, nature needs a variety of plants and animals within each category.

As we enter 2022, I thank God for each of us: the tall and the small, the loud and the quiet ones of Winnsboro. Each has a role in the Kingdom of God. Come Lord Jesus! Come Emmanuel.

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Jan 2022 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Cross & Crown	Carrie Russell Chris Holoman			Day off for New New Year's Eve	New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Epiphany of the		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Communion Congregation mtg Kerry Holoman Session		Don Kettison	Christan Englund	Patricia Clark		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Garnett Russell Martin Luther King 2pm - begin Bible					Laquita Keim
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	C & C due 2pm - Bible Study		Susan Brennan			
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	2pm - Bible Study	First Day of Black				