



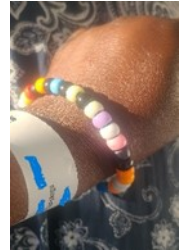
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The newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
January 2025



Beloved,

Happy New Year. On behalf of the Session, it is my joy and privilege to welcome you to 2025! I trust that you are well and ready to put into practice your new year's resolutions. My hope is that one of them includes sharing your presence and talents with your home church, giving thanks and glory to our Triune God. I am praying for good health and great success for each of you. While this past year came to a close with a brief hospital stay, my heart was warmed by the gift of a lovely, colourful bracelet from Curren. Memories of how the children and youth led the church in their performance of the Christmas Pageant affirm my belief that everyone should participate in the worship and service of God in this church. If you missed either the festival or worship on the 14th and 15th of December, please go to our YouTube channel so that you may watch *The Unfriendly Beasts* that was directed by Roxy Petterson and John Walthausen. Thanks be to God for all who participated in bringing the kids' worship leadership to fruition.



We will have a New Members' Class on January 19th, and it will be held in the Jennings Room. All who are considering membership here at FPCG are invited to come and learn or remember (if you are transferring membership from another Presbyterian church) what it means to be Presbyterian. This year will also bring new opportunities for interfaith worship and fellowship. The Northwest Clergy are holding a prayer service on the evening of the inauguration, January 20th at Summit Presbyterian Church. Please join us at 6:30 pm for this meaningful, but brief, time of prayer. I'm looking forward to the new things that God is going to do in each of our lives. It is going to be your most successful year yet! May our time of worship, mission and fellowship together encourage you to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. May She guide us to the ministries and chapters in our lives that will steady our steps on the path to God's Kingdom, in the Powerful Name of Jesus.

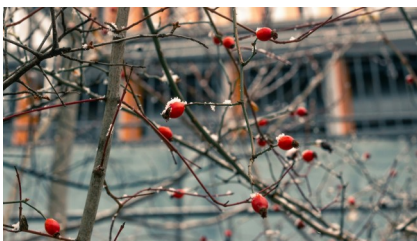


Blessings,

Pastor Cheni

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Items for the January issue of *Windows* are due on January 20, 2025. Send to office@fpcgermantown.org



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sundays at 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited to worship, study, and enjoy friendships at The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown. There are service, outreach, and fellowship opportunities in abundance.

To learn more, please email office@fpcgermantown.org or call the church office at 215-843-8811.

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Church Closure

FPCG will be closed on January 1st.



Krista Hockema-Boerman January 01	Dieter Lintes January 06	Garth Herrick January 08
Christopher Thompson January 08	Drew Hood January 09	Annie Kotto-Otiemeng January 09
John Orandash January 15	Jeremy Jones January 16	Peter Thompson January 16
Chloe Lagunsad January 17	Klaas Hockema-Boerman January 19	Carl Spurbach January 22
Peter Miller January 23	Jen Hasse January 24	Larry Elliott January 26



FPCG's 2024 Oratorio Choir performing *Messiah*.

January Challenge Offering

Lingelbach School is a K-8 neighborhood public school. With a dedicated teaching staff and committed long-term community partners, Lingelbach is poised to do great things. But this potential is greatly hindered by the lack of district funding. Your offering in January will provide much needed support and bring Lingelbach one step closer to realizing its potential and possibility!



FPCG's 2024 Christmas Pageant, *The Unfriendly Beasts*



Epiphany Brunch

January 5, 11:15

contact Mary Lundy (nastylady13@aol.com) for tickets



Adults: \$20

Kids 5-12: \$10

Under 5: free

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CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

- We will reflect the loving presence of Christ – Matthew 28:19-20
- We will serve others faithfully – Mark 10:43-45
- We will worship God joyfully – Colossians 3:16
- We will share life together – Acts 2:42-47
- We will be a diverse community – 1 Corinthians 12:15-19
- We will be a generous community – 1 Timothy 6:18-19

well:
 The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown is to reflect the loving presence of Christ as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully, and share life together in a diverse and generous community. While much could be added to this statement, we believe that this captures the most essential elements of our mission today as revealed through the words, thoughts and actions of the congregation. This mission statement is not only rooted in the life of the congregation; we believe that each promise this statement makes is rooted in Scripture as



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