

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

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A Special Thank You!

To the team who helped with Greening the Church

Volunteer Opportunities:

Wednesday Bus Drivers for JOY After-School
Sunday School Teachers
Nursery Care

GIVING

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Giving generously is essential to our spiritual life and reflects our gratitude to God. There are many ways to give in addition to the baskets passed in worship...



***Mail** - a check to the Church office
(please don't send cash)



***Online** - by clicking on the yellow Donate button on the bottom right of the screen, pcjh.org



***Text** - by texting a dollar amount to 307-200-2175.
(You will be asked to provide billing information the first time.)



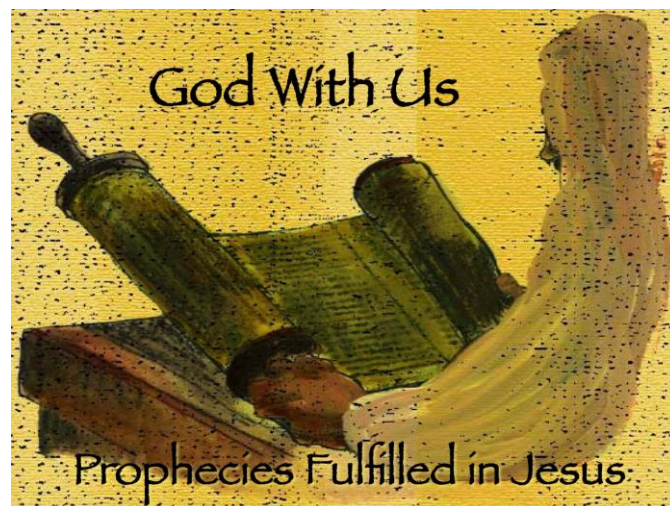
***Credit** or debit card payments, please contact Kim Bogen at kbogen@pcjh.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal



Worship Service 10:15am December 4, 2016

Thoughts for the Day

"The best of it all is, God is with us."

—John Wesley

"Because God is with us, we need not fear what is ahead of us."

—Anonymous

"Christmas means Jesus came down and got involved in suffering. He hears your cries."

—Tim Keller

"The light of God surrounds me. The love of God enfolds me. The power of God protects me. The presence of God watches over me. Wherever I am, God is."

—James Dillet Freeman

"I am with you always."

—Jesus in Matthew 28:20

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON HOLE

is a church where every member is a minister, called to pass on the faith, as we...

Gather to love God and others;

Grow to know and follow Jesus; and

Go to make a difference in the world.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Advent Devotionals

Advent begins today! Pick up a daily devotional to guide you in preparing your heart for the Christmas season. Available now in the lobby. \$5 suggested donation.



Parent Information Gathering

This meeting is for all interested parents of children and youth to share vision, hopes and plans for the children and youth ministries for PCJH. Either Sunday, December 11th, 11:30am, or Wednesday, December 14th at 5:15pm in the Genesis Room.



Christmas Outreach

Please join the Deacons this month as we support the **Community Safety Network**. The "**Giving Tree**" in our church lobby is covered with ideas for equipping the shelter and providing gifts to residents during Christmas. Choose one or more idea ornaments and bring the new or gently used items back to the tree, unwrapped, by Dec 19th.



End of Year Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity in giving to the ministry of PCJH. In order to meet our end of year goal, we still need to raise \$141,016 in 2016. Please consider helping us reach our goal.



Handel's Messiah Concert

TODAY, 3:00pm
The Jackson Hole Chorale will perform this Christmas classic at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church.



Housing Needed

We currently have members of our congregation who are in desperate need of affordable housing. If you have available housing (house, apartment or share) or know of those who do, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship Services:

8:00am – Traditional Worship Service
10:15am – Contemporary Worship Service

FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Community Dinners – As a church we are intentional about gathering as a community during the week. Our Wednesday dinners are 6:15-7:00pm, September through May. Following dinner there are great programs and classes for all ages, 7:00-8:00pm. Let Christine Goodman know if you would like to help with setup, cleanup or in the kitchen, 307-690-1199.

Holy Yoga – Mondays, 9:15am. Come enjoy a time of worship, movement, and inspiration. \$10 suggested donation.

Dinner Groups – If you would like to join a monthly fellowship dinner group, please contact Deb Schlinger, debbieschlinger@gmail.com.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Good Samaritan Mission – PCJH prepares a meal at the local mission monthly, the second Thursday of every month, 5:00-6:15pm. Anyone is welcome to provide a dish for this meal and groups are encouraged! Please contact Katie-Chloe Stock with questions, katiechloe1@gmail.com.

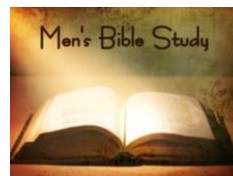
Stephen Ministry – PCJH provides trained Stephen Ministers who are available to meet with you one-on-one to provide regular support and care for you during a difficult time or season in life. Please contact Pastor Ben if you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister.

ADULT CLASSES



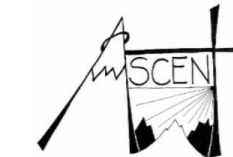
Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 12:00pm at PCJH, in the Matthew Room w/ Pastor Ben



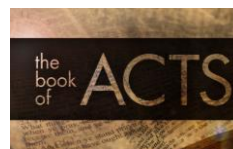
Men's Bible Study

Thursdays, 12:00pm at the Whole Grocer, in the Community Room w/ Pastor Ben



Ascent: Young Adults (20's & 30's)

Wednesdays, 7:00pm in the Matthew Room for worship, study and fellowship with Pastor Ben.



Book of Acts (will resume in January)

Sundays at 9:00am with Pastor Tammy in the Genesis room.



The Bible and Handel's Messiah

With Pastor Tammy, Sundays, 9:00am and Wednesdays, 7:00pm in the Genesis Room.

GET TO KNOW US

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Ruling Elders

Ruling Elders are the spiritual leaders of the church.
Session meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm.

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Larry Huhn <i>Building & Grounds*</i>	Katie-Chloe Stock <i>Missions</i>	Barb Andrews <i>Children/Youth</i>
Alan Lund <i>Finance</i>	Nancy Dunlap <i>Worship</i>	Peter Keenan <i>Nominating</i>
Debbie Schlinger <i>Congregational Life</i>	Larry Jorgenson <i>Clerk of Session</i>	Pat Wright <i>Stewardship</i>
Alli Lane <i>Small Groups</i>	Patty McDonald* <i>Personnel</i>	Warren VanGenderen <i>Adult Ministries</i>

Deacons

Deacons provide the ministry of compassion and service for those in need.

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Kenlyn Long Deb Kopp* Julie Matzke Kerry Murphy Irene Lund Jennifer Wolf Randy & Robyn Reedy	Michael Adams* Joanie Shipman* Carol Poole Julie Whitlock* Jackie Montgomery Nancy Brumsted Sandra Zender Donna Barrett* Karen Brennan*	Jen Baki Tena Webb* Deb Keenan Barb Huhn* Yvonne Henze* Erin Rosenberg Paula Jorgenson Dylan Wade

*serving second term

FACILITIES

Our facilities are available to rent for meetings, events, etc.
Please contact Cindy Dahlin for details, cdahlin@pcjh.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Ministry Coordinator (FT)
Youth Coordinator (PT)
After School Staff (PT)

Please contact Tammy Letts for more information, tletts@pcjh.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Nursery

Available Sundays, 8:00-11:30am, 0-3 years old

Sunday School

We gather together weekly during the 10:15 worship service and have classes based on age groups: 4yrs to K, 1st and 2nd grade, 3-5th grade and 6-8th grade. We strive to help each child develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and develop a loving personal relationship with each child.

Little Lambs Preschool

The mission of Little Lambs is to provide a loving environment that promotes the social, physical, intellectual and spiritual development for your child. Little lambs runs from September – June. Classes available 9:00am - 3:00pm, M-F, plus before and after care.

Please sign up online, www.pcjh.org.
Contact Effie Edwards, eedwards@pcjh.org



JOY After School

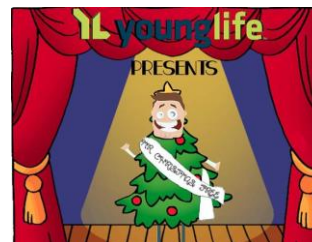
Our After-School program is offered for any children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade in any of the local elementary schools. The program runs September - June and is from the school's dismissal until 6:00pm, Wednesday. We have a healthy snack, homework time, Bible devotional, music, and organized/free playtime. Please contact Renee Knutson, rknutson@pcjh.org.



Young Life JH

Monday, December 12th
7:47pm

Come see the debut Mr. Xmas Tree event at the Pink Garter Theater. Enjoy a high school holiday event and experience the fun that is Young Life. 2017 Summer Camp signups will be available after the performance.



Middle School

Sundays, 4:30pm

Join us for a fun time of friends, food, and fellowship.



Music Department

Adult & Children's choirs, and music lessons (piano, guitar, strings & voice). Contact Kenny Hadden music@pcjh.org. Listen to our worship music on the 'pcjhmusic' playlist on Spotify.

WE GATHER IN GRATEFUL WORSHIP

Song of Gathering

Let Your Mercy Rain

Welcome and Opening Prayer

(Lighting of the Advent Candles)

Song of Praise

What Child Is This (Hymn #53)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon*

Diane McGee

One: Because it is so hard to wait, it is not easy to live through Advent's days. But watch what God does during this time. God waits for us to turn from our old ways to find the right paths; God waits for us to admit what we have done, and failed to do, so we might be forgiven and graced with new life. Let us approach the One who waits – for us.

All: It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Waiting God. There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, and we ignore their cries for help. Forgive us, God who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, show us yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

(Silence is kept)

One: God does not remember our sins, but does remember the promises which have been made to us. God does not shame us, but lifts us to new life.

All: Lead us in your hope, O God, and teach us your love. You are the God of our days, we wait for you to come to us. Amen.

Song of Response

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Hymn 44, v.4)

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Saliha Naomi Pascal, daughter of Ben and Addie Pascal, sister to Nina and Graham

Passing the Peace of Christ

(Take a few moments to greet one another)

A TIME FOR FAMILY CELEBRATION

PCJH Intergenerational Choir arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

News of the Church Family

(Please sign and pass the welcome pads)

Every Member a Minister

Agros Mission Team

Giving Generously of our Tithes and Offerings

(Electronic giving instructions are on the back bottom of this bulletin)

WE GROW BY LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Prophecy Isaiah 7:10-14 Page 488

Special Music

Andrea Rico, cello
Silent Night Bob Snider, piano

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25 Page 681

Time for Reflection and Study

Rev. Ben Pascal

God With Us

*written by Thom Shuman

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER *(see insert)*

WE GO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S WORLD

The Benediction

Go Tell It On The Mountain (Hymn 29, refrain)

Fellowship in the Lobby

(Please enjoy food and fellowship after the service, and stop by the welcome table on your way out)

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are new to PCJH we want to welcome you and let you know we are glad you are here! We hope you feel at home here and experience God's presence and grace today. We would love to get to know you, so please leave your information on a **welcome pad** located in each row. **Nametags** are also available at the welcome table and help us all greet one another.

Children on Sunday

Today is the First Sunday of the month and therefore there is no Sunday School. Children are encouraged to worship with their families. However, if your child is not ready to participate in worship, they are now dismissed to either go to the nursery [0 to 4 years old] or take part in a large group activity in the Chapel for children 5 years old to 5th grade. We ask that you and your child decide what is best and stick to it. Children who go to the Chapel will return to the Sanctuary to celebrate the Lord's Supper at the end of the service.

Want to know more about PCJH?

Please stop by our Welcome Table in the lobby.

Our next **Church Information Class** with Pastor Ben will be on Sunday, January 22nd from 11:30am to 2:00pm. Lunch and childcare provided.

Please RSVP with Cindy at cdahlin@pcjh.org



Nametags on Sundays

Please remember to wear your nametags to help us get to know one another better.

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED



Website
www.pcjh.org



Facebook



Weekly Email

Let us know if you would like your email added, office@pcjh.org



Monthly Newsletter

Available for pick-up in the Lobby, view online, or by mail upon request



Sermons Online
pcjh.org/online-sermons/



Prayer Requests
pcjh.org/prayer-requests/

PRAYER

If there is anything you would like our prayer team to be praying about or you would like to be added to the prayer email list, please let us know, office@pcjh.org.

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1Thessalonians 5:16-18