

# the CARILLON

MONTHLY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Celebrate 2025!

**Music on the Hill presents the lively Irish music from the Langen-Conneely Quartet**

Join us to celebrate the new year on Saturday, January 11th. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm with Soupfest and craft activities for kids. Attendees are asked to bring either a crockpot of soup, bread/rolls, a dessert, or a bottle of non-alcoholic bubbly.

## Adult Education

**Olivier Messiaen Lecture** March 2, 11:15 AM

**Messiaen in worship – First Sunday in Lent** March 9, 10:00 AM

## Family Movie Night

Family Movie Night on Sunday, February 2nd from 4:30 - 6:00.

## Youth Gathering

Starting on January 26th from 6:00 - 7:30.

## A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR YOU:

- Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
- Count your gains instead of your losses.
- Count your joys instead of your woes;
- Count your friends instead of your foes.
- Count your smiles instead of your tears;
- Count your courage instead of your fears.
- Count your full years instead of your lean;
- Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
- Count your health instead of your wealth;
- Love your neighbor as much as yourself.

## Vision Statement

We are a compassionate community of faith, following the teachings of Jesus Christ, affirming His grace, sharing God's love, and serving all those in need.

## Pastor David's Preaching Schedule

January 5

*Egypt: Celebrating the  
Imperfect Journey*

Matthew 2:1-12

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

January 12

the Rev. Dr. Craig Howard, preaching

January 19

the Rev. Dr. David McNutt, preaching

January 26

*God's "Byas" for Your Call*

Genesis 12:1-4; Matthew 4:18-22; I  
Corinthians 12:4-11

## Pastor's Desk

### AULD LANG SYNE

Cultures in many lands have often looked forward to New Year's celebrations. It symbolically offers an opportunity to reflect upon the accomplishments and mistakes of the previous year while simultaneously looking forward to the coming year with an opportunity to start over with new hopes and dreams. The Romans named the month of January after Janus, their god of beginnings and endings. He was depicted as having a head with two faces – one in the front and another in back – thereby demonstrating he could look backward and forward simultaneously.

And that is what we normally do the last week of December – look back in order to look forward. The culmination of that activity is every year, on December 31st, when merrily inebriated people gather to sing the same song, *Auld Lang Syne*. The fact that few actually know all the words, let alone their meaning, has rarely stopped anyone from joining in.

"For *Auld Lang Syne*" roughly translates as "for the sake of old times." More literally, *Auld Lang Syne* means "old, long since." The website Scotland.org informs us that it is a call to remember "the love and kindness of days gone by... [while providing] a sense of belonging and fellowship to take into the future." Though we might be concentrating on New Year's resolutions the celebratory kiss at midnight, *Auld Lang Syne* is a reminder that time marches on and that we should cherish old friendships, remember good deeds, and offer a toast to health and good will for the year ahead. (Of course, that toast is made all the better when accompanied by good champagne.)

So, on New Year's Eve when you lift your glass, lift up a toast on behalf of PCB (it is similar to giving a blessing). Let us look forward to a church continuing to be both healthy and thriving and for the great potential for ministry ahead. Let us remember old friends and members who we have lost, and those in time gone by who created the bedrock of a solid past which has made today possible. Let us look back on 2024 with thankfulness for our new members as we look forward in anticipation of growing the church further. Let us look back with thankfulness for the ministry of Pastor Jae as we look forward to welcoming new staff. As we look forward to promise, we reflect on a heritage that provides a legacy of belonging and a fellowship that empowers us and our children to enter the future with a hope that we can change the world.

*Auld Lang Syne* is not just about the past. It is a bridge, a transition to the future. As PCB enters the new year, I hope that you will sing it loudly and clearly:

*"For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne.*

*We'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne."*

Happy New Year!

*Pastor David*



## Church Members

### Welcome to our New Members

#### Molly Vick

Molly was born and raised in Barrington and went to college at Cornell University where he met her husband, Josh. They have a dog, 2 kids (Jack and Elizabeth) and are expecting another girl in late March. She has worked at WTW for almost 13 years doing HR consulting, and also volunteers as an assistant coach for the BHS girls track & field team which is her true passion! She grew up attending the Presbyterian Church of Barrington so it was a natural fit to rejoin. She looks forward to being a part of the church community, Sunday School/youth programs for their kids and volunteering opportunities.

#### Ericka and Rey Fuerte

We are a blended family with five grown children, Emmanuel, Elizabeth, Armando, Evelyn, and Norman and three grandchildren, Juliet, Melani, and Izek. We moved to Barrington Hills in the summer of 2023.

Rey was born in Mexico and immigrated to the US 35 years ago. He is the Vice President of Procurement at Whetstone Meat Distributor in Chicago. His hobbies include golf, horses, and running.

Ericka was born in Honduras and immigrated 27 years ago. She graduated from Roosevelt University and is the Accounts Receivable Supervisor at SPX Technologies. Her hobbies include reading books about personal development and biographies, cooking, and spending time with family.

#### Jack and Maddie Liput

Jack is from Arlington Heights, IL, and Maddie is from St. Louis, MO. We moved to Chicago about three years ago. Last March, we moved to Barrington for more space, peace, quiet, and access to the great outdoors (we both love being outside - camping, hiking, swimming, grilling, you name it - and so we were attracted to all the nearby forest preserves, conservation areas, and lakes)!

Maddie is an attorney, working for a regional nonprofit organization, and Jack is in enterprise software sales at a marketing technology company. We are expecting our first child in early February!

#### Maggie Bogue

Maggie grew up in Wilmette, IL, and attended U of I, graduating with a Business degree and currently works for Oracle in tech sales. She and husband Ross enjoy their kids Grace, Emily and Tera, and grandkids Sloane and Miles. She is happy to be at PCB and especially likes the community and all the people she has met who generously share messages of joy and caring. She loves the time spent with all the church members for Bingo at Moretti's on Tuesday's. They also enjoy traveling.

#### New Member Committee

Anna Armstrong

Julie Steffen

Susan Thiess

Rey Fuerte

Steve Alton

Maggie Bogue

Ginger Glanz

#### Ellie and Charles King

Ellie was born in Hoffman Estates, IL and grew up in Naperville, IL. She attended college at Northern Illinois University (BA) & Thomas M. Cooley Law School (JD). She is currently a stay-at-home mom caring for her children and elderly parents. She and Charles have two sons, Elliott (6) and Colin (4) and a daughter Emerson (9 mo.) Her hobbies include singing, biking, and being silly with her kids. She enjoys the music, the people and the message at PCB.

Charles was born in South Bend, IN and raised in West Burlington, IA. He attended the University of Iowa (BA) and the University of Michigan Law School (JD) and practices law. His hobbies include reading and exercising. Charles enjoys the music and sermons.

#### Penny Mesenbrink

Penny was born in Chicago and raised in Mt. Prospect, IL. She earned her Design Degree at Harrington College of Design in Chicago and an Education Degree at Northeastern University in Chicago, IL. She lives in Fox River Grove and works as an interior designer in Downers Grove. She has one son. Her hobbies include tennis, gardening and traveling.

"I was drawn to the church for its community outreach and diversity to spread the Gospel to people in need. I have been a believer in Christianity since 1985 and was baptized in my faith as a Christian in 2003."

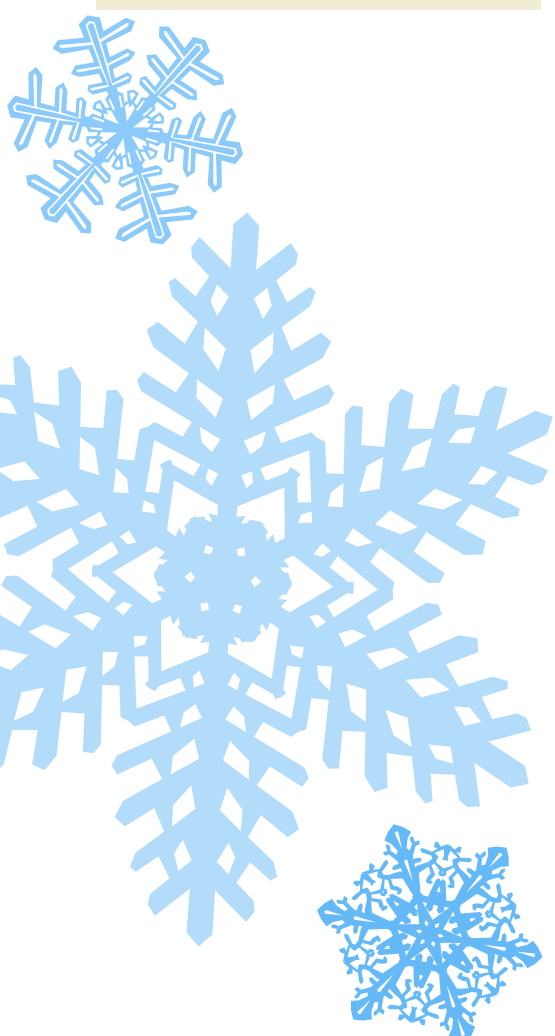
#### Joseph and Maureen Osunde

Joseph has been attending our church for many years and recently brought the rest of his family to live in the United States. He and his wife Maureen became official member of our church this past year.

## Sanctuary & Bell Choirs

The Sanctuary Choir is comprised of members from the congregation who share their musical gifts on a weekly basis from September through June. The choir rehearses Thursday nights from 7:00–8:30 pm, and sings at the 10:00 am service every Sunday.

The Bell Choir is an ensemble that plays for Sunday worship seven or eight times per year, and rehearses on Thursdays from 6:00–7:00 pm. The choir utilizes a three-octave set of hand bells made by Schulmerich.



## Music

### Music on the Hill

Music on the Hill is an annual series of free community concerts offered through the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. The programming covers a wide range of music styles, including classical, jazz, folk, and world music, featuring many of Chicagoland's top musicians. All concerts are on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm and are free.

### January 11

#### Celebrate 2025! The Langen-Conneely Quartet

Celebrate the New Year with a spirited session of traditional Irish music and the All-family Soupfest 2025. Featuring Kathleen Conneely, whistle, Pauline Conneely, banjo, Jesse Langen, guitar, and Tim Langen, fiddle, the Langen-Conneely Quartet brings together two talented families for an evening of lively Irish music and storytelling.

Dinner and children's craft activities start at 6:00 pm, followed by the 7:30 pm performance. PCB members are encouraged to bring family, friends, and anyone interested in getting to know our church.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring to bring either a crockpot of soup, bread/rolls, a dessert, or a bottle of non-alcoholic bubbly.



### March 1

#### Mardi Gras Party: Charles Thomas Jazz Trio

Come join us for this toe-tapping program to celebrate Mardi Gras. With a repertoire that ranges from Bernstein to Stevie Wonder, and from Gershwin to gospel, vocalist Charles Thomas spices up servings of jazz standards with eclectic pop, classic folk, and contemporary world music flavors.



## Adult Education

### Theology on Zoom

Join our TOZ friends in faith discussions on Wednesdays at 7 pm for our study of the book *The Genuine Jesus* by Paul L. Maier. For more information, contact Robert Reilly at [robertfreilly.cpa@gmail.com](mailto:robertfreilly.cpa@gmail.com).

### GTIF

Growing Together In Faith women's evening Bible study meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The group is currently studying the book "*Oxygen: Deep Breathing for the Soul*" by Keri Wyatt Kent, which focuses on passages from the book of Luke. The study can be purchased online. For more information email: [jfminner@gmail.com](mailto:jfminner@gmail.com).

### Men's Bible Study

Meets Fridays at 8-9 AM via Zoom.

On Friday, January 10th we will be Starting a new book, *The God We Never Knew* by Marcus J. Borg, author of the bestselling *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. For more information email [curtmoore1942@gmail.com](mailto:curtmoore1942@gmail.com).

### Men's Fellowship

For more info about the monthly meetings, email Tom Long at [tomclong@yahoo.com](mailto:tomclong@yahoo.com).

### Women's Fellowship

#### PCB Ladies Night

We invite all women to join us for dinner on the second Tuesday of the month. We meet at 5:30 at a local restaurant for a meal and conversation. Eat and drink as much (or as little) as you like... we gather at restaurants that provide us with separate checks, to help keep our lives simple. Email Cindy Zichal ([zichalc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zichalc@sbcglobal.net)) for deets on where we meet each month!



## Adult Education

### Soli Deo Gloria

#### Important Historical Composers of Sacred Music

Music Director Kirsten Hedegaard will be leading the third adult education sessions exploring the lives and music of important sacred music composers. The lecture will take place in the Parlor following worship.

#### Olivier Messiaen

March 2, 11:15 AM

March 9, 10:00 AM

Messiaen in worship- First Sunday in Lent



## Children's Ministry

Helping children to know God's love for themselves and to share His love with others.

## Sunday School

Each Sunday we gather together for Sunday School with our young disciples ages PreK through 5th grade. Using the Whirl curriculum from Sparkhouse, the kids relate to the Bible through entertaining and theology-targeted stories, which are relevant to their lives. Each lesson includes stories, a fun video, discussion and crafts. Our take-home leaflets also provide weekly opportunities for families to help kids put faith into action.

## Nursery

Annie from Jovie Nannies & Tutors, is in the nursery each week for our kids three and under. Stop by to say Hi to her starting at 9:30 am each Sunday.

## Youth & Families

### Youth Gathering

We'll be getting together one or two times each month, starting on January 26th from 6:00 - 7:30. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a social in the youth lounge. Outside of enjoying time together, we'll continue to plan our year, looking at various mission and social opportunities and begin to finalize plans for the summer's mission trip and Triennium Youth Conference.

### Confirmation

Confirmation is a time for youth, 8th grade and older, to learn more in depth about God, Scripture, the Presbyterian Church, spiritual life and faith. Students are matched with an adult mentor and through classes, fellowship, mission work and movies learn to grow in their faith in Christ. When confirmed on Reformation Sunday, students will have developed their own faith statement and be welcomed as full members of our church.

## Kids & Families

### Family Movie Night

Overture, curb the lights, this is it, the night of night! Join us for our next Family Movie Night on Sunday, February 2nd from 4:30 - 6:00. We'll enjoy pizza, a craft and game, movie snacks and some fun-filled screen time together!



### Milestones

Classes meet on Sundays at 9 am, followed by recognition during the service. Kids are welcome to participate in their grade level milestone and any milestones they may have previously missed.

The next Milestones are: 3rd Grade, PRAY WITH ME – January 26th  
4th Grade, STUDY WITH ME – February 9th.



### Youth Lounge Blessing

On December 8th before the Advent Dinner, we gathered to bless our youth lounge. Officially open for business, the adults and teens shared their hopes for the space as well as for youth group. In addition, we stocked the fridge and cupboards so please feel free to come join us for a snack, game of pinball or pool or just a chat or friendly board game in the inviting space.

### Raise Right

THANK YOU! to everyone who supported our gift card fundraiser! We appreciate your help in getting us to Triennium or our mission trip this summer!

## Youth & Families

### Youth Mission Trip

Every summer Middle schoolers, high schoolers, and college-aged young adults embark on a week-long mission trip. The youth work side by side with adult volunteers on a mission project often involving construction type work. In addition, the youth participate in Bible studies and recreational opportunities.

### Youth Ministry

Our mission is to help youth to know God's love for themselves and share His love with others. PCB provides youth and families opportunities to grow in their faith through programming based in Biblical teachings, fellowship and service.

## PCB Goes to Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2025: Life Shaping and Faith Forming, as if we were Dreaming.



This coming July, the Senior High School Youth and their adult leaders from the Presbyterian Church of Barrington will join thousands of their Presbyterian peers in Louisville, Kentucky for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the

theme of “As If We Were Dreaming.”

Dreams play an important role in the biblical narrative. It is often through dreams that God speaks to God's beloved. Sometimes it is a promise. Sometimes it is a warning. Always it is a reminder that we are not alone; God sees us and is with us. When God restores our hope and brings us back to ourselves (physically, spiritually, metaphorically) it can seem as if it is a dream; a dream come true. The thought of bringing young people together in this post pandemic, complex, and sometimes frightening world feels “as if we are dreaming.”

Our faith challenges us to dream; to pay attention to the dreams that the Spirit implants in our hearts and minds. As the conference unfolds, we will explore this exciting concept with the help of a number of biblical narratives. When we gather on the first day of the Triennium, we will consider how we were **Born to Dream**. On our second day, we explore how our dreaming is not in isolation, but is embraced and inspired by God as our **Collective Dreaming**. On the third day, we face that our dreams are sometimes nightmares, warnings, or perhaps offer a moral parable, where God calls us to **Face the Nightmares**. Finally, on the fourth day, we accept that once we have experienced God's sacred dreams, we are never the same, called to **Wake Up and Dream**. We are challenged and commissioned to imagine new ways of manifesting the gospel of Christ in our own contexts, having

experienced God's presence and power together.

The PCB Triennium Delegation Dream Team invites you to join us as we worship, learn, fellowship, and play as a hopeful and joyful community of faith at the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Please prayerfully consider how YOU can help support our youth and their leaders:

- **Financial Support:** We anticipate an expense of approximately \$600 per participating youth (conference fees, lodging, transportation, and meals).
- **Spiritual Mentorship:** Adults to mentor our young adult leaders, as well as to mentor our high school aged participants.
- **Administrative Support:** Leaders to track registration, paperwork, fees, and related information for the group.
- **Educational and Fellowship Support:** Leaders to lead our youth in bible study and fellowship opportunities in advance of the PYT conference to deepen their ties to one another and to God.
- **Plan to attend:** high school youth and adults of all ages are eligible.
  - Youth participants are rising 9-12 graders and newly graduated Seniors.
  - Young Adults aged 19-23 can participate on the Service Track or the Leadership Track.
  - Adult Advisors are aged 22 and older are responsible to chaperone our delegation.
  - Care Givers are adults who serve as medical or comfort aid to the Triennium.

Please contact Mari at [MariHoashi@gmail.com](mailto:MariHoashi@gmail.com) to discern the right level of involvement for you!



## Elders

George Landes, Stated Clerk  
Steve Alton ('25)  
Anna Armstrong ('25)  
Bard Boand ('25)  
Mari Franklin ('25)  
Robert Reilly ('25)  
JC Clarke ('26)  
Ross Clover ('26)  
Debra Johnson ('26)  
PK Johnson ('26)  
Heather Layne ('26)  
Rich Barbour ('27)  
Bob Dick ('27)  
Molly Stine ('27)

## 2025 Nominating Committee

Bard Boand\*  
Mari Franklin\*  
Audrey Helminiak  
Linda Huesing  
Debra Johnson\*  
Jack Mumaw  
Bob Stine  
\* Active Elder

## 2025 Trustees

Ron Furst ('25)  
Linda Neton ('25)  
Curt Moore ('26)  
Ross Bogue ('27)

## The Session

### The Church's Governing Board

The Session consists of Teaching Elders (our pastors) and Ruling Elders drawn from our active membership. Ruling Elders are elected for three-year terms.

## Senior Pastor Search

**Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) filed with Commission on Ministry (COM) at the Presbytery. Ad to be placed in Christian media in January.**

After months of preparation, and with your input from the congregation survey, your Pastor Search Committee (PSC) has submitted the required Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) document to the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM) after endorsement by the PCB Session. This document will, after approval from the COM, allow the PSC to receive candidates from the denomination's Church Leadership Connection (CLC) database. Your PSC will begin reviewing the profiles of these candidates as soon as they are received – which should be no later than early January.

In parallel, your PSC has developed an ad for our next Senior Pastor that will be placed in key Christian media that are standard sources for pastors seeking new positions. We expect to maintain these ads so that resumes can be received through February. At that point, your PSC will examine all qualified candidates to identify those worthy of further pursuit.

Your Pastor Search Committee appreciates the many comments received from the congregation regarding the pastor search process and wants to encourage individuals to continue to share any questions and comments they may have. Your PSC members are: Russ Baker, Bob Dick, Lukass Franklin, PK Johnson, Joy Martinez, Patrice Miller and Jack Mumaw.





## Pastoral Care

### Deacons

The Deacons are devoted to our mission of caring for the sick, the heartbroken, the needy and the lonely of our congregation. Each Deacon is assigned a geographical area or parish as their responsibility. We are in contact with our Parish members to discern if they are in need of our help and we are also advised by our Pastors of those in need.

### Baptisms

Through the sacrament of baptism, God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church, puts us on the stage of God's saving drama, and gives us new birth through water and the Spirit. In baptism, we belong body and soul to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### 2025 Deacons

Kari Blanchett ('25)  
Carol Buchta ('25)  
Nancy Currell ('26)  
Sue Dechow ('27)  
Emily Dowell ('26)  
Janet Hirsch ('25)  
Rich Larson ('26)  
Margarette Schulze ('27)  
Laura Semmen ('27)  
Bob Stine ('27)  
Al Zick ('27)

## Stephen Ministry

### Is God Calling You?

For those unfamiliar with Stephen Ministry, let me provide some background and information. Stephen Ministry provides high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour.

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.

- Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
- Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
- Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.
- People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church.

If you have the desire to serve God in this way, please consider joining our next training class beginning in the spring of 2025. The training consists of 50 hours of education from a set curriculum and helps the Stephen

Minister provide the best possible Christian Care. The training schedule will be set to meet the needs of the participants on a day and time that works for all of us. After training our Stephen Ministry group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month for continuing education and support group supervision. Your time commitment after training is for the two Thursday evenings a month and an hour a week with a care receiver once you are assigned to someone.

Working as a Stephen Minister is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling roles you will ever have. You see God at work time and time again in the life of your care receiver and your life as well. Just ask a current or former Stephen Minister! Our current Stephen Ministers are Anna Armstrong, Laura Semmen, Cindy Zichal, Ginny Shapiro, Eric Enskat, Kari Blanchette, Joyce Wisniewski, Hank Wisniewski, and Adrienne Kalmes.

If you are interested in more information or would like an application to join our next class please contact one of our Stephen Leaders

Anna Armstrong at [annarmstr@gmail.com](mailto:annarmstr@gmail.com)

Laura Semmen at [lsemmen@comcast.net](mailto:lsemmen@comcast.net)

Cindy Zichal at [zicalc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zicalc@sbcglobal.net)

For additional information check out the Stephen Ministry website at [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)



## January Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 5th – 10 am  
 Sunday, January 12th – 10 am  
 Sunday, January 19th – 10 am  
 Sunday, January 26th – 10 am

### ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM – A seven-part sermon series concludes with:

Jan 5th – *EGYPT: Celebrating The  
 Imperfect Journey* Matthew 2:1-22

## Sunday Worship

### Sunday Flowers

If you would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday worship please make a donation of \$40 to help cover the cost of the flowers. Make out your check to PCB with Chancel Guild noted on the memo line and place in the offering plate or mail to the church. All flowers are taken by the Deacons after worship to members who need a little flower sunshine.

Contact Jill Minner at [jfminner@gmail.com](mailto:jfminner@gmail.com) with the Sunday of your choice, along with your dedication

Thank You!

## 2025 Hospitality Schedule

DATE	COMMITTEE	LEADER
1/5/25	Deacons	
1/12/25	Men's Fellowship	Tom Long
1/19/25	Trustees	Ron Furst/Linda Neton
1/26/25	C.L.A.M.	Gil Semmen
2/2/25	Children/Youth	Jodie Harmsen
2/9/25	Communcation Outreach	Heather Layne
2/16/25	Personnel	Robert Reilly
2/23/25	Mission	
3/2/25	Stewardship	Rich Barbour
3/9/25	Stephen Ministries	Laura Semmen
3/16/25	Deacons	
3/23/25	Men's Fellowship	Tom Long
3/30/25	Trustees	Ron Furst/Linda Neton
4/6/25	C.L.A.M.	Gil Semmen
4/13/25	Children/Youth	Jodie Harmsen
4/20/25	Communcation Outreach	Heather Layne
4/27/25	Personnel	Robert Reilly
5/4/25	Mission	
5/11/25	Stewardship	Rich Barbour
5/18/25	Stephen Ministries	Laura Semmen
5/25/25	Deacons	
6/1/25	Men's Fellowship	Tom Long
6/8/25	Trustees	Ron Furst/Linda Neton
6/15/25	C.L.A.M.	Gil Semmen
6/22/25	Children/Youth	Jodie Harmsen
6/29/25	Communcation Outreach	Heather Layne

DATE	COMMITTEE	LEADER
7/6/25	Personnel	Robert Reilly
7/13/25	Mission	
7/20/25	Stewardship	Rich Barbour
7/27/25	Stephen Ministries	Laura Semmen
8/3/25	Deacons	
8/10/25	Men's Fellowship	Tom Long
8/17/25	Trustees	Ron Furst/Linda Neton
8/24/25	C.L.A.M.	Gil Semmen
8/31/25	Children/Youth	Jodie Harmsen
9/7/25	Communication Outreach	Heather Layne
9/14/25	Personnel	Robert Reilly
9/21/25	Mission	
9/28/25	Stewardship	Rich Barbour
10/5/25	Deacons	
10/12/25	Stephen Ministries	Laura Semmen
10/19/25	Men's Fellowship	Tom Long
10/26/25	Trustees	Ron Furst/Linda Neton
11/2/25	C.L.A.M.	Gil Semmen
11/9/25	Children/Youth	Jodie Harmsen
11/16/25	Communication Outreach	Heather Layne
11/23/25	Personnel	Robert Reilly
11/30/25	Mission	
12/7/25	Stewardship	Rich Barbour
12/14/25	Stephen Ministries	Laura Semmen
12/21/25	Deacons	
12/28/25	Men's Fellowship	Tom Long

## Sunday Liturgists

In Christian tradition Liturgist means the participation of the People of God in “the work of God”.

The Liturgist is an important part of our worship service. This person is one who is comfortable reading and leading worship for that day. He/she will do the scripture reading and possibly help lead other parts of the worship service.

All ages are invited to participate in our Sunday service.

Please contact me by email or text if you wish to participate, want more information or to get a list of available dates in the coming months.

Thank You!

*Linda Neton*

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## So, You Want To Be A Liturgist?

By Jenna Lee with Elder Mari Hoashi Franklin

### Why I Like to Volunteer to be the Liturgist when I am in town.

Before I became a leader in worship, I was incredibly nervous and anxious about the responsibility. The thought of standing in front of the congregation, guiding them in prayer, time of confession, and sometimes communion, filled me with self-doubt. I worried about whether I could inspire and lead others effectively, and the fear of making mistakes or forgetting important parts of the service weighed heavily on my mind. The pressure to create a meaningful and spiritual experience for everyone was immense, and I often questioned if I was truly prepared for such a role. However, despite these fears, I knew that leading worship was something I felt called to do, and I was determined to overcome my anxieties and embrace the opportunity to serve.

Being a leader in worship has become one of the most fulfilling aspects of my life, and my initial anxiety has completely dissipated. Standing before the congregation, I now feel a profound sense of peace and purpose. The joy of guiding others in prayer and song, and witnessing their spiritual growth, fills me with immense gratitude. Each service is an opportunity to connect deeply with the community and with my own faith, creating a shared experience of worship that is both uplifting and transformative. The nervousness that once plagued me has been replaced with confidence and a genuine love for what I do. Leading worship has not only strengthened my own spiritual journey but has also allowed me to inspire and support others in theirs, making every moment in this role incredibly rewarding. Being a leader in worship has truly transformed my life. Initially, I was filled with anxiety and self-doubt, worrying about every little detail and whether I could effectively inspire and lead the congregation. However,

as I gained more experience, I began to find my rhythm and confidence. The act of leading worship became less about the fear of making mistakes and more about the joy of connecting with others on a spiritual level. Now, when I stand before the congregation, I feel a deep sense of peace and fulfillment. It's incredibly rewarding to see the impact that worship can have on people's lives, to watch them engage and find solace in the service. The nervousness that once held me back has been replaced with a genuine passion for guiding others in their spiritual journeys. Each service feels like a shared experience of faith, creating a strong sense of community and purpose. Moreover, this role has strengthened my own faith and personal growth. Leading worship has taught me the importance of humility, preparation, and the power of collective prayer and song. It's a privilege to be a part of something so meaningful and to help others find their spiritual path. The transformation from anxiety to joy in this role has been profound, and I am grateful for every moment I get to lead worship.

During the school year, I live and attend high school in South Carolina, so you will usually see me serving as liturgist during school breaks. There are 52 Sunday services, 2-3 Christmas Eve services, and 2-4 Easter and Holy Week services every year. There is time for everyone to serve God and our congregation as a liturgist. Please believe me when I say that

**GOD WANTS YOU TO SERVE AND JESUS IS WAITING TO WALK WITH YOU AS A LITURGIST!**  
And your parents will be so proud of you!

### How do I sign up?

Email Linda Neton at [lneton@ymail.com](mailto:lneton@ymail.com) to let her know what date(s) you would be able to serve.

## Personnel Committee Update

During December, the personnel committee participated in the annual performance and compensation reviews for all of the PCB staff members.

Also, the personnel committee organized the December 22nd farewell reception for Pastor Jae. The committee thanks everyone who attended that celebration event.

In addition, the committee coordinated with Pastor David and the Session to reassign Pastor Jae's ministry activities related to children, youth, and older adults. Part of this reassignment of Pastor Jae's activities involves you! In consideration of Pastor Jae's departure, all members and friends of PCB are encouraged to volunteer their time and talents, particularly with regard to the church's children- and youth-related activities.



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## The Carillon

Deadline for the February 2025 Carillon is Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Be sure to get your submissions in on time to ensure publication. Please e-mail [nancy@pcbarrington.org](mailto:nancy@pcbarrington.org) or leave written submissions in the church office. If you have questions, contact Nancy at the church office.

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