Worship services and messages are recorded each week. If you would like a copy please contact Neil Reazin. They can be emailed to you. The full service can be viewed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel.

## THE LORD'S DAY:

8:45 a.m. No Adult Life Group Study until January

9:50 a.m. Worship Service

Sprouts

Children's Church

11:15 a.m. Adult Life Group—Christmas Prophecies

Youth Life Group—Galatians

After worship life group dinner party at the home of Neil Reazin on Sunday, 12/29 at 4:00pm. Please RSVP to Neil or Cindy today.

Little Blessings class (infant-3yrs) is upstairs, Sprouts (4yrs-1st grade), and children in 2nd-5th grade - Children's Church meet downstairs in their classrooms during the worship hour. Parents pick up their children there after the service. Every third Sunday is Family Day; no child classes.

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John 3:16 (ESV)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

# **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

If you have a prayer request today, pick up a Prayer Card when you come into the sanctuary, fill it out and place it in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. Please note if it can be shared or if it is just for the Pastor.

If you have a prayer need at any time throughout the week, please text Donna Gregory at 240-575-4076 or send her an email: dgregory826@gmail.com.

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# PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



December 22, 2024

Loving - Connecting - Serving

#### WELCOME TO PVBC

If you are a guest, it is our privilege to have you here today! We trust your worship experience will be a blessing to you and your family. We are very thankful you chose to join us for worship at PVBC. Please fill out a Connect Card telling us a little bit about you, and return it to our Welcome Center today.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude

Opening Song ~ Hark the Herald Angels Sing 88

Welcome & Prayer

Lottie Moon Video ~ The Great Pursuit

Advent ~ LOVE Chris & Julie Cook

Congregational Reading ~ Exodus 15.1-13 (Pew Bible p.57)

Toby Kline

Congregational Songs ~ Christmas Day

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Message ~ Dare to Love as God Loves Bro. Clayton Clark

Genesis 22.1-14 (Pew Bible p.16)

Hymn of Invitation ~ I Surrender All 275

Benediction Michael DeFreytas

Closing Song ~ Christmas Day (chorus)

The youth (6th-12th graders) are taking a trip to Chambersburg, PA tomorrow night to see the Trail of Lights. Cost: \$13pp.

Please Amelia if you have any questions. Leaving PVBC at 6:00 pm

### Serving today:

Greeters: Randy Norman / Kathy Bouw

Little Blessings: none

Sprouts: Debbie Hinkle / LaCrysta Payne Children's Church: Sherrie / Adrena A/V: Neil Reazin / Betsy Operacz

# Serving next Sunday, 12/29:

Greeters: Ron Pitts / Kathy Bouw

Little Blessings: none

Sprouts: Amelia Reazin / Anne Winters Children's Church: Sherrie / Adrena A/V: Neil Reazin / Betsy Operacz If you have an emergency or concern this week, please contact the deacon for this week:

Michael DeFreytas 240-409-2330



#### **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

Dec. 23 Patti Ayers
29 Katrina Kline
Jan. 2 Tresa Weir
8 Effie Reazin
10 Bailee Payne
11 Elaine Pitts
Debbie & Kurt Hinkle

Fun First Life Group for young adults, will be meeting on Saturday, January 4 at 5:00pm

Please let Amelia know you plan to be there.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Monday	6:00 p.m.	Youth trip to Trail of Lights
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday		Merry Christmas!
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team rehearsal
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Life Group study—Weird Stuff
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Life Group—Colossians

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Budget Needs 3,008 Average Giving in November 3,706 Tithes and Offerings for Sunday, 12/15 2,395

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$1,000 Current giving: \$2.492

Don't forget to take your Christmas cards with you today. And if you purchased one of the beautiful poinsettias and you know you won't be here on Christmas Eve, please take your plant too, so you can enjoy!

If wintry weather should cause us to cancel a service or another church event, everyone regularly attending services will be called. It will also be posted on our website as soon as the decision to close has been made.





The beautiful Christmas Poinsettias in the sanctuary have been donated by:

Bobbie Bowers in memory of Doris Bane and Jerry DeWitt

Marlene Bowers, Tracy & Lori and Melissa & JR in memory of husband & father, Robert "Dope" Bowers

Chris & Julie Cook in memory of Chris's dad and mom, Arthur and Nellie Cook and Julie's father, John J. Moody

Stephen & Michael DeFreytas in memory of wife and mother, Emily Anne DeFreytas

The DeWolf Family in memory of great-great grandmother, Juanita Cantrell, grandma, Marion DeWolf and Chrystal's father, Charles "Chuck" Hoover III

Becky Fowler in memory of her dad, Marvin Fowler and her mom, Ann Fowler

> David & Tami Hetrick in memory of their son Michael Hetrick

Debbie Hinkle in memory of Hurricane Helene & Milton victims

Brian & Sherry Lapole in memory of Brian's parents Martin & Rosalie Lapole and Sherry's parents Lloyd & Virginia Metz and sister Debra Turner

Willa McGaha in memory of her husband Gene McGaha and son Kenny McGaha

> Joyce Christman Moody in memory of her sister, Beverly Greenwell and her parents, Don & Barbara Aldrick

Ethan & Anne Winters in memory of beloved parents David Duffey, Wayne Winters and Krista Winters



# We will be observing the Lord's Supper Next Sunday, December 29.

# WEEKLY ADVENT GUIDE Week Four: Love

The fourth week of Advent explore Jesus' identity, His work among us, and His second coming (*Parousia*) – all of which are rooted in God's inseparable love for us. Jesus came as a herald to reap the first fruits of God's new Kingdom, with it bringing life, light, and love. The ripple effects of His ministry have grown into waves that have touched every corner of the world. Now we eagerly await the culmination of His work, and the arrival of His second coming. In preparation for Jesus' coming, how do you deal with the present tension of living in the already-but-not-yet Kingdom of God? During this season, how will you celebrate God's love? As God's agent how can you be an instrument of His love to others?

PRAYER: Almighty, loving and gracious God, lowly in a manger you came into the world and changed everything forever. Your healing touch and unfailing love brought sight to the blind, strength to the lame, and freedom to the oppressed. Now we expectantly await the day when there will be no more death, no more mourning, no more tears, and no more pain, the day when you shall make all things new. We pray, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

Sunday: Luke 4:14-20 Monday: John 3:16-21 Tuesday: Romans 8:18-30

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Thursday: Matthew 24:37-44

Friday: John 14:15-21

Saturday: Revelation 21:1-5