CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 22, the 10:30 a.m. worship service will include a Christmas cantata, Everlasting Light: the Promise of Christmas, performed by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Tim Van Nasdale.

Lorenz Publishing Company has the following explanation of this 2019 cantata:

“Light is synonymous with the Christmas season. As we gaze upon the decorated homes and trees, we see symbols of hope that light will battle darkness, heal, and restore. It is only light that can counter that darkness. The lights on homes and trees are eventually taken down and packed away until next year, but the meaning of those lights lasts throughout the year. The birth of one Child brought a light that does not fade; a light that was desperately needed in a world of darkness, pain, and loss; a light that would live on eternally ... an Everlasting Light.

“This work, carefully crafted by the collaborative creative efforts of Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Jay Rouse, and Larry Shackley, aims to profoundly present the significance of the light of Christ come to earth. Rose Aspinall’s insightful narration beautifully ties the work together with a combination of scripture reading and personal reflection. Mary McDonald’s celebratory opener, ‘Everlasting Light,’ weaves through carols in an exciting instrumental overture before developing into a powerful original song that functions as the cornerstone theme of the work. Next, Larry Shackley’s ‘Longing for the Light’ beautifully portrays the feeling of expectation and the yearning for restoration as opportunities for readings are accompanied by a pensive underscore. Jay Rouse continues with a stirring original musical setting with words inspired by Mary’s Song of Praise [‘My Soul Proclaims’] found in Luke 1:44-56.”

Lloyd Larson writes “Bethlehem, O Bethlehem” using “Once in Royal David’s City,” “O Little Town of Bethlehem” [alternate tune], and original music.

“Lloyd Larson’s energetic and rhythmic ‘Shepherds and Angels’ depicts the telling of Christ’s birth with scripture-based text while incorporating familiar carol melodies.”

Two more songs round out the story: “This Child of Light,” almost a lullaby, by Mary McDonald and “This Is Christ the King” by Larry Shackley that includes Simeon in the temple and includes the melody of “Greensleeves.”
“The work concludes with a celebratory medley of carols ["Hark, the Herald Angels" and “O Come, All Ye Faithful"] arranged by Jay Rouse that ultimately concludes by revisiting the opening song, ‘Everlasting Light’ – ‘He is the Light, Everlasting Light; born a Savior, born this night. He is the One, the Everlasting Son; Child of heaven, He is the Light!’”

The Chancel Choir invites you to attend this musical Christmas offering.

**COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

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**SESSION REPORT**

*Regular Session Meeting, November 18, 2019*

Through the Congregational Life team, we have received an invitation to create a new photo directory. Our current one is now several years old and very outdated. Following our experience with the last directories, both print and photo, Session agreed by consensus to take a pass. The local tasks involved in contacting every member, scheduling a time and date, proofing and editing the master pages, keeping the photo appointments on track, etc., are just too complicated for a congregation our size.

Session received a copy of a Sex Offender Policy used by a local area church. We do not have such a policy. What are we supposed to do if a registered sex offender comes to the church door to attend a worship service? Without a policy, we have no guidance to follow. This led into a discussion of mandated reporters: what they are, who they are, how and when they get trained, and when they must report specific behavior to the local and state authorities. This is a real-world matter that has found its way into the church world, and there is nothing simple about it. The policy draft was accepted for first reading.

On Veterans Day, Rev. Elvery led a special worship service of healing and wholeness after the Monday Night Community Dinner. 23 persons participated. We give thanks to God that nobody slipped and fell on the ice in the parking lot that night.

Rev. Elvery announced he is beginning a Confirmation Class with three male students. We are pleased to see this part of ministry for our youth return.

The 2019 Per Capita Apportionment was paid in full in November. Most of the funds were donated for this purpose, but a small remainder had to be taken from undesignated memorials. Also, from the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team, the audit of the 2018 church treasurer’s records was completed in November with no errors found.

The Monday Night Community Dinners continue to have an average of 62 persons served each week for the last month. Thanks again to Aurelio’s in Homewood for providing a wonderful pizza meal on Nov. 18. The Dec. 16th Community Dinner occurs before the final 2019 Longest Night Special Service of Healing and Wholeness that night. A ham dinner is planned for Dec. 23rd.

The cold and snow for Halloween held down the number of children coming to the church steps. Thanks to all the adults who braved the weather to provide the treats.

Session approved a recommendation from the Personnel & Administration Ministry Team to include salary increases of 2% in the 2020 Church Budget for all staff members. As in past years, Christmas gift cards will be given to the staff in December.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward C. Wahl, Clerk of Session

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY**

The Worship Ministry Team invites you to participate in one of our traditions. It began as a simple gesture by individuals placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for the beauty of the Advent season. Over the past 58 years, members of our congregation have given poinsettias to commemorate or honor relatives, friends, or events. This year the tradition continues.

In preparation for the celebration of Christ’s birth and as a way to share the joy of Jesus, the Worship Ministry Team is offering three options. Choose poinsettias ($9), mumsettias ($22), or donation to Respond Now ($10). The Christmas Eve bulletin will acknowledge these gifts. Order forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Homewood and write poinsettia or Respond Now on the memo line and use a separate check from your weekly offering. Turn order forms with the check in to the church office or mail to P.O. Box 1519, Homewood, IL, 60430. The deadline for orders and checks is Monday, December 9, 2019. Flowers may be picked up after Christmas Eve service and through January 5.
FROM THE PASTOR

Wow, didn’t Christmas come up fast this year? The merchants reflect it as Black Friday, which may well become anti-climactic by the time it gets here. In the midst of a greater rush, more hurried preparation, we have a unique opportunity this year. We can join in a different kind of preparation. We can help prepare for youth to become a part of us through a Confirmation Class that has three young men as confirmands. This preparation extends beyond Christmas to Easter. Any time we baptize an infant, we, as a congregation, promise to help nurture the child. In short, we affirm that it takes a village, meaning a congregation, to raise a child. I’ll admit this is a brazen recruitment push on my part. Not only do we need Sunday School teachers; now we need three mentors for our confirmands! To further push the point, I cannot tell you how many times I’ve heard words longing for new members and growth. If we really desire such, then we will grasp and take part in this opportunity. If you want to help with Confirmation as a mentor or have questions, talk to me. In the name of full disclosure, if you do become a mentor, our policy requires a background check.

Dudley Elvery

QUICK CALENDAR

December 1  First Sunday of Advent
December 8  Chorale at St. Joseph
December 9  Poinsettia Deadline  
December 15  January Carillon Deadline
December 15  Lunch & Christmas Carols
December 16  Longest Night Service of Healing and Wholeness
December 22  Christmas Cantata
December 24  Christmas Eve Service

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Sunday, December 15, members, family, and friends are invited to a delicious Simple Lunch after worship and then to Christmas Caroling from the church by PHONE! Do you know of someone in need of Christmas cheer? We are developing a list for our Christmas caroling venture by phone. Please send in names and phone numbers and your connection to the person (friend, family member, etc.) to the church office at 798-0490 or fpchw@sbcglobal.net. USA calls only, please. Don’t worry if they aren’t home —We can leave a singing voicemail! Following lunch, interested singers will gather around a speaker phone at the piano (Thank you, Tim) and sing to folks near and far. What a joyous way to connect with others during this Advent season. Lee Hilario and Paul Gerrish are available for additional information.

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

What had been a Still Night Service before Christmas transformed into a Longest Night Service that was held downstairs following a Monday Night Dinner last year. The response from the guests and members who participated has led us to have several Services of Healing and Wholeness on Monday nights following dinner. Our Longest Night Service this year will be on December 16, following dinner at about 7 p.m. We each, to greater or lesser extent, have our dark nights. Being reminded that the light of Christ can, does, and will come into our lives offers hope and help. Come join us to let Christ’s light chase away shadows in your life.

Pastor Dudley

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24, our regular Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion service will be held at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, possibly with an extended prelude at 6:30 p.m. We hope that you will join us.

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION

The Women’s Association will not meet for a luncheon in December. See you all in January. However, the Association Board will meet on Thursday, December 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor to discuss closing issues of the past year and to make plans for 2020. A light brunch will be served. The Women’s Association will be serving Heavenly Perks during the month of December. Check out the invitation to join Chicago Heights women in December. Their Women’s Association meets Tuesday, December 3, at noon for a catered lunch that costs $10. The program is the Chansonettes presenting “The Bells Ring Out.” Please contact Sue Putnam for reservations at 747-1986.

Thank you to all who baked and bought at the Bake Sale on November 10th. Generous donations were made in the amount of $334. This money will be given to the Community Dinner Fund.

Charlene Hansen
CIRCLE MEETINGS

LYDIA – Thurs., December 12, noon, at the home of Charlene Hansen, 810 St. Andrew Dr., Crete.

REBECCA – Wed., December 11, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Kathie Hazlett, 1850 183rd St., Homewood.

Bring an appetizer. Dessert provided by Janet Wahl. (No lesson)

Circle Chairs, please send your 2020 meeting places.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP CHICAGO HEIGHTS

First Presbyterian Homewood men are invited to join the Chicago Heights Men’s Fellowship Lunch on Friday, December 13, at 12:30 p.m. at Paulie’s Pub, 2736 Chicago Rd., South Chicago Heights. Share a devotion, a meal, and Christian fellowship. Hope to see you there.

TRUSTEE REPORT

The month of November has been relatively quiet from the Trustees’ viewpoint. One or two leaky faucets have been tightened or new washers installed. We’ve looked at a quote for repaving the parking lot—and quickly set it back down. It’s a very costly endeavor to consider! We are having ongoing conversations about which computers need replacing and when and how to go about it. A decision is in the works.

We discovered that Nicor Gas had bored three wide holes, in our front parkway lawn, that were deep enough to cause harm to anyone stumbling into them. We marked them with traffic cones until Nicor came back, filled them in, and applied some grass seed. We never learned what the holes were for….

Take note of the fact that the leading edges of several outside stair entrances to the church have been enhanced with high-visibility yellow paint. It is hoped that this will improve safety for all who enter our buildings. Speaking of painting—we are very aware that much of our wooden trim needs attention. Work also needs to be done around the steeple and other high areas that most of us are reluctant to attempt. (There is a variety of indoor painting to be accomplished, too.) Keep us informed. Jay Ruklic

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

The 2020 Per Capita Apportionment is increasing by $1.78 from 2019. The new 2020 amount is $36.00 per communicant member of the church. The 2020 Church Budget continues in development for presentation to Session in January. After two years, we are getting closer to including funds for a pastoral search.

The 2020 Church Budget will still require pledge support from all our members. It is our task as a Ministry Team to ask for your prayerful and generous support through your pledges and Per Capita contributions. You will receive a letter and pledge envelope early in 2020, and we know you all understand the need to do this at this time of year. We will ask for a response from every member, and we thank you in advance for keeping the church high in priority in your life. S&F Ministry Team

Last Reminder!

There is a Monday, December 30, 2019, deadline for each of the following categories for 2019 charitable giving to the church to be included in your 2019 federal and state tax returns:

1. If you are an annual pledge member and have not yet paid your 2019 pledge.
2. If you are behind and are completing your 2019 pledge.
3. If you have a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA that you must take for 2019 and can donate it tax-free to the church.
4. If you have shares of highly appreciated stock you wish to donate to the church in 2019 free of capital gains taxes and income taxes.
5. If you wish to make a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of someone in 2019.
6. If you wish to remember the church with an extra donation above your pledge to help with our shortfall.
7. If you have not made a pledge in 2019 and wish to contribute to the church from your income in 2019.
8. If you wish to make a donation to the Mission and Ministry Endowment Fund in 2019.

All charitable contributions to the church are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

The boxes of 2020 offering envelopes will be available no later than Sunday, December 15, 2019, on a table in the Cloister. Remember to take your box(s) only.
The summary of receipts and disbursements for the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood for the month ending October 31, 2019, is in the following chart:

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<td><strong>2019 Total Net Income (Loss) to Date</strong></td>
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We need an average income of **$4,000** each week to fund our mission and operate our church. This is inclusive of pledges and identified giving as well as other income sources. So, how are we doing?

- Weekly average for January (4) $5,290
- Weekly average for February (4) $2,731
- Weekly average for March (5) $3,707
- Weekly average for April (4) $3,647
- Weekly average for May (4) $2,648
- Weekly average for June (5) $2,176
- Weekly average for July (4) $3,556
- Weekly average for August (4) $2,545
- Weekly average for September (5) $5,364
- Weekly average for October (4) $2,455
- **Weekly average for 2019 (45)** $3,249

**Christmas Joy Offering** is one of four PC(USA) denomination-wide offerings in which we participate, this one in Advent. Bulletin inserts and posters will help explain that this offering goes to the Board of Pensions, to racial ethnic schools and colleges, and to support racial-ethnic leadership for our denomination. **Christmas Joy** asks that we think beyond our congregation, as we do not retain any of this money. Think younger (schools and colleges), think older (pensions), and think bias-free (leadership). Think about **JOY**. [There is also a Christmas Offering. Please do not confuse the two.]

**CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

For the month of December, our video series *Jesus and the Gospels* will examine the Gospel of John for the first four Sundays, then devote the last week to examining how gospel writings became either canonical or apocryphal. The relationship of John to the other three Synoptic Gospels is not easily resolved. There is no sign of literary dependence on the Synoptics, but there is a sharing in the traditions also used in the Synoptics. John and the Synoptics have recognizably the same passion narrative, and a number of stories (in a new form) are found in both John and the Synoptics. They all share the same range of titles for Jesus: king, prophet, Messiah, Son of God, Son of Man. The Fourth Gospel can be seen as *supplemental* to the Synoptic tradition. The traditional understanding of this material: John’s three-year account provides information not in the Synoptics’ one-year narrative, the relationship is rather functional: John makes explicit what is implicit in the Synoptic tradition.

The passion account in the Fourth Gospel is distinctive for its emphasis on bearing witness to the truth. There are points of similarity and dissimilarity among John and the Synoptics. They share the same basic storyline: arrest, hearings before Jewish leaders, denial by Peter, trial before Pilate, crucifixion, burial. John has no agony in the garden or formal Sanhedrin hearing. John gives particular attention to the interaction between Jesus and Pilate. Jesus is the witness to the truth, and Pilate’s authority is not absolute. In an intensely ironic scene, Pilate enthrones Jesus as “king of the Jews” and is rejected by the Jews.

Please join us in the Church Parlor at 9:30 a.m. for the 30-minute video presentation and the following 20-minute period of discussion. Be prepared to learn something new; there is much to learn here. The exact lesson titles are on the next page.

Ed Wahl
Jesus and the Gospels lessons for December include:
- Dec. 1 Gospel of John—Context of Conflict
- Dec. 8 Gospel of John—Jesus as the Man from Heaven
- Dec. 15 Gospel of John—Jesus as Obedient Son
- Dec. 22 Gospel of John—Witness to the Truth
- Dec. 29 In and Out—Canonical and Apocryphal Gospels

MISCELLANEOUS FAITH FORMATION
A sixth opportunity will be added to the five already meeting (Rebecca and Lydia Circles, Tuesday Bible, Sunday morning Adult Class, and Young Children’s Sunday School): Rev. Elvery will lead a Confirmation Class. Look for news about it from Pastor Dudley himself.

On that wonderful list headed “There’s always more than one way”: the carpet in the Sunday School classroom is clean! Having lost the Trustee who shampooed the Parlor carpet, there didn’t seem to be a way to respond to that need in the classroom—until Johnnie Dorsey and Pastor Dudley teamed up with Pastor’s machine and Johnnie’s work. Thank you!

The abilities and needs of a fourth grader lie outside of what is provided for our Young Children’s Sunday School, so Shane has had his own Sunday School projects to work on. One Sunday, Phil Dillman spent time showing Shane how he creates his cartoons and then working with him on a couple of Jonah cartoons to go along with our recent lesson about the reluctant prophet. Thanks, Phil.

PRAYER CARDS
The following members, friends, and staff of First Presbyterian Church of Homewood will receive a card telling them that the church is praying for them. Please pray for those listed each week.

Week of December 1
Fred Grable & Nancy Connors
Ramses Godoy
Dottie Guenter
Emily Hamilton
Tim & Kim Hamilton

Week of December 15
Richard & Emily Hanley
Charlene Hansen
Jerry & Kathie Hazlett
Tom & Tricia Hentschel
Emmanuel & Lee Hilario

Week of December 8
Dan & Laurel Hamilton
Dan & Kiley Hamilton
Melanie Hamilton
Nick & Bree Hamilton
Olivia Hamilton

Week of December 22
Bob & Jonna James
Dorinda Jensen
Marilyn Jerner
Candi Kleindorfer
Melodee Leimnetzer

Week of December 29
Nancy Llewellyn
Karen Maurer
John & Debbie Maxwell
Kristen Maxwell
Bruce & Heather Miller

NURSING HOMES
Mae Evert, Lemont Center Rehab; Pat Steiner, Plymouth Place, LaGrange Park.

BIRTHS
Rachel Ruth Tufts was born October 24, 2019. The parents are Randy and Christine Tufts. The grandparents are Sylvia and Paul Tufts.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS
The following have been recorded in the Memorial Book in the Narthex: Darlene Giesbrecht, Sylvia Neitzel, and Noreen Bussey.

SOUTHLAND CHRISTMAS MUSIC
The South Holland Master Chorale, that includes five of our choir members, will hold this year’s December 8th Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Homewood. Now that is close by! The theme is “The Morning Star” so the concert includes “There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob” and “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star,” plus some beautifully set carols. Free admission.

JANUARY CARILLON
The deadline for articles placed in the January Carillon is Sunday, December 15th. The January newsletter is the most difficult to produce because every one is too busy to write, and there are so few days for production around the holiday closings. Please turn in all materials in writing to the church office for The Carillon mailbox or e-mail the Editor at ewahl@sbcglobal.net. The Editor thanks all of the December reporters for their assistance.

Birthday Greetings to our church family:

May God grant birthday blessings this coming year!
**MISTLETOE**

“Did you know?
Mistletoe is normally spread on trees through bird poo and is actually a parasite! The plant attaches itself to the host tissue (a tree) and grows out of the branch.

“Mistletoe was a symbol of love and friendship in Norse mythology, which is where the practice of kissing under mistletoe comes from.

“The name mistletoe derives from two Anglo Saxon words, ‘Mistel’ (meaning dung) and ‘tan’ (meaning twig or stick). So you might say mistletoe is ‘poo on a stick’. Not quite so romantic now, is it?

“Mistletoe promotes wildlife! Although it’s poisonous to us, it provides a great source of food for many animals. Birds rely on the plant and butterflies lay their eggs on it and use the nectar. Bees also get important pollen from mistletoe.

“During the Medieval period, people believed mistletoe possessed mystical powers which could bring good luck to a family during December and ward off evil spirits and the devil. It was often used in ceremonies and burnt once Christmas was over.”

www.redshed.co.uk in www.whychristmas.com

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**THANKSGIVING – Lee Hilario**

In 1621 the Plymouth settlers
Dined with the Wampanoag Indians
Shared their bounteous harvests
And rejoiced with thanksgiving.

In 1789 Thanksgiving Day was proclaimed
A time for all to pause and give thanks
For God’s abounding gifts
Given to all people on earth.

Dear Lord, I thank thee
For your enduring grace
With ceaseless assurance
Of love that never fails.

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_Let CHRISTMAS come into our world and bring us warmth and cheer._

_Bring us FAITH in place of doubt and strength in place of fear._

_Bring us HOPE and bring us LOVE to guide our hearts forever._

_Let CHRISTMAS come into our world and bring us all together._

_Merry Christmas to All!_
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & RESPOND NOW DONATIONS

Giver’s Name: ________________________________________________________________
(Please list name/s as you would like it printed in the Christmas bulletin.)

Number of ___ Poinsettias at $9.00 each Total____
   ___red    ___white    ___pink    ___marbled

Number of ___ Mumsettias (white mum with red poinsettia center) at $22.00 each
   Total____

Number of ___ Respond Now donations at $10.00 each Total____
   (Respond Now donations are tax deductible.)

   GRAND TOTAL $____

Please remember to return this form with your check to the church office by Monday, December 9. If writing a check, please use a separate check from your weekly offering. Make check payable to First Presbyterian Church with “Flowers/Respond Now” written on the memo line. Flowers may be picked up after Christmas Eve Service and through January 5th.

For the Christmas bulletin, please specify how you would like name/s listed:

   ___ In Memory of __________________________________________________________
   ____________________________

   ___ In Honor of __________________________________________________________
   ____________________________

   ___ In Celebration of ____________________________________________
   ____________________________

   ___ I would like my plant delivered to a shut-in.
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12:00 Chicago Heights  
Women's Gathering  
$10 Chansonettes |  |  | 9:30 Women's Board  
Brunch  
6:30 Handbell Choir  
7:40 Chancel Choir | 6 | 7 |
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Heavenly Perks | 5:30 Community Dinner  
7:00 Stewardship Team | 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study  
Panera Bread | 7:00 Trustees  
6:30 Rebecca Circle  
Christmas Party | 12:00 Lydia Circle  
Christmas Party  
6:30 Handbell Choir  
7:40 Chancel Choir | 13 | 14 |
| 15     |        | 16      | 17        | 18       | 19     | 20       |
| **CARILLON DEADLINE**  
9:30 Adult Sunday School  
10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc  
Lunch and Caroling  
at Heavenly Perks | 5:30 Community Dinner  
6:30 Longest Night  
Healing Service  
7:15 Session | 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study  
Panera Bread |  | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22     |        | 23      | 24        | 25       | 26     | 27       |
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Heavenly Perks | 5:30 Community Dinner | 7:00 Christmas Eve Serv  
Communion |  | **CHRISTMAS DAY** | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29     |        | 30      | 31        |          |        |          |
| 9:30 Adult Sunday School  
10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc  
Heavenly Perks | 5:30 Community Dinner |  | **NEW YEAR'S EVE** | | | 31 |