

Newton First Presbyterian Church

December 2025 Newsletter



From Pastor Scott:

Dear First Pres friends,

As we enjoy the Christmas season we know the good story by heart. God has come to be with us in Christ Jesus and is here for us. God is with us and for us and has done everything needed to give us the free gift of eternal life. I love the Christmas season. May the gift giving always remind us of Jesus' gift for us.

Here is how the Message paraphrase shares this good news with us in John 1:14.

John 1:14 MSG

**The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighborhood.**

**We saw the glory with our own eyes,
the one-of-a-kind glory,
like Father, like Son,
Generous inside and out,
true from start to finish.**



**Be on the lookout for info
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PW Post by *Karen Wilson*



Advent season is upon us and I couldn't help but reflect on the characters in the "Christmas Story". And please when we think of the "stories" in the Bible always remember these are NOT made up stories, but true encounters directed by God's own hand to those He chose to write them down.

Advent - hope, joy, peace and love - all four are reflected in the lives of those "Christmas Story" characters. God the Father loved us so much He sent His perfect son to come to earth as a human being - a tiny, helpless baby and ultimately die a horrible death on the cross for each one of us. Jesus Christ - willing to take upon himself humanity, giving up heaven for a time to give hope to all who will believe in Him. Mary - just a child really - graciously taking the scorn of society for being with child and not married, yet having the peace in her heart knowing she was chosen by God for a most amazing purpose. The shepherds - who realized that finally their long awaited Messiah had come. What joy must have filled their hearts. There were so many others involved in this story but these have always stood out to me as perfect examples of all we celebrate during "Advent".

We had a great Thank Offering Sunday and I am grateful for the giving, the timely message by Christina Berry, and the wonderful food and fellowship that followed.

We welcome all women of our church and any guests to join us as we worship God, study what the Bible has for us, engage in mission giving and community outreach and fellowship together.





Treble Clef Club

CHRISTMAS VESPERS

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025 at 3 p.m.

Prelude begins at 2:45 p.m.
The Schrag Siblings

First Presbyterian Church
900 Columbus Ave.
Newton, Kansas

Featuring: Treble Clef Choir
Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble
The Schrag Siblings
Hearts 4 Him



New Hope Shelter, Inc.
Following Christ, Building the Community

You're invited to a special
Open House

See how God is moving though

New Hope Shelter

Sunday, December 7
1:00 to 4:00PM

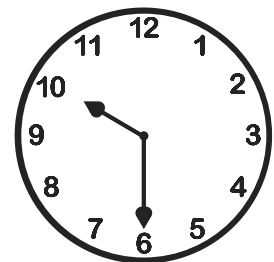
308 S. Meridian Road, Newton, KS

Come Enjoy Cookies & Hot Cocoa

**Join FPC for Christmas Preludes at
Sunday Worship during Advent!**
We will also have special music
from Handel's Messiah on Sunday,
December 14th and Christmas Eve.



**Session will have a
new time in 2026!**
Session will be held
at 10:30 a.m.
every third Tuesday
of the month.
January 20th is the
next Session.

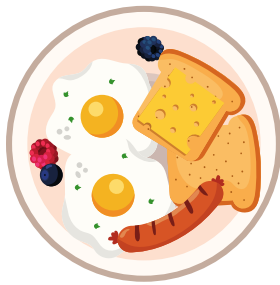


**Please bring New Jerusalem
gifts back to the church
by Sun. December 14th.**



**Men's
Breakfast
Wednesday,
December 10th
@ 9:00 a.m.**

**Del Puente
701 N. Main St.
Newton, KS**



Prayer * Faith * Fellowship

An Epic Celebration
Christmas

Worship Service at First Presbyterian
Sunday, Dec. 21

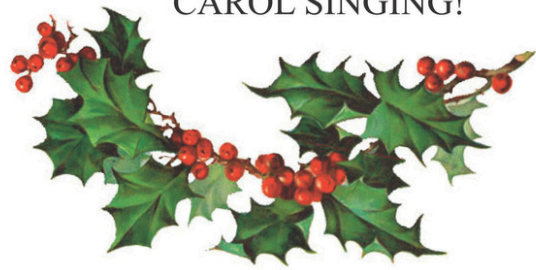
10:15 a.m. Festive Instrumental Prelude

"The One-Page Christmas Epic" Skit

Special Music by FPC Bell Choir

A Prayer of Expectation from Pastor Scott

and lots of
CAROL SINGING!



**First Presbyterian Church
Candlelight Christmas
Eve Service
December 24, 2025**



**Prelude begins @ 5:15 p.m.
Service begins @ 5:30 p.m.
900 Columbus Ave. Newton, KS**

Nurture:

The Nurture team is getting ready for the advent season. Advent will start on November 30th. Look for devotionals to be available for you to pick up and use during the advent season. They are yours to take home and enjoy. We hope they will be an inspiration and give you a sense of peace during this season.



We will also be doing the adoption of the Poinsettias. You will see the adoption forms on the first Sunday of advent.

Save the Date to Serve a meal with FPC at New Hope Shelter

December 10th, 11th, & 13th

To volunteer to help, please contact
FPC's office at 316-283-0504





PLEASE ADOPT ONE OF US!!

Hi there: My friends and I are back again this year. You were all so nice last year adopting us like you did.

We were stored very carefully all year and now we are out again and ready to be adopted. We are going to stay right here for all to enjoy this Advent and Christmas season.

We are **\$15.00** and all the proceeds go to the kids groups to do more fun activities. So, please adopts us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

ORDER FORM

Name: _____

In Honor/Memory Of: _____



Coffee with the Pastor

Wednesdays, December 3rd and 17th

@ 10:00 a.m. - Norm's in Newton

613 N. Main St. Newton, KS

(Men join us @ Del Puente for Men's Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m. on November 12th & Ladies join us for Circle at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.)

Looking forward to a time of
Friends, Fellowship, and Coffee!

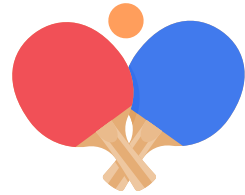




Ping Pong @ FPC

Mondays from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Come check out FPC's new Ping Pong club on Monday mornings in the Youth Room downstairs!



In case of inclement weather during the winter season, please check www.kwch.com/weather/closings/ for closing notices.



Deacons Requests **Newton Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry**



The Food Pantry is in need of:

Spaghetti-O's and other canned meals, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce and noodles, granola bars and boxed individual snacks, crackers, hamburger helper, pop tarts, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, and paper towels.

When you're out shopping, please pick up these items for our neighbors in need. Also, please remember them in prayer. Thank You!

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 2 - Ruth Loewen

December 7 - Lauren Regier Clifford

December 16 - De Ja Giles

December 17 – Gregory Nye

December 19 – Helen Eberle

December 21 - Julie Robinson

December 22 – Cameron & Kelly Laswell

December 23 – Dave & Judy Welfelt

December 24 – Mike Enz

December 26 – Bob Pomeroy, John and Joan Stretcher

December 28 – Tom & Angela Altum

December 29 – Larry Trussell

December 30 – Jan Roecker



The Family of Bill Kleymann

Rev. John & Gwen Haspels

The Family of Elinor Kliever

Arlen Anderson

Ron Cheyney

Nancy Ice Schulp

Jeri Smith

If you have a prayer request or

want to become a member of

the prayer chain, please contact

the church office at

316-283-0504 or

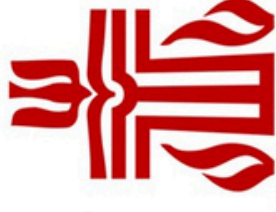
newtonfpc@gmail.com





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December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
YouTube "First Presbyterian Church, Newton, KS" newtonfpc@gmail.com firstpresnewton.org	1 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	2 4 - 5 pm Treble Clef Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	3 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	4	5	6 Treble Clef Vespers Dress Rehearsal
7 Communion Sunday Christmas Vespers Concert 3:00 pm	8 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	9 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	10 <i>9:00 am Men's Breakfast</i> 6:00 pm Serve @ New Hope 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	11 6:00 pm Serve @ New Hope 7:00 pm Outreach Team	12	13 6:00 pm Serve @ New Hope
14 Special Music from Handle's Messiah	15 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	16 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	17 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor <i>6:00 pm Deacon's MTG</i> 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	18	19	20
21 10:15 am Christmas Prelude Christmas Skit FPC Bells Play	22 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve Service</i> 5:15 (Prelude) Special Music from Handle's Messiah	25 	26	27
28	29 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	30	31	Sunday Schedule @ FPC	9:15 am - Adult Bible Study 10:00 am - Choir Ensemble Practice 10:10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am - Worship & Livestream	