



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



January 2024

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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January Preaching Schedule:

Jan. 7th - Jane and communion

Jan. 14th- Jimmy, congregation meeting & session

Jan. 21st - Jane

Jan. 28th - John Coleman

Notice of Congregational Meeting

On January 14 following worship, there will be a congregational meeting to hear/receive annual year-end reports for 2023.

ATTENDANCE:

November 26—14

December 3—9

December 10—14

December 17—14

December 24—11

**January
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES**

9 Kelly Holloman

13 Tricia Clark

17 Garnett Russell

26 Susan Drennan

**January 2024 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals
[Begin Year B]**

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalms 72:1–7, 10–14

Ephesians 3:1–12

Matthew 2:1–12

Baptism of the Lord—January 7

Genesis 1:1–5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1–7

Mark 1:4–11

Sunday, January 14

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)

Psalms 139:1–6, 13–18

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

John 1:43–51

Sunday, January 21

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Psalms 62:5–12

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

Mark 1:14–20

Sunday, January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Mark 1:21–28

Join us for a Potluck Lunch after church on January 21st for food and fellowship! Sandwiches provided, please bring sides, salads, and desserts.



Jane's Journey

*“When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.”*
— **Howard Thurman**

Howard Thurman was a theologian in the 1950's while being a respected leader at Morehouse College among many churches and other universities as well as being a mentor to Martin Luther King and is credited with being the man who introduced King to the benefit of non-violence as part of political change. He's recently found renewed interest in the US.

We can't overlook his theology.

Here at the beginning of a new year we have a new opportunity to start over again. We do this every 12 months. It's interesting that the new calendar happens right after the Christ child is born. Over the next year we'll have the chance to bring Christ into our lives in a deeper way. Thurman says it clearly and simply. We can't ignore it.

Each one of us has the chance to find a way to do each of these things in some small way to do the work of Christ in the coming year. No one will keep track of what you do. It's just something you do in your heart between you and God.

Have a Blessed 2024! May the Peace of Christ be with you!

January

Jan 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Office closed	2	3	4	5	6 12pm - Al-Anon
7 Communion	8 2pm - Bible Study	9 Kelly Holloman	10	11	12	13 Patricia Clark 12pm - Al-Anon
14 Congregation meeting Session Meeting	15 Martin Luther King Jr. 2pm - Bible Study	16	17 Garrett Russell 9am - Bible Study	18	19	20 12pm - Al-Anon
21 Pot luck lunch	22 2pm - Bible Study	23	24 9am - Bible Study	25	26 Susan Drennan	27 12pm - Al-Anon
28	29 2pm - Bible Study	30	31 9am - Bible Study	1 First Day of Black History	2	3 12pm - Al-Anon