

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Advent is coming!

Advent, the season of preparation in which the church recalls its hope and expectancy in the comings of Christ, past, present, and future will be directed by the Worship committee. Our theme for Advent this year is “**Prepare the Way.**” Advent begins December 3 and runs through December 24.



### Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 3 p.m.

This year we will have a **3 p.m.** service on Sunday, December 24, combining our regular morning service and our **Christmas Eve** candlelight service. There will be lots of hymns and lots of singing, Be sure to mark your calendars for this special time.



## December Lectionary Readings

### DECEMBER 03 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

### DECEMBER 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;  
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

### DECEMBER 17 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11;  
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55;  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

### DECEMBER 24 4th Sunday of Advent CHRISTMAS EVE

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16;  
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26;  
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

### DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98;  
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14

### DECEMBER 31 1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148;  
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

The deadline for the January newsletter is **December 23**. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)



## Attendance

October 15	26
October 22	24
October 29	22
November 5	32

As of October 11, we had 37 women and 9 men in our congregation for a total of 46 members.



December 2	Pat Berger
December 9	Pat Brown
December 9	Libby Shoultz
December 10	Gina Harrington
December 10	Michele Rae
December 13	Bill Eagle
December 27	Ken Anderson
December 31	Kathleen Dinwiddie



We're having a party! Come to the church on **December 9, at 4 p.m.** for our annual **Christmas potluck**. We will have games (by Anita), singing (by Helen and Sharon), and of course good food! It's a great way to kick off the Christmas season! There is a sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. **Please sign-up and come!**



### September Income and Expenses

	September 2023	January – September, 2023
Income	\$5,220.45	\$114,815.05
Expense	\$17,997.87	\$118,106.34
Net Income	- \$12,777.42	- \$3,291.28

### October Income and Expenses

	October 2023	January – October, 2023
Income	\$8,512.22	\$123,327.28
Expense	\$5,469.06	\$123,575.40
Net Income	\$3,043.16	- \$ 248.12

## Meeting Schedules



**First Tuesday Lunch and Fellowship**  
Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship with your church family on **Tuesday, December 5, at noon**, in the **library**.

### Deacons Meeting



Deacons' next scheduled meeting will be December 5, **at 10:30 a.m.** at the church.



### Worship Committee

The Worship and Nurture Committee will meet on the **first Tuesday, December 5**, following the first Tuesday lunch.



### Elders Meeting

Elders will continue their regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, December 13, at 6:15 on ZOOM**.



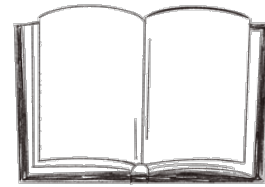
Another Christmas bazaar is history. Thanks to all you who helped set up, baked, assembled baskets and provided other crafted items for our sale. And don't forget those who helped sell items as well as those who came and bought. Our net profit by the end of Sunday was \$3,379.45. This is about \$900 more than this time last year. Great job everyone!

Baskets and other items will continue to be for sale in the Fellowship Hall through Advent. Please consider them for your final shopping needs.



### Peace and Global Witness

We raised \$297.50 for Peace and Global Witness. Twenty-five percent of that, \$74.38, will be donated to the Back Pack project in St. Helens



### Church Directory

It's here! An updated church directory and birthday list will be distributed to the congregation in December. Be sure to get your copies.



### Change for Change

This quarter the change will continue to be donated to the **Amani Center**, which provides help for children suspected to have been abused.

We donated \$82.20 to this cause in September and \$74.62 in October. In January, we will be supporting the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church who still have no water and are lacking a communion service.



### Pastor Schedule for December

December 3	Pastor Pat Berger
December 10	Pastor Steve Parker
December 17	Paster Pat Berger
December 24	Pastor Peter Blank
December 31	Pastor Peter Blank



Due to your generosity the children of Makindu have thrived during the past year. Our goal is to ensure that no child at Makindu ever goes hungry, that they have proper medical and psychological support, adequate shelter, and loving guardians.

You have made a real difference in the lives of the children we serve. Thanks to you, the children of Makindu are blooming this year. But there is more to do.

This year your donations have made a great impact.

- 527 children eat regularly at the Center
- 535 children are enrolled and attend school
- 330 guardians have received goat husbandry education
- 455 children have been counseled on proper hygiene and sanitation
- 34 households received ITNs (insecticide treated mosquito nets)
- 337 households received multiple rounds of relief food

As you gather with family and friends to express your gratitude, please remember the kids of Makindu.

## Butter shower

The PPC congregation brought in 10# of butter for the Thanksgiving butter shower collected for Community Meals on 11/12/23. Thank you to all who contributed!

PPC will continue to collect butter for Community Meals as an ongoing mission. You can drop off butter at the PPC kitchen refrigerator. It will be counted then given to Community Meals. Your contributions make a difference.

## Per Capita

Exactly what does per capita do?

Per capita is the amount of support, per member, that our congregation remits to our Presbytery that is then sent onto our Synod and the General Assembly. This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our Presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

The per capita apportionment for each member is \$45.60 and shared:

The General Assembly \$ 9.85

The Synod of The Pacific \$ 5.22

The Presbytery of the Cascades \$30.53

TOTAL \$45.60 Per Capita / Member

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community.








## Sunday Volunteer Schedule

<p><b>December 3</b></p>	<p><b>Guest Preacher:</b> Pastor Pat Berger  <b>Communion Set-up:</b> Zelda Andersonerson  <b>Communion Servers:</b> Zelda Anderson, Pat Brown, Marilyn Brinster  <b>Greeters:</b> Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Doris Perry  <b>Coffee Hour:</b></p>
<p><b>December 10</b></p>	<p><b>Guest Preacher:</b> Pastor Steve Parker  <b>Greeters:</b> Helen Purkerson and Mark Earhart  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Bill Eagle  <b>Coffee Hour:</b></p>
<p><b>December 17</b></p>	<p><b>Guest Preacher:</b> Pastor Pat Berger  <b>Greeters:</b> Linda and Roger Liefeld  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Gina Harrington  <b>Coffee Hour:</b></p>
<p><b>December 24</b></p>	<p><b>Guest Preacher:</b> Pastor Peter Blank  <b>Greeters:</b> Karen Roldan and Jon Dickson  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Gina Harrington  <b>Coffee Hour:</b></p>
<p><b>December 31</b></p>	<p><b>Guest Preacher:</b> Pastor Peter Blank  <b>Greeters:</b> Purkerson family  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Becky Frazier  <b>Coffee Hour:</b></p>



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3  <b>Worship</b> 10:30 a.m. with <b>communion</b> 12:30 <b>Avamere</b>	4	7 <b>Deacons 1 p.m</b> <b>Fellowship lunch,</b> <b>noon</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>committee, 1 pm</b>	6 <b>Session</b> <b>on</b> <b>Zoom,</b> <b>6:15 pm</b>	7	8	9 <b>Christmas</b> <b>party at 4</b> <b>p.m.</b>
10  <b>Worship</b> 10:30 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17  <b>Worship</b> 10:30 a.m.	18	19	20	21 First day of Winter	22	23 Newsletter deadline
24  <b>CHRISTMAS</b> <b>EVE SERVICE</b> <b>Worship 3 p.m.</b>	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30
31 <b>Worship 10:30 a.m.</b>						



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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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