

JCP Notices

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Christmas Services

First Presbyterian Church- Fort Scott, KS

Christmas Eve - Morning Service - 10:30am

Christmas Eve - Evening Service - 6:00pm with candlelight and communion

Bethany Presbyterian Church- Joplin, MO

Christmas Eve - Morning Service - 11:00am

Christmas Eve - Evening Service - 6:00pm with a Christmas Eve service that will include the Sacrament of Communion.

First Presbyterian Church-Rolla, MO

Christmas Eve - Evening Service - 6:00pm Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

The service will be livestreamed on [YouTube](#).

First Presbyterian Church-Joplin, MO

Christmas Eve - Morning Service - 10:30am Christmas Cantata

Christmas Eve - Evening Service - 5:30 pm Candlelight Service

Community Presbyterian Church-Forsyth, MO

Christmas Eve - Morning Service - 10:30 a.m., Adult Christian Ed



- 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve - Evening Service - 4:30 p.m.

Pittsburg Presbyterian Church-Pittsburg, KS

Christmas Eve - Evening Service - 7:00pm "Service of Lessons and Carols", with candle lighting.

First Presbyterian Church-Nevada, MO

Christmas Eve - Morning Service - 10:00am

Christmas Eve - Evening Service - 5:00pm with Communion and Candlelight Service

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church-Kimberling City, MO

Christmas Eve - Morning Service - 9:30am Breakfast in Virginia Fogerson Fellowship Hall; 10:00am Worship Service

Christmas Eve - Evening Service - 5:00pm Candlelight Service

First Presbyterian Church-Webb City, MO

Christmas Eve - Morning Service - 10:45am Lessons and carols with a short homily

Crocker Presbyterian Church-Crocker, MO

Christmas Eve - Evening Service - 7:00pm



The leadership of John Calvin Presbytery has been busy this year. We are grateful to churches who hosted presbytery meeting in 2023: virtual meetings by Fort Scott and Mount Vernon and especially the in-person meetings at Gibson Chapel/Hillcrest and First, Joplin. A highlight of our November meeting was assembling 80+ disaster buckets. It was great to be together.

The presbytery leadership hopes that you have been touched by serving or taking part in presbytery activities. We are grateful that so many people have said yes to the Committee on Representation's faith-filled work as our nominating committee. From there springs all our future work. Some of the work of a presbytery is more limited to those serving on a committee, such as overseeing the money and staff. Other opportunities invite connection beyond the committee. Bible study series over Zoom have been fulfilling. Many people loved hearing about the work of our International Peacemaker, hosted first by the Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering, and traveling across our presbytery to several sites. The Church Economics Series drew participants from about 14 churches. We thank Aurora, Westminster, First Joplin, and Ozark for their hospitality.

The fall preaching class, led by a professor from Dubuque Seminary, provided fresh input for elders who wanted to either polish their skills or make a first effort. The professor was amazing; some of our people have already delivered a first sermon.

A recent high point is helping two congregations call pastors after lengthy vacancies. Our Fort Scott and Pittsburg churches are looking forward to a new chapter of ministry in 2024.

Vacancies are much longer than in previous searches. Pulpit supply is scarce. We are all having to adapt to this new reality. If you are still reading, I hope you will mark your calendar for a presbytery training day, **March 16th**, at Trinity-Springfield. Faculty from Dubuque seminary will lead workshops on pastoral care for elders, preaching, visioning, and more. There will be worship, fellowship, and a good lunch. The Committee on Ministry has set an attendance goal of 100. At this event, you will gain skills that will improve the health of your church, that will help you in the event of your pastor needing family leave, in the event that your pastor leaves, and if you are without a pastor. We are suggesting that every church send 2-3 people, but we have plenty of room! It will be a good day.

The afternoon and evening before will offer an event for pastors with Jerry Cannon, Vice President of Ministry Innovation of the Board of Pensions. This March 15th event will include presentation, discussion, dinner, and fellowship. We hope pastors will perhaps overnight in Springfield and then welcome elders from their churches to the event on Saturday.

We pray that you and your loved ones, and your church, have a blessed Christmas, as we look toward the coming year. See you in 2024!

Malinda

**How can we pray for you over this
Holiday Season? You can let us know of
any prayer requests by calling or emailing
the information listed below.**

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First Presbyterian Church, Chanute, Kansas
Crane Presbyterian Church, Crane, Missouri
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church @Hideaway, Galena, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Rolla, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Sarcxie, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas
Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri

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All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery

Prayer submissions will remain on the prayer list for two weeks, unless an update is received. To submit a prayer request, please email cia@jcpresbytery.com

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