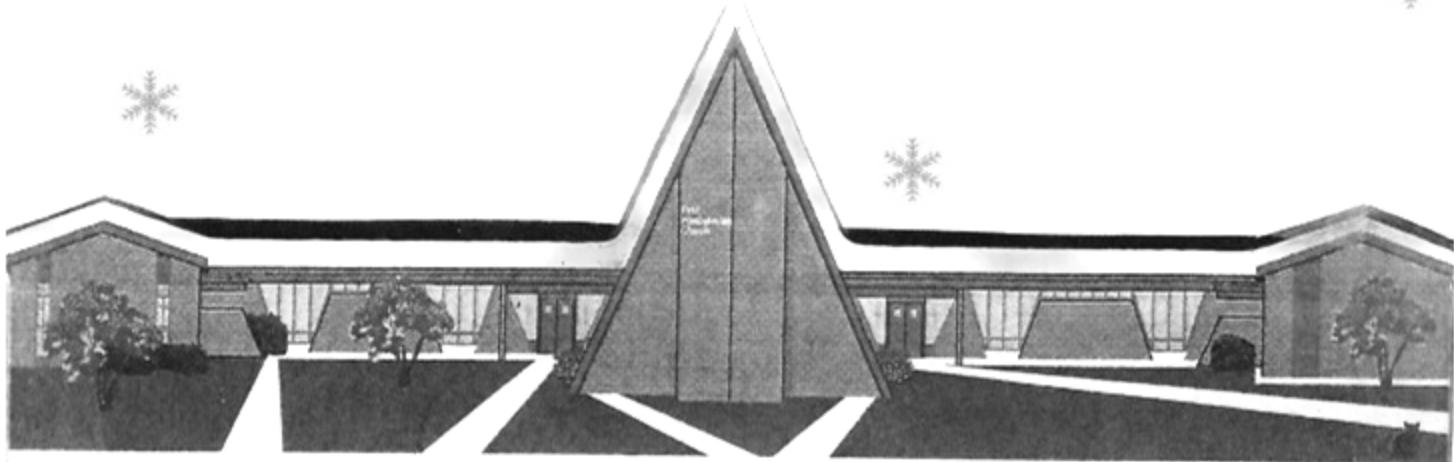




First Presbyterian Church
1302 SW "A" Ave.
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December 2025

First Presbyterian Church of Lawton



Service Times:

10:00 Coffee & Donut Fellowship

10:45 Worship Service



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December 2025 Newsletter

December Worship Schedule W/Pulpit Guests & Liturgists

- Dec. 7 - Sherry Patterson (Pulpit Guest) & Neil West (Liturgist)
 - Dec. 14 - Rev. Janet Ruark (Pulpit Guest) & Music Scholars (Liturgists)
 - Dec. 21 - Jackie Archer (Pulpit Guest) & Gary Smith (Liturgist)-Communion
 - Dec. 28 - Tyler Johnson (Pulpit Guest) - Fellowship Hall
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Elder On Call - December

- Dec. 7 - Jack McKinnis
 - Dec. 14 - Bob Hanefield
 - Dec. 21 - Gary Smith
 - Dec. 28 - Susan Diekman
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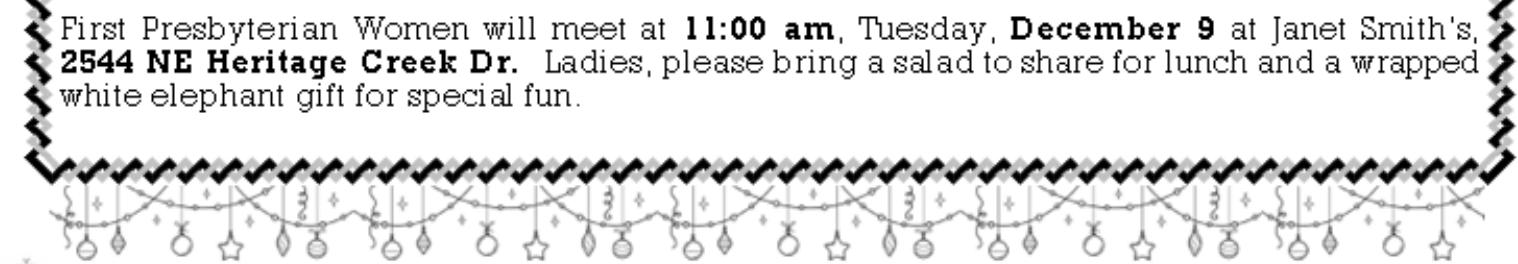
NEW DEACONS AND ELDERS

On November 16, new Deacons and Elders were ordained and installed for service beginning in 2026.

- New Deacons- Liz Beller, Gwen Stanley, Jan Ethell
 - New Elders- Nancy Willoughby, Janice Bell and Neil West
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WOMEN'S CIRCLE – Holiday Fun

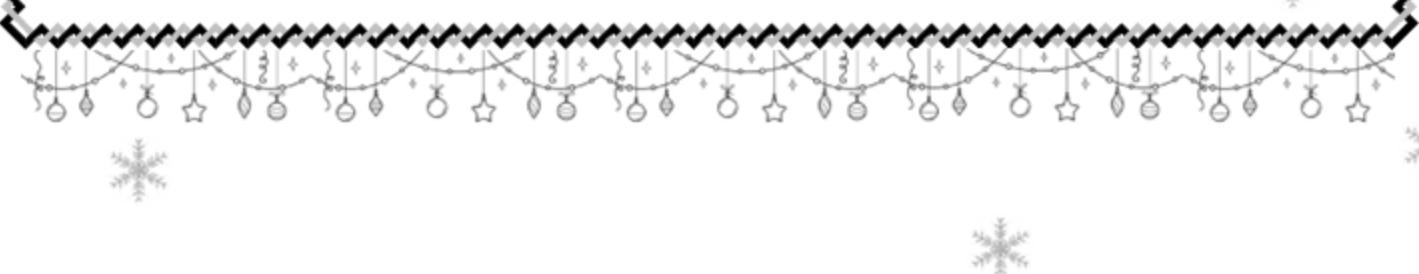
First Presbyterian Women will meet at **11:00 am**, Tuesday, **December 9** at Janet Smith's, **2544 NE Heritage Creek Dr.** Ladies, please bring a salad to share for lunch and a wrapped white elephant gift for special fun.





FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 21, 5:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. We will enjoy a delicious fellowship meal. Also, we will sing favorite carols and enjoy special music by our choir and soloists. The evening will conclude with the lighting of the Christ candle. Don't miss this highlight of the Christmas season for our FPC family and guests.



COATS

FPC, We have an opportunity to share with our community. There is still room in the cart for coats to be distributed by the Salvation Army to folks in need. Our fall has been very mild, but the predictions are that January is going to be VERY COLD.



MITTEN TREE

Our traditional Mitten Tree is hoping for many mittens, gloves, scarves and hats of all sizes to decorate its branches. The items will be donated to a school group that provides support for those who need warm clothing.





Christmas Joy Offering

Every year the **Christmas Joy Offering**, one of the four Churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), prepares the way to bring hope through education and emergency assistance. Your gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering combine with gifts from thousands of congregations throughout our denomination to do our part to ensure our siblings have the tools they need to flourish.



The **Christmas Joy Offering** honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need. Thanks in part to support from this Offering, church workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances.

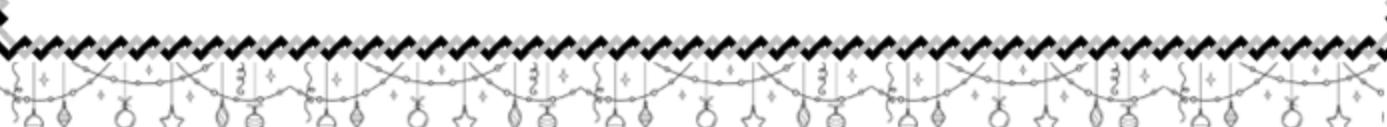


The PC(USA), with its historic commitment to higher learning, has long promoted education and leadership development through the establishment and support of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Your gifts allow these ministries to continue — sustaining a tradition Presbyterians have carried out for nearly 140 years.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 7110 W. Gore. 5:30 p.m. The Westminster church family has graciously extended an invitation for our congregation to join them for a Christmas Eve candlelight service. You may recall that the Westminster congregation joined us last year. This is our opportunity to respond in kind.





Announcements

- * Lawton Pro Musica will present WELCOME IN- AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS on Saturday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
 - * Staff Appreciation: The Men's Saturday Morning Breakfast Group is collecting for the Employee Appreciation fund. Each year we provide our employees a monetary gift before Christmas. Anyone interested in supporting this effort can provide their donation to any of the Men's Breakfast Group or indicate on your contribution that it is for the "Employee Appreciation Fund".
 - * Thank You to all who helped prepare the decorations for the sanctuary and other parts of the building. We are ready to worship together in our beautiful sacred space this Advent season.
 - * Gather 'n Gab will not meet during November or December. Gathering will resume in January after the holidays.
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Nurturing Community

Prayers for Encouragement & Healing

Bob & Carolyn Glasco

Brenda Scarborough

Randall Wagner

Alton Charles

Donna Cook

Ruth Stiger

Tom Lane

Sue Long

Linda Stanley

Michael Neel

Leota Erwin

Charles Holybee

Joyce Baggett

Rick Baggett

John Neel

Remembering Our Homebound

Patricia Parkhurst

Cedar Crest, 142

Svea Penepacker

Weatherford, TX

Linda Stanley

Chateau, 114

Carol Glick

Norman, OK

Barbara Dawkins

Chateau, 126

December Birthdays

5 - Clay Zelbst

20 - Susan Diekman

8 - Tom Willoughby

22 - Cindy Zelbst

11 - Kenneth Williams

23 - Gwen Stanley

12 - Kathryn Kirkpatrick

26 - Dale Sims

13 - Svea Penepacker

31 - Nancy Willoughby

Celebrating with you!



December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Bible Study - Chateau 5:30pm	4	5	6 MB 7:30am Pro Musica Christmas Concert 4:00pm
7 2nd Sunday of Advent	8	9 Circle 10:00am	10 Bible Study - Chateau 5:30pm	11	12	13 MB 7:30am COB 10:00am
14 3rd Sunday of Advent NTCC Luncheon 12:00pm	15	16 Music & Worship 3:00pm Session 4:30pm	17 Bible Study - Chateau 5:30pm	18	19	20 MB 7:30am
21 4th Sunday of Advent First Family Christmas 5:00pm	22	23	24 Office Closes @ Noon Christmas Eve Service @ Westminster Church 5:30pm	25 Christmas/Office Closed	26	27 MB 7:30am
28	29	30	31 Office Closes @ Noon			