

# First Presbyterian Church

December 2013

Jacksonville, Alabama

## The Christmas Camerata

*A Service of Lessons and Carols*

The **Christmas Camerata** started rehearsing the first of October and we are looking forward to bringing Christmas music to the First Presbyterians. We are focusing on the Carols by John Rutter and we will showcase a few of our group in solos. Edna Carr, organist, will join us at the organ.



## Lessons and Carols

December 8, 2013 at 3pm

*First Presbyterian Church*



The Blessings Of  
*Christmas*  
PEACE★HOPE★JOY★LOVE

## JCOC Toyland

JCOC Toyland will be open Dec. 16th-20th. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated by purchasing a toy for a child or a monetary contribution. The JCOC Toyland serves over 300 children that live in the 36265 area. Deadline for donations is December 9th at 12pm. Please make sure check are made out to JCOC Toyland. The Toyland will be open from December 16th-20th. For more information, call Regina Honts at 256-525-9498.



### Undie Sunday

The JCOC will sponsor the annual *Undie Sunday* on December 1. Please donate New (never-ever-worn) underwear and socks for children ages 2-12 and diapers for our babies. These items will be distributed for Christmas to the children at JCOC.

## Announcements

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 1, 2013.**

**JCOC Undie Sunday**  
Sunday, December 1

**Christmas Wreaths**  
Saturday, December 7 8-9am  
Meet in the fellowship hall to put together the Christmas Wreaths for the Church. Please bring greenery, if possible.

**Stated Session Meeting**  
Sunday, December 8  
12:30pm

**Church Dinner**  
Sunday, December 15

**JCOC Toyland**  
December 16-20

**Christmas Eve Service**  
Tuesday, December 24 8-7pm  
Lin Veasey will lead the service

**Youth Sunday School**  
The Youth Sunday School is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We will be reading and discussing *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. Breakfast will be provided.

### Bible Study Opportunities

**Living the Questions**  
Sunday Nights 8-5pm  
DVD on National Parks

**Wednesday Mornings**  
10am 8- DVD on National Parks

**Diabetes Support Group**  
Last Tuesday of the month  
6:30 pm



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## A Prayer for Peace on Christmas Eve

God of life and God of hope,  
we give you thanks and praise this night  
as we gather to remember the birth of Jesus  
who came as a witness to grace,  
who proclaimed peace  
did justice  
lived love  
and walked humbly with you.

In his name, we pray for peace and healing  
wherever your world is broken,  
wherever violence and injustice reign  
wherever your children are in pain.  
We ask that we might follow Jesus faithfully  
and so become answers to our prayers  
for peace on earth,  
goodwill for all people,  
and wholeness and wellbeing for all creation.  
Amen.

*Mark Koenig  
Coordinator, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program*





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> JCOC <i>Undie Sunday</i>  Living the Questions - 5pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>   Happy Birthday! Ethelyn Brown	<b>4</b>  Bible Study 10am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Stated Session Meeting 12:30pm  Lessons and Carols 3pm  Living the Questions - 5pm	<b>9</b>   Happy Birthday! Gary Brown	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Bible Study 10am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  3rd Sunday Dinner  Living the Questions - 5pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Bible Study 10am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>22</b>  Living the Questions - 5pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve Service 7pm	<b>25</b>  	<b>26</b>   Happy Birthday! Steve Underhill	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  Living the Questions - 5pm	<b>29</b>   Happy Birthday! Bonnie Seymour	<b>30</b>  Diabetes Support Group 6:30pm	<b>31</b>			



## December Opportunities for Service Schedule

Elder Greeter: Ivan Ratzlaff

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: December 1

Servers: Cospir Bell, Carolyn Padgett, Sharon Ward and Laura Underhill

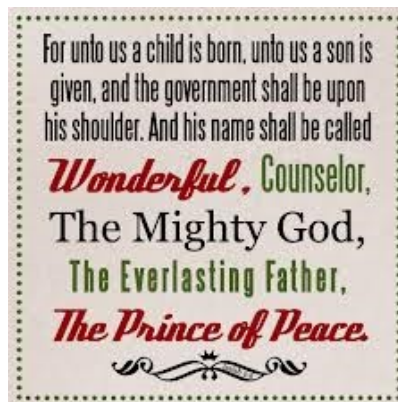
Date	Ushers	Lay Readers
December 1	Ethelyn Brown and Don Seymour	Barbara Franklin
December 8	Wayne Claeren and David Talley	Jordan Falk
December 15	Glen and Barbara Franlin	Nancy Stewart
December 22	Toby and Austin Falk	Virginia MacRae
December 29	Carlton and Sharon Ward	David Talley



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

- Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
- Gene Fair
- Bobby Haynes
- Patrick Henry (father-in-law of Jessica Seymour Henry)
- Joy Kelly and Family
- Stacy Boozer Mariani
- Bob Moore
- Ken Mount
- Diane Mount Nisbet (Dorothy Jane Nisbet's daughter-in-law)
- Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)
- Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)
- Ellen Simpson
- Thompson Nash Wagoner
- Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)

If you would like to include a name on this list, please call or email the church office.



### December Birthdays



- 3 Ethelyn Brown
- 9 Gary Brown
- 26 Steve Underhill
- 29 Bonnie Seymour



Sunday  
December 15

Sharon and Carlton Ward  
Mary Agnes and Glenn Hester

### Hosting the Church Dinner

Pat Kochan and any of the youth are available to help decorate for the 3rd Sunday dinner. Call Pat at 256-435-9319.

Contact the youth through Laura Underhill at 256-238-3726.

If you need any additional help planning for the dinner, please contact any church member.

