

Winter Weather Policy

If we experience inclement weather, please check the Erin Church Facebook page and local news websites. You will also likely receive an email from the church letting you know that the Worship Service is cancelled or the Offices are closed.

If you're not on our email group: cancellation@erinpresbyterian.org
Email April at admin@erinpresbyterian.org so she can add you!



December 2019

John 14:27 *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (NIV)*

Dear Friends,

The month of December brings a lot of pressure to all of us, especially those with check-lists. The run-up to Christmas can exhaust us with an inexhaustible number of tasks that we feel we must complete in order for our families and friends to have a perfect festive time. We scramble to get things done, put up holiday decorations, and declutter our homes in order to make them presentable and appealing to our guests and neighbors. The frenzy can get worse the closer we get to December 25, and even our churches put on extra programs to celebrate Christ’s birth!

Despite the pressure we put on ourselves, it is a wonderful time of year that has the potential to bring out the best in each of us. We like to see our loved ones happy; we love to sing the ancient yuletide carols; we delight ourselves in the images, sounds, lights, and tastes that this unique time of year offers. We don’t just suffer through the season; we actually celebrate Christmas and enjoy the goodness that it can bring to all of us.

Undoubtedly, the best gift of all is the one that Christ brings to our entire world: God’s Peace to the whole Earth. We live on a beautiful planet that God imagined and brought into being by His amazing word. Throughout the centuries, God has wanted us to enjoy this wonderful celestial jewel not just as home, but also as the place where we can connect in love with Him and one another. As human beings, we are often stubborn and rebellious, vain and aggressive, so we miss out on a lot of God’s love. The one certain way that God enables us to re-experience this gift is through the true peace that He shares with us through Jesus, His Holy Son, and our Wonderful Savior.

So, as we journey and work our way through the busyness of December, may we reach the goal of Christmas by receiving, embracing, and sharing Christ’s sacred peace in our homes, workplace, schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

May God bless you and all your loved ones.

Pastor John

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Connections & Stewardship

CONNECTIONS CLASS-DECEMBER THROUGH JANUARY

Each Sunday, Pastor Stuart leads a Bible Study discussion during the Sunday School Hour from 9:40AM to 10:30AM. He calls this the **Connections Class** because it focuses on the scriptures and shows how they help deepen our spiritual connection to God, as well as with one another. Using his forty years of Bible scholarship, including his knowledge of the Hebrew and Greek languages, John presents a weekly lesson based on one of the lectionary readings. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the discussion, sharing their faith experiences, questions, and opinions freely and safely together. Each month, the class focuses on a different theme: the December and January themes are listed below.

DECEMBER-DIVINE INTERVENTION 3 WEEK ADVENT SERIES

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Dec 01 | New Membership Class | |
| Dec 08 | The Promise | Isaiah 11:1-10 |
| Dec 15 | Joy and Gladness | Isaiah 35:1-10 |
| Dec 22 | A Little Child | Isaiah 7:10-16 |

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JANUARY - PLAY IT AGAIN, PSALM

A 4-week series about the spiritual gifts that the Book of Psalms can offer us.

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|--------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Jan 05 | Healing and Grace | Psalms 147:1-11 |
| Jan 12 | Strength and Peace | Psalms 29:1-11 |
| Jan 19 | Trust and Patience | Psalms 40:1-11 |
| Jan 26 | Light and Salvation | Psalms 27:1-9 |



END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

As we head toward the end of the year, some of our folks make special contributions to the church. This enables us to start the New Year with a strong cash flow balance and these gifts are greatly appreciated by the whole congrega-

tion. If you would like to continue or even to begin a tradition of donating a special one-time gift to the church at this time of year, we would be pleased to be blessed by your generosity.

An end-of-year gift can be placed in the offering plate on any given Sunday between now and the end of the year. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church at your convenience. The only requirement that the IRS has is that your gift must be made and mailed before or on 31 December.

You can also make a special gift on our website using the secure donation page. You can find the tab at the top marked “Donate,” on the front page of the website: www.erinpres.org.

May God bless you for your support, generosity, and kindness which enable our congregation to accomplish many things in Christ’s Name. 😊



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

We look forward to seeing you on Christmas Eve for our 6:30pm Candlelight Service. This is one of the most beautiful and moving services of the year. We’ll sing all of our favorite Christmas hymns together and enjoy scripture readings.

CAROLING, COOKIES AND COCOA

Yes, it’s that special time of year when we go around to the Erin folks in their homes and centers to bring the goodwill, cheer, and Christmas carols that they love so dearly. This year, the caroling will take place on Sunday 15th December. We will gather at the church at 6:00 PM and then convoy to the various centers and homes together. Carpooling helps, especially if you have an SUV. It takes us about 90 minutes to visit the 5 or 6 places on our list. We all have a great time and after it is all over, we head back to the church for some hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. Everyone is welcome to join us – you don’t have to be a great singer, just full of joy and festive fun!

Financials

| Erin Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison July through October 2019 | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | Jul - Oct 19 | Jul - Oct 18 |
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | |
| Income | | |
| Administration Income | 80.07 | 0.00 |
| Memorial Income | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| Discipleship Income | 2,122.75 | 2,266.63 |
| Fellowship Income | 2,049.00 | 2,048.50 |
| Offerings | 132,667.50 | 105,987.00 |
| Property Income | 3,800.00 | 3,665.00 |
| Stewardship Income | 25.86 | 130.76 |
| Total Income | 140,945.18 | 114,097.89 |
| Gross Profit | 140,945.18 | 114,097.89 |
| Expense | | |
| IT Team | 1,637.44 | 0.00 |
| Administration Team | 2,591.18 | 0.00 |
| Creative Expressions Ministry | 2,030.52 | 2,152.72 |
| Discipleship Team | 2,313.17 | 2,716.87 |
| Fellowship Team | 1,690.83 | 1,815.44 |
| Outreach Team | 7,555.00 | 9,209.74 |
| Pastoral Ministry | 38,158.77 | 37,952.20 |
| Payroll Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Property Team | 26,173.48 | 22,870.19 |
| PW expenses | 0.00 | 17.25 |
| Session | 698.15 | 0.00 |
| Stewardship Team | 34,480.29 | 40,310.77 |
| Worship Team | 992.57 | 981.83 |
| Total Expense | 118,321.40 | 118,027.01 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 22,623.78 | -3,929.12 |
| Other Income/Expense | | |
| Other Income | | |
| Building Up | 875.00 | 0.00 |
| Property Fund Income | 1,160.00 | 0.00 |
| Restricted Accts Income | 468.00 | 714.00 |
| Total Other Income | 2,503.00 | 714.00 |
| Erin Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison July through October 2019 | | |
| | Jul - Oct 19 | Jul - Oct 18 |
| Other Expense | | |
| Memorial Expense | 113.59 | 0.00 |
| Restricted Accts Expense | 100.00 | 45.00 |
| Total Other Expense | 213.59 | 45.00 |
| Net Other Income | 2,289.41 | 669.00 |
| Net Income | 24,913.19 | -3,260.12 |

Financials

Erin Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet
As of October 31, 2019

| | Oct 31, 19 |
|--|-------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| HF Primary Checking | 12,977.24 |
| HF Savings | 161,528.36 |
| SunTrust Checking | 802.08 |
| SunTrust Debit Card Account | 161.53 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 175,469.21 |
| Total Current Assets | 175,469.21 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Building Improvements | 46,547.00 |
| Computer Equipment | 2,420.97 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 35,699.89 |
| General Equipment | 9,764.55 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | -57,855.45 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 36,576.96 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 212,046.17 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | |
| Accounts Payable | -104.89 |
| Total Accounts Payable | -104.89 |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| Payroll Liabilities | 1,400.54 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | 1,400.54 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 1,295.65 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,295.65 |
| Equity | |
| Retained Earnings | 138,673.08 |
| Unrestricted Funds | 47,164.25 |
| Net Income | 24,913.19 |
| Total Equity | 210,750.52 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 212,046.17 |

Everything Christmas!

NATIVITY PAGEANT AND CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



December 8, at 5pm in the sanctuary (just before the potluck dinner). You'll see our kids portray the story of Jesus' birth as angels and shepherds, Mary and

Joseph, the Three Kings, and other familiar characters, and we'll sing Advent hymns and Christmas carols. It's a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit, and a great opportunity for children and adults to experience the Christmas story.

If your children or youth would like to participate in the pageant and you haven't yet signed up, please email Joy Bornhoeft at cec@erinpresbyterian.org or call the church office at 588-5350. **Monday, December 2 is the last day for kids to sign up.** We need all participants to register so we can make sure we have a costume for everyone. Kids need to arrive in the narthex no later than 4 p.m. the afternoon of the pageant.

If you'd like to help either the day of the pageant or with last-minute costumes, sets, or communication during the week before, please contact Joy Bornhoeft (email above) or Kim Jaynes kim.m.jaynes@gmail.com and we'll find a task for you! The Christmas Potluck follows directly afterward. Drop your covered dish or dessert at the Fellowship Hall before the Nativity Pageant begins and we'll take care of it from there. It will be a delicious meal and great fellowship!



EPIPHANY: GIFTS FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

Will you share your gifts with the Christ Child? Epiphany Sunday celebrates the magi's gifts to the infant Jesus. In the same joyful spirit of adoration and gratitude, the Worship Planning Team invites you to do the same: to share your *gift(s)* --your *talent(s)* -- with the community of Christ at our January 5th Epiphany Service.

What can you bring? The possibilities are endless! **Arts and crafts:** a drawing, painting, etching, calligraphy, candle, pottery, sculpture, ceramics, wood carving, wreath, plaque. **Fabric art:** a banner, wall-hanging, tapestry, quilt or quilt square, stole, doll, embroidery, needlepoint, etc. (see Pinterest.com for DIY ideas!). **Composition:** a children's story or book, a piece of music, poem, skit, monologue, prayer. **Performance art:** play or sing an original or published composition (solo or ensemble); read a poem, reflection, monologue, or prayer; direct or perform a skit, dialogue, or liturgical dance, use sign language to interpret a passage or scripture. Whatever your talent may be - even if not listed above - please dedicate it to God by sharing it with God's people on Epiphany Sunday.

All visual art will be hung/displayed in the narthex on Saturday, January 4th and may be brought to church during office hours starting January 2nd. **All performance art proposals/descriptions should be sent to Kellan Sarles for Worship Team review, by December 10th.** **Performance art will be incorporated into the Epiphany worship service.** Please be sure all visual art bears your name and phone number somewhere on it. Following the service, you may take it home, offer it to the church, or donate it to a worthy charity of your choice. We look forward to seeing the gifts with which God has blessed us! Perhaps, we will start anew Erin tradition!



Erin Youth Groups

CALENDAR

December 1st: meet jointly at 4:45-6:00 for Ginger Bread decorating
December 8th: 5pm Nativity Pageant and 6pm Christmas Potluck
December 15th: 6pm Caroling, Cookies and Cocoa
December 22nd: meet jointly at 4:45-6:00 Snacks and Christmas Cartoons!
December 29th: no meeting, enjoy Christmas break!

CRAZY FOR YOU

Our youth had a great time watching our friends Konnor and Keegan Stump in their final musical, Crazy For You, at Bearden High School.



YOUTH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our Youth celebrated Thanksgiving together this year at Cracker Barrel. Lots of pancakes and laughs were had!



CALLING ALL YOUTH 6TH - 12TH GRADE!

All youth 6th grade - 12th grade are invited to join us for youth group and the church wide activities in December. If you're new to church, the Christmas activities would be a great time to join us! There will be lots of food, fun, and friendship.

"If you're new to the church, the Christmas activities would be a great time to join us!"

WordPlayers

WEST OF BETHLEHAM

A one-act play with music by Ethan Norman
This advent touring show will be performed in numerous churches in our area. For a schedule of these free, public performances, please see wordplayers.org

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

Clayton Performing Arts Center @ Pellissippi
December 13th 7:30pm, December 14th & 15th 2:30pm
Adults \$15 Students(13+) \$12 Children (12 & <) \$8
Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at pstcc.edu/arts/theatre or wordplayers.org.

In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids - probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem - and the fun - when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on!

SACRED SCRIPT

Our annual scripture reading event will take place Tuesday, December 31st 8am-8pm at Central Baptist Bearden in the CORE building just west of the main church building. This is a free, drop-in event.



Worship Planning Team



The Worship Planning Team is, arguably, the most self-evident of all the church committees. Every worship service at Erin Presbyterian bears the stamp of the Worship Team, so the evidence of what we do is visible to all.

Under the guidance of Pastor Stuart and with vital input from music directors Joe Jaynes and Nancy Berry, the Worship Planning Team coordinates the various elements of worship: the hymns, prayers, readings, sermon, anthem, bell choir, children's sermon, Holy Communion, drama and other presentations. Our goal is that all elements of the service, from the Prelude to Postlude, honor God and create a setting conducive to authentic worship. If you have a passion for church music and/or liturgy, we invite your input and participation. Our monthly

meetings are often lively exchanges where new ideas are generated by creative souls and refined by practical, strategic thinkers.



The Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA has a trademark phrase with which they introduce every performance. Director Richard Rose tells each audience, "If you like us, talk about us; if you don't, keep your mouth shut." Our Worship Team motto, is slightly different: "If you are inspired by a worship service at Erin, talk about us; if not, *talk to us* so that we can continue to improve."

- Kellan Sarles, Convener

Worship Planning Team Mission Statement
To support and encourage worship by the ministry teams, support teams, Session, staff, and age level groups of Erin Church and of the church as a whole.

DECEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

December 1 First Sunday of Advent
12:15pm Creative Expressions & Marketing Meetings
4:45pm Joint Youth Group - Gingerbread decorating
December 3
6pm Staff Mtg/Christmas Party
7pm Discipleship & Fellowship Meetings
December 5
7pm Session
December 8 Second Sunday of Advent
12:15pm IT Team and Stewardship Meetings
5pm Nativity Pageant / 6pm Christmas Potluck
December 12
10am PW Christmas Tea
7pm Worship Planning Team Meeting

December 15 Third Sunday of Advent
12:15pm AV Team, Org. Health & Visitor Follow-up
6pm Caroling, Cookies and Cocoa
December 16
6:30pm Integration Team Meeting
December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:45pm Joint Youth Group - Christmas Cartoons!
December 24
6:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25 -26
Church Office Closed
December 29
No Nursery or Sunday School Classes
January 1st Church
Office Closed

Audio Visual Team



Here is a quick interview with the lead of the Audio Visual Team, Konnor Stump. (interviewed by April Cyr)

April: Hello Konnor! Glad to have your skills at work for Erin Church! Tell us how you first got involved with Audio Visual work in general.

Konnor: Theatre has been my passion for years. The most important thing in theater is what happens behind the scenes. I have been involved in theatrical productions both on and off the stage and have designed and built sets, handled the lighting rack, and controlled the sound board. I have learned all of my skills through theater and I share them with the community.

April: How did you become involved in this work here at Erin?

Konnor: About 4 years ago, Joe Jaynes requested, in the bulletin, for some technical help. I remember asking him if there was anything I could help him with. I was 14 at the time so I felt that my help would be miniscule. He was thrilled to have my help nonetheless. The next week he gave me the wheel and that has been my home at Erin ever since.

April: What kinds of things will the AV Team do on a regular basis?

Konnor: Every Sunday, the AV Team is responsible for lighting the pastor and making sure that his voice is heard. Those are the only guidelines that we follow. The rest is up to our interpretation. It is our job to paint the canvas every week with efficiency. Our goal is to help communicate the pastors’ vision to the people. One way we achieve this is by spreading our service outside of Erin by livestreaming the Sunday service to everyone.

April: Do you see any specific changes coming? And what are the long-term goals of the AV Team?

Konnor: There is one big change that has already started to sprawl in the past months. The addition of a livestreamed service has been recently created. Although there have been some issues with the streaming quality, we plan to upgrade our equipment to provide a better-quality video and audio. We are in the process of purchasing the correct equipment and plan to implement them into the service in the following months.

April: What would you tell someone who is thinking about joining the AV Team?

Konnor: If you are on the fence about joining because you are worried about touching technology, I can assure you that I was in your place once when I was 14 years old. Touching the sound and lighting equipment may be frightening to those who have no experience in the technical world, however, I truly believe that anyone can learn what we do at Erin. I encourage any individual who feels the Spirit, to help spread the message and vision of Erin, to consider joining.

April: Thank you for leading the AV Team, Konnor! We’re grateful to have your expertise here at Erin, and that of the other team members.

Konnor: I look forward to help spreading Erin’s vision to the community.

Audio Visual Team Mission Statement:
To support the Ministry Teams, Support Teams, Session, Staff, and age level groups of Erin Church by caring for the audiovisual needs of each group and of the church as a whole .



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

PW Bible Study will meet on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 10 am in the Parlor. Kellen Sarles will lead Lesson Four, Honor the Life-Givers and will feature the 5th Commandment - to honor our parents. Kellan invites participants to bring a picture (framed or otherwise) of one or both parents or of someone who “brought you to life” in a broader sense. She will also provide light refreshments. After our meeting, we will be going for our annual Christmas Luncheon at Apple Cake Tea Room.

Please let Joy know if you plan to attend, as we will need to make a reservation.

PW is also sponsoring a Sunset Gap family for Christmas. This year we have a 3 year old girl and a 1 year old boy. If you would like to contribute to helping with Christmas for this family, please give your donation to Joy by December 1.

BREADBREAKERS

Breadbreakers will take our usual December break and be back in swing in January at the Bornhoeft’s... provided all renovations have been completed. There is still an opening for February, so if anyone would like to offer their home for that month, we would all appreciate it!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please note there will be no Sunday School on December 29th. Nursery will be available during the worship service.

LAST WND OF DECEMBER

The final Wednesday Night Dinner of December is the 11th. The Fellowship Team wishes you a Merry Christmas and a great New Year! WND will return January 8th.

CAROLING IN THE YARD, HERE AT ERIN

There is an additional Caroling event on December 11th, "Community Caroling"- where we will Carol from our front yard.

VMS HOLIDAY STORE

Thank you for all the Donations to Volunteer Ministry Center. Erin supports VMC throughout the year VMC's mission is to facilitate permanent supportive housing for those who are homeless, and to provide services to prevent homelessness.

Fellowship & Outreach

FOSTER FAMILY TREE

This year Erin Presbyterian is supporting a new-to-us outreach ministry with a "Host-A-Tree" For Compassion Closet (since Angel Tree is no longer served in Knoxville.) The Compassion Closet exists to show the love of Christ by providing quality clothing and tangible goods to foster children and their families. Compassion Closet also serves birth families, aging-out youth, kinship placements, and domestic/international adoptive families, as God allows and needs arise.

Grab an ornament from the tree, purchase a new item and return to the Erin Narthex/office by December 15th. Lower priced new items that are needed are underwear, socks, pajamas, diapers, wipes and formula. Some of their needs are pricey, so multiple people can team up to achieve a larger amount item and those include a Convertible Car seat, Infant Swing, Crib or Toddler Bed, Double Stroller, Bunk Beds and Mattresses, Bedroom Set up for newly placed infant/child/teen. Also, gift cards for teens are appreciated to Amazon, Target, Walmart, Forever 21, etc. compassioncloset.com or follow their facebook page.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received at the Christmas Eve Candlelight service on December 24th. Collection boxes are provided for the children. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

COATS FOR THE COLD

Thank you to all who donated coats to the Morgan Scott Coats for the Cold drive. These coats will be well utilized in two of the lowest economic counties in Tennessee.



Volunteer Schedule

| <div><div>December</div></div> | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| DECEMBER 3RD | DECEMBER 8TH | DECEMBER 15TH | DECEMBER 22ND | DECEMBER 29TH |
| Coffee | Coffee | Coffee | Coffee | Coffee |
| Dan Gibbs | Anna McKay | Betty Gibbs | Anna McKay | Dan Gibbs |
| Greeters | Greeters | Greeters | Greeters | Greeters |
| Neill Murphy Cathy Van Ostrand | Ron and Sonja DuBois | David and Sara Leckie | Brooks Eggers Janice James | Dusty and Colton Pennington |
| Bell Ringer | Bell Ringer | Bell Ringer | Bell Ringer | Bell Ringer |
| Lizzy Franklin | Elliott Blanchette | Isabella Armsworth | Thomas Hopkins | Carter McCallum |
| Guide | Guide | Guide | Guide | Guide |
| Kelly Boyd | Ella Levering | Bob McLean | Lynn Sexton | Erin McCallum |
| Reader | Reader | Reader | Reader | Reader |
| Stacie Armsworth | Madeline Stinnett | Diana Brandon | Betty Gibbs | David Draper |
| Ushers | Ushers | Ushers | Ushers | Ushers |
| Dave and Sara Leckie Brooks Eggers Linda Quinley | Jim Montgomery Marcia Mechlin Larry and Anna McKay | Eva Quinley Rob Lynch Pat Wallin Ron DuBois | Robbie, Chloe & Ella Levering Cathy Van Ostrand | Kim and Kenleigh Pennington Gary and Kay Pennington |
| Planet Worship | Planet Worship | Planet Worship | Planet Worship | Planet Worship |
| Kim Pennington | Kelly Boyd | Mary Virginia Paletta | Erin McCallum | Brooks Eggers |
| Counter | Counter | Counter | Counter | Counter |
| David Eggers Joe Jaynes | Neill Murphy Mike Jones | Neill Murphy Rickey McCallum | Craig Strand John House | Mike Jones Joe Jaynes |
| Nursery | Nursery | Nursery | Nursery | Nursery |
| 9:20 Kay Pennington | Apryl Quinn | Madeline Stinnett | Kelcey Levering | No Sunday School |
| 10:30am Jennifer G. | Apryl Quinn | Kay Pennington | Kim and | Farrah Linkous |
| 10:30am Ella L. | Chloe Levering | Evelyn Stuart | Kenleigh Pennington | Jennifer Gahan |
| Communion | | | | |
| 2020 | | | | |

Children's Ministry

PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| December 1 | Kim Pennington |
| December 8 | Kelly Boyd |
| December 15 | Mary Virginia |
| December 22 | Erin McCallum |
| December 29 | Brooks Eggers |
| January 5 | Joy Bornhoeft |



PLANET WORSHIP Offering

Jerry Can wants to remind you that the one common denominator in all disasters around the world is the need for clean water to survive. So, please don't forget to bring in an offering to Planet Worship in December.

After Christmas, the offering will be used to purchase a Water Filter (\$50) or Rainwater Catchment System (\$75) through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. So, remember to bring in your Jerry Can Banks and give to help others in need.



We are off to WHOVILLE in December! Join us this month as we go all out to decorate our room and make ornaments for our Grinchmas tree! We will have a Grinchmas Party on December 11th and watch the original classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

Welcome Christmas come this way
Fahoo fores dahoo does
Welcome Christmas, Christmas day
Christmas day is in our grasp
So long as we have hands to clasp

Pioneer Club will not meet on December 18 and 25 nor January 1 due to Winter Break. But come back on January 8th for another fun filled month of Dr. Seuss!



ADVENT THEME

Our worship theme for this advent season is "Ears to Hear and Eyes to See." As we await the coming of Jesus, we marvel at the sounds and sights of the season.

In Planet Worship, children will follow Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. What is so important that it draws the attention of the whole world to this little town? *Come to Bethlehem and See* for yourself!

Each child will receive their own Come to Bethlehem and See Advent Devotional and sticker book. Count down the days to Christmas with rhyming daily devotions and add a sticker each day to your own manger scene. These devotionals will be given out during Planet Worship on November 24th and December 1st. If you miss a Sunday, then look for extras in the Narthex.

Also, in Planet Worship this month, kids will work together to make an Epiphany liturgical banner for our room. The banner will be presented in worship during Epiphany Sunday, January 5th, as our gift to the baby Jesus!

