



December, 2025

SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS

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Weekly Regular Schedule of Events

Sunday morning:

9:00 am Youth Sunday School
9:30 am in person and virtual Worship
10:30 am Fellowship
10:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday morning:

11:00 am Lectionary Study Group

Wednesday evening:

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Other Events

Sundays:

Presbyterian Manor Worship, first Sunday, 3:00 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)
Grief Support Group – second Sunday, 2:00 pm
Prayer Shawl Ministry – third Sunday, 2:00 pm

Mondays:

Worship committee – first Monday, 6:00 pm
Stewardship & Finance – second Monday, 5:30 pm
Mission committee – second Monday, 6:30 pm
Third Monday Book Study – third Monday, 1:00 pm
Session meeting – fourth Monday, 6:00 pm, **meets December 15, 6:00 pm**

Tuesdays:

Nurture & Evangelism – first Tuesday, 10:00 am

Wednesdays:

Current Issues – third Wednesday, 7:00 pm, **meets December 7, 1:00 pm**

Meets periodically:

Deacons, Building & Grounds committee, Personnel committee, Memorial committee.

Meetings & Events

PROFS meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am in the MPR.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thursday, December 4, at 11:30 am at Longhorn Restaurant, 2590 S. 9th St. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship. RSVP to Patti Breeding if you plan to attend. All are WELCOME!

We would LOVE to have your articles for the January 2026 **NEWSLETTER** by Wednesday, **December 17**, due to the holiday. Thank you!!

COMMODITIES were distributed on November 19. We had 98 families that received food boxes. Thanks to all that helped! Next give away will be in January. -- Sylvia.

Nurses will provide **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** December 21.

DECEMBER NOTES OF INTEREST

- Dec. 7 – Milestone Birthdays
- Dec. 7 – Current Issues, 1:00 pm
- Dec. 7 – Worship and Communion at Presbyterian Manor, 3:00 pm
- Dec. 14 – Congregational meeting
- Dec. 14 – Flower orders due
- Dec. 14 – Heusner school gifts due
- Dec. 15 – Session, 6:00 pm
- Dec. 17 – Newsletter deadline
- Dec. 18 – Both PW Circles meet
- Dec. 21 – Bell Choir & Chancel Choir Cantata
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve services at 5 pm and 7 pm
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day holiday
- Dec. 25 – Jan. 2 – Offices Closed

REFLECTING ON OUR GIFTS A Note from Pastor Deb



Family is a gift, for sure, and our church family is a profoundly wonderful and central part of each of our lives. It is a gift to be in worship with you each week, and I truly appreciate each of your gifts that you use so well in the service of Christ.

It has been an honor to go through the process of being called by Sunrise to be your Designated Pastor for the next two years. We will make that official with an installation service by the Presbytery of Northern Kansas here at Sunrise in the near future.

We are blessed by the gifts of those who have served as Deacons or Elders and we thank the class of 2025 for their service. We also thank those who will continue in office for one or two more years, and joyfully anticipate those soon to be elected to the class of 2028. Thank you all for sharing your gifts with Christ's church.

Other members of Sunrise share their gifts at the Presbytery level, serving on committees, preaching, or serving in leadership and administration.

Thank you to all of you who serve in big and small ways, sharing God's light in a world filled with darkness. Thank you for using your gifts to spread HOPE, PEACE, JOY and the LOVE of CHRIST in the world! May you be blessed as you have been a blessing to others! Amen!

Joyfully serving Christ with you!
Pastor Deb



A Joy-Filled Christmas Invitation!

Presenting the Cantata:
"This Is Christmas"
by Mary McDonald

Matthew Schwan,
Director of Music & Bell Choir

As the Christmas season draws near, our hearts turn once again to the wonder of Christ's birth—God's gift of hope, peace, and everlasting love. This year, we are delighted to invite you to a special musical celebration that shines a radiant light on the true meaning of the season.

Our choir has been prayerfully preparing Mary McDonald's beautiful cantata, "This Is Christmas," a stunning collection that weaves together timeless carols, rich harmonies, expressive new melodies, and meaningful narration. Each piece invites us to pause, reflect, and worship as the story of the Nativity unfolds in a powerful and moving way.

From familiar songs that warm the heart to soaring new arrangements that stir the soul, this cantata is a reminder of the joy we carry because of the Christ Child. Whether you come seeking inspiration, comfort, or simply a moment to breathe in the beauty of the season, this service promises to be a blessing.



- **Where:** Sunrise Presbyterian Church
- **Date:** December 21
- **Time:** 9:30 AM



We encourage you to invite family, friends, neighbors, and anyone who could use the hope that Christmas brings. Come join us as we celebrate the miracle of Emmanuel—God with us.

We look forward to worshiping with you and sharing this unforgettable musical experience. May it fill your season with joy, gratitude, and the light of Christ!

December 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 6:00 pm Worship 6:00 pm Salina Chorale	2 10:00 Nurture 11:00 Lectionary 8 pm AA	3 8:30 PROFS 6:00 pm Choir	4 11:30 Out to Lunch Bunch – Longhorn Steakhouse 6:30 pm Deacons	5 6:30 pm Al Anon 8 pm AA	6
7 9:00 Youth S.S. 9:30 Worship Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Adult S.S. 10:45 Bell Choir 1pm Current Issues 3pm Presby Manor	8 5:30 pm S&F 6:30 pm Mission	9 5:30 Building & Grounds 6:00 pm Choir 8 pm AA	10 (Choir moved to Tuesday this wk)	11	12 6:30 pm Al Anon 8 pm AA	13
14 9:00 Youth S.S. 9:30 Worship Congregational Mtg 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Adult S.S. 10:45 Bell Choir Flower Orders Due 2 pm Grief Group	15 1:00 3 rd Monday Book Study 6:00 pm Session	16 8 pm AA	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00 pm Choir	18 9:30 Morning Circle at Presby Manor 2:00 Afternoon Circle at Katie Weis'	19 6:30 pm Al Anon 8 pm AA	20
21 9:00 Youth S.S. 9:30 Worship BELL CHOIR & CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA 10:30 Fellowship Blood Pressure Ck 10:45 Adult S.S. 10:45 Bell Choir 2:00 Prayer Shawl	22	23 8 pm AA	24 Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm	25 OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm Al Anon 8 pm AA	27
28 9:00 Youth SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Adult SS 10:45 Bell Choir	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED 8 pm AA	31 OFFICE CLOSED No Choir Practice			

December Birthdays

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| 3 Brenda Viar | 18 Judd Bircher |
| 10 Dave Parks | 20 Louise Simcox |
| 11 Carolyn Eland | 21 Aviana Ordonez |
| 12 Jacob Bircher | 22 Matt Schwan |
| 13 Blaine McAfee | 23 Ron Lovell |
| 14 Todd Viar | 25 Dan Bolen |
| 17 Katie Weis | |



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December Anniversaries

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| 20 Pat & Patti Breeding |
| 27 Steve & Jeanne Sebree |

Please note that Poinsettia Flower Orders are due to the church office by noon on Sunday, December 14.

In Service of the Church - December

Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Lay Leaders	Acolytes
December 7	Nancy Klostermeyer	Lydia & Laiklyn
December 14	Mark Zimmerman	Kolton & Kortney
December 21	None needed	Lydia & Laiklyn
December 24, 5 pm	Worship Committee	
December 24, 7 pm	Worship Committee	
December 28	Ann Zimmerman	Kolton & Kortney



Date	Ushers	Greeters	Manor Drivers
December 7	Stephanie & Kevin Cool	East Door: Jim Modin South Door: Sharon Herrington & Vicki Moss	Ed Viar
December 14	Dave & Julie Parks	East Door: Rosie & Jerry McKee South Door: Judy Wooten	Pat Breeding
December 21	Marci McCullough Mindy Johnson	East Door: Dean Atteberry South Door: Steve & Tanya Ewing	Dean Atteberry
December 24, 5 pm	Marci McCullough Sharon Anderson	East Door: LeRay Wilkie South Door: Marilyn Griffith	
December 24, 7 pm	Melisa McElwee & Family	East Door: Conni & Squid Steininger South Door: Mel Abbott, Melisa McElwee & family	
December 28	Karen Sutton LeAnn Blancho	East Door: Judy Christensen South Door: Edie & Tom Hurtig	Larry Buyse

Date	Advent Candle Reader(s)
December 7	Katie Weis & LeAnn Blancho
December 14	Ken Miller & Cheryl Sweley
December 21	Ed & Carol Viar
December 24, 5 pm	Clarke Sanders family
December 24, 7 pm	Zimmerman/Hofer family

Children's Message

Would you like to volunteer to give a Children's Message during worship? We would love to have you! Please check the bulletin board near the MPR to sign up.



Attendance Register for November

	In person	YouTube	Total
November 2	67	16	83
November 19	53	18	71
November 16	71	19	90
November 23	61	18	79
November 30	62	13	75

HEUSNER SCHOOL DONATIONS

Please look on the bulletin board near the MPR to sign up if you'd like to participate in the Heusner School Christmas Gifting. Each gift should be wrapped and labeled for Family 1 or 2, Age, and Gender of Child. Please place your gift(s) in the bins located outside the church office. If you prefer to donate money, send to Sunrise c/o Karmel. Your deadline is Sunday, December 14th in order for us to deliver the gifts to the school before school is out for the holiday. Thank you!



CURRENT ISSUES IN DECEMBER

Because of the holidays, Current Issues will meet on Sunday, December 7, at 1:00 pm in the Parlor. This is a small group that welcomes people of all interests, opinions, and perspectives to talk with each other in a welcoming environment about issues of interest to all. At this meeting, we will be reviewing PC(USA) materials regarding the Presbyterian Church's stance on "Peacemaking: the Believers Calling" including the areas of social justice, violence, restorative justice, and for-profit prisons.

STAFF APPRECIATION FUND

The end of the year is nearing and it's time to let our employees know how much we appreciate them and the various jobs that they do for us. The Personnel Committee is spearheading the Staff Appreciation Fund. Each year we collect your donations to this effort and we divide the proceeds among our seven employees. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please see Patti Breeding. Please give your donations to her by December 22nd.



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held after worship on Sunday, December 14, for the purpose of electing officers for the Class of 2028 and approving the minister's salary package. Please plan to attend.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Milestone birthdays will be acknowledged during the worship service on Sunday, December 7th. Those reaching a milestone birthday this year are:

<u>80 years</u>	<u>85 years</u>	<u>90 years</u>
Linda Allen	Norma Anderson	Bill McDevitt
Sharon Hauser	Mary Houck	Don Schroeder
Kay Keller		
Vicki Moss		<u>95 years</u>
Brenda Pilcher		Len Buehre

Those over 90 will also be recognized:

91 – LaDonna Cox	96 – Jean Burch
92 – Betty Rasette	96 – Barbara Kollhoff
93 – Mary Havel	97 – Don Smischny
94 – Ruth Self	98 – Lewis Reid
94 – Pat Tomlins	98 – Louise Simcox



ADULT EDUCATION CLASS IN THE PARLOR

During Advent, the Adult class in the Parlor will look at and discuss "A Child is Born" featuring one of our favorite theologians, Amy-Jill Levine. A-J will help us discover the interesting connections between the ancient birth stories and the Nativity of Jesus. The study includes the births of Isaac & Ishmael, Samson, Samuel and finally the birth of Jesus.

We will begin this study on Sunday, December 7th and continue for 4 weeks. All are welcome!

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

We receive so many THANK YOU notes from the agencies we support... A thank you for each and every monthly donation that is given through our Mission committee on your behalf, as well as the many other ways you support the needs in our community. Thank you for making this possible!

Ashby House Salina Grace
CKF Addiction Treatment Project Salina
Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank



Souper Bowl of Hope 2026

Super Bowl 60 will be here before we know it. **Super Bowl 60 is February 8, 2026.** Can you believe that!?! Anyway, like other years we will be collecting soup at the Cloud Street Dillons on these dates:

- Saturday, January 24, 10 am to 6 pm
- Sunday, January 25, 1 pm to 5 pm
- Saturday, January 31, 10 am to 6 pm
- Sunday, February 1, 1 pm to 5 pm AND
- Saturday, February 7, 10 am to 6 pm
- No collecting on Super Bowl Sunday



We will be seeking your help in December and January to man the 2-hour shifts. The citywide goal will be 60,000 cans !!! Super Bowl 60 !!!

Thanks for your help in advance.
Sunrise Mission Committee
Paul McAfee

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FLOWER ORDER FORM: Cut along the line, fill out & mail or bring to the church office on or before **Sunday, December 14.**



Given by: _____ Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Number Ordered: Red Only _____ (\$8.50 per poinsettia plant)

(Make checks payable to Sunrise Presbyterian Church with "Christmas Poinsettia" in the memo line.)

Total Cost: \$ _____

Forms will also be available on the table inside the east entrance and next to the church office.

Orders with payment are due to the church office by Sunday, December 14 by noon.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

FINANCIAL UPDATE

End of October 2025	
Year to Date Income	\$ 216,593.18
Year to Date Expenses	\$ <192,754.17>
Difference	\$ 23,839.01

REMINDER

Stewardship & Finance committee will meet on
Monday, December 8 at 5:30 pm.



In Honor of

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE In Honor Of

The holiday season is a perfect time to show your appreciation to someone special.

If you would like to honor someone who has helped you, is having a birthday, an anniversary, a graduation or any other reason you can think of to say thank you or congratulations, please consider honoring them with an "In Honor Of" gift.

Fill out the form below and send it, along with your check, to Sunrise. We will announce your gift to your honoree in our next newsletter (unless you want to remain anonymous). Who are you thankful for? Show them you care by honoring them.

Cut along this line. There are additional forms on the table outside the church office.

SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A GIFT IN HONOR OF....

In Honor Of _____

Date _____ Amount _____

Check this box if you want your gift to be anonymous:

I would like to honor them because: _____

Honoree's address: _____

Donor: _____

SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

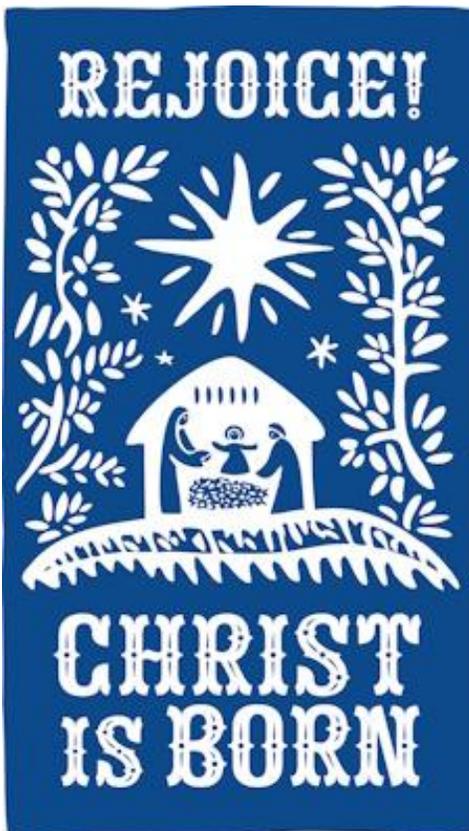
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Sunday Mornings

9:00 am Youth Sunday School

9:30 am in person and virtual Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

10:45 am Adult Sunday School

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General Office Hours: 9am-noon, Mon. – Thurs.
Financial Office Hours: 10am-noon, Mon. & Thurs.
Music Ministry: Chancel Choir, Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Bell Choir, Sunday, 10:45 am

Pastor: Rev. Deb Schmidt
Director of Music & Bell Choir: Matthew Schwan
Organist: Sue Will
Church Treasurer: JoAnn Gile
Financial Secretary: Karmel Spencer
Custodian: Greg Kerr