



*Advent and
Christmas Schedule*

NOVEMBER 27th - The First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Sunday School
6:30 pm An Evening of Advent: Learn about advent,
and decorate with Chrismons.

DECEMBER 4th The Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

DECEMBER 11th - The Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Youth Gift-wrapping Fundraiser: Bring your
gifts and have them wrapped and support the youth.

DECEMBER 18th - The Fourth Sunday of Advent











8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

DECEMBER 24th - Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
Service: Designed for families with children.
Children should arrive at 5:45pm for costumes for the
Pageant.
11:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service

DECEMBER 25th - Christmas Day

10:00 am One Worship Service
No Sunday School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				7:30p Young Adults-TBD	8:45a TOPS-FH	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30a & 11:00a Worship Services-S 9:30a Handbells—CR 9:45a Sunday School 12:15p Youth Group-YH 4:00p Chime Choir—CR	10:30a Assemble College Care Packages,P 6:00p Deacons-P 6:30p New Member Class-P 7:30p Boy Scouts-FH 	10:00a PW Coordinating Team-P 10:30a PDO Board-11 6:15p Girl Scouts-Room 11 7:00p Devotional Classics Covenant Group-P	8:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship-P 7:00p Choir Rehearsal-CR	12:00p Slackers-Ernie's 6:30p-Girl Scouts Service Unit-FH 1:30p PW Bible Leaders-P 7:30p Young Adults-TBD 	8:45a TOPS-FH 12:00p PUNCH DEADLINE	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30a & 11:00a Worship Services-S 9:30a Handbells-CR 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Youth Giftwrapping Fundraiser-YH 12:00p Congregational Mtg. 12:00p Committee Sunday 12:30p Confirmation Class, YH	5:30p Life Circle-Panera Bread on Precinct 6:30p New Member Class-P 7:30p Boy Scouts-FH 	9:30a Grace Circle-Room 11 10:00a Bradley Circle-P 1:00p MCCC-FH 7:00p Devotional Classics Covenant Group-P	8:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship-P 8:30a Financial Aid Calls Received 7:00p Choir Rehearsal-CR 	9:00a Financial Aid Appointments 7:30p Young Adults-TBD	8:45a TOPS-FH 4:30p Savannah Skodak Wedding Rehearsal	3:30p Savannah Skodak Wedding Youth Christmas Party
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30a & 11:00a Worship Services-S 9:30a Handbells-CR 12:00p Pam Cochrane Farewell Reception 6:30p Session Meeting-P	7:30p Boy Scouts-FH 	6:15p Girl Scouts-Room A 6:30p PW Christmas Dinner-FH 7:00p Devotional Classics Covenant Group-P 		7:30p Young Adults-TBD		5:45p Children arrive for Pageant 6:00p Christmas Eve Service 11:00p Christmas Eve Service 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:00a Worship Service-S 	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed 7:30p Young Adults-TBD	Church Office Closed 8:45p TOPS FH	
JANUARY 1	2	3	4	5	6	
10:00a Worship Service-S 	Church Office Closed	10:00a Coordinating Team Mtg P 6:15p Girl Scouts Room A 7:00p Devotional Classics Covenant Group-P	8:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship-P 	1:30p Bible Leaders-P 7:30p Young Adults-TBD	8:45p TOPS FH <div><div>AOF-Acts of Faith CE-CE Hallway PL-Parking Lot PO- Pastor's Office Sac-Sacristy L-Library</div><div>OW-Office Workroom A-Room A S-Sanctuary YH-Youth Hall CR-Choir Room FH-Fellowship Hall</div></div>	

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“Joyfully growing and moving with the Spirit”



St. Philip makes a special effort to have Church School classes designed for every age group. Church School is from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. most Sundays. We have many exciting offerings for you to choose from this month

Children & Youth

Birth-Age 2 children will hear Bible stories that are designed for young learners.

Room 18

Ages 2-Pre K are studying “Jesus’ Birth”. **Room 4**

Ages K-2nd grade and 3rd - 5th grade are using the Growing with Grace and Gratitude curriculum, which is rooted in the foundation of Presbyterian identity where God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship; which extends an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love; and which reaches beyond Sunday morning, encouraging children to live their lives as an expression of God's grace.

Ages K-2nd grade begin in Room 10 and move to Room 7.

3rd-5th grade begin in Room 10 and move to Room 8.

Jr. High and Sr. High will be using Feasting of the Word, which provides opportunities for this age group to explore their personal and communal identity in Jesus Christ through meaningful community building experiences, engaging Bible study, and relevant learning activities. Biblical stories will come alive in new and creative ways. In response to God’s amazing, unconditional love, youth will be challenged to put their faith into action as they grow to understand themselves as Christ’s disciples.

Adults

The Joy Class is for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We combine instruction, music and crafts to teach adults the basics of the Christian faith. This class uses shared leadership and is studying compassion. **Parlor In December the Alpha Class** will be studying the book of Romans. **Room A**

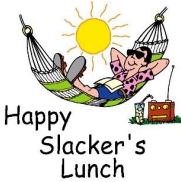
In November the Feasting on the Word Class will be studying the following topics: December 4, 2016, Adults will express visions of the peaceable kingdom following Isaiah’s radical vision of peace, Isaiah 11:1-10, December 11, 2016, Adults will examine God’s promise of joyous transformation in Isaiah 35 and look for signs of the now and not-yet realm of God, December 18, 2016, Adults will examine how Joseph displayed a new kind of righteousness and name ways to apply this in their lives, December 25, 2016, No Sunday School



A REMINDER TO ALL HAPPY SLACKERS

Stop now and make a date with a pretty girl for the

Happy Slacker Christmas Lunch at Ernie’s on Thursday, December 8th 12:00 PM



Men’s Coffee Fellowship Every Wednesday 8:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor

Join us for Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship!



Pam Cochrane’s Retirement Farewell Celebration

Come and wish Pam Happy Retirement and thank her for her years of music ministry at St. Philip

The celebration will be December 18th after the 11:00 am service. Finger sandwiches, snacks and sweets will be provided and musical numbers will be performed

Bring a card or note to wish Pam Happy Retirement!



Regal Opera Chorale

Presents

“Caroling, Caroling!”

A Christmas Show

With carols from Alfred Burt & Irving Berlin And many others

7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2016
In the Pirtle Chapel of First United Methodist Church of Hurst
521 W. Pipeline Rd.; Hurst, Texas 76053
Call 817-915-7807 for reservations.

7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 11, 2016
At the Cottage Theater
5733 Watauga Road; Watauga, TX. 76148
Call (817) 281-2293 for reservations.



NEWS & Calendar

December

4th Mission Work at Presbyterian Night Shelter
11th Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
17th Youth Christmas Party (Bring ≤ \$20 Gift)
25th Christmas! (No Youth)

YOUNG ADULTS Thursdays 7:30 p Youth Hall/TBD



The Youth Christmas Giftwrapping Fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, December 11th at 9:45 a.m.** in the Youth Hall. Bring your gifts to be adorned with ribbons and bows. All proceeds benefit youth trips and activities.

NEW PURPOSE STATEMENT FOR ST. PHILIP

On October 2, the Session approved the following purpose statement for St. Philip:

“To be a welcoming and growing church, as we share God’s love in the community and meet the spiritual needs of our members.”

This statement came from the work of our church expert/3rd party consultant John Wimberly who worked with the Action Team, Session and Committee chairs. John wrote that we should “encourage the Session to use this statement in decision making and in the direction of the church., using the purpose statement as a filter for big decisions. Without a clear purpose statement, we make such decisions in a vacuum, separated from the overall mission of the congregation.”



An Evening of Advent November 27 at 6:30 PM

Come and help prepare for Christmas by learning and singing and listening to the scripture as we approach the celebration of Jesus’ birth.

BOOKS - BOOKS - BOOKS

St. Philip is collecting new or gently used books for the children and women at the Presbyterian Night Shelter, the new center. Please put them in the box located on the Oak Terrace. We will be collecting books until January 1st. Thank you! Thank you!

It's time for the Christmas Prayer Bear drive to benefit sick children at Cook Children's Hospital. Each sick child gets to pick out a teddy bear. Bring your own new teddy bear or you can purchase a 5-6” bear from Edith Vaughn who will be on the Oak Terrace November 27th, December 4th and 11th selling them 2 for 5\$

The bears will be received and blessed the night of the Presbyterian Women’s Christmas Dinner.



Christmas Prayer Bear Drive



Presbyterian Women November 20th 6:30 PM Christmas Dinner

Mark your calendars for another upcoming Presbyterian Women event: The Christmas Dinner on December 20th! This dinner will be \$10 and will be catered by The Chicken Place