#### Thank You Volunteers!

Readers:

Karen Brennan Diane McGee Polly Friess Gordon Family Andrews Family Rev. Ian Noyes Hospitality Team: Julie & Dan Matzke Catherine Tebay Nubby Tebay River McClay Rohrbaugh Forest Finley Rohrbaugh Talitha Horn Paula Jorgenson

#### A Special Thank You!

To the Choir, Musicians and AV Techs who performed and produced the Cantata last Sunday.

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...



\*<u>Mail</u> - a check to the Church office (please don't send cash)



\*<u>Online</u> - by clicking on the yellow Donate button on the bottom right of the screen, pcjh.org

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



\*<u>Credit</u> or debit card payments, please contact Kim Bogen at kbogen@pcjh.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Christmas Cantata Last Sunday



#### **Christmas Eve Service**

5:00pm December 24, 2016

#### **Thoughts for Reflection**

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

~Isaiah 9:2

"God is light; in him there is no darkness at all."

~1 John 1:5

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." ~2 Corinthians 4:6

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ~Jesus

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON HOLE

is a church where every member is a minister, called to pass on the faith, as we... <u>Gather</u> to love God and others; <u>Grow</u> to know and follow Jesus; and <u>Go</u> to make a difference in the world.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**



December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:15am service ONLY December 26th - Office CLOSED January 1st

- 8:00am service
- 9:00 Holy Land Class
- 10:15 service



#### Standing at the Crossroads

**Employment Opportunities** 

Please contact Tammy Letts for

Join others from PCJH and the Jackson Hole community on a

pilgrimage to the land of the Bible to walk in the footsteps of

more information, tletts@pcjh.org

-Children's Ministry

-Youth Coordinator (PT)

-After School Staff (PT)

Holy Land Pilgrimage

April 22-May 3, 2018

Coordinator (FT)

Sunday, January 1st, 9:00am In Genesis Room. Just as the time and place of our birth and life shapes our journey, so the land and culture of the Hebrew people shaped their story. Join Pastor Ben to discuss Ray Vander Laan's video of the Holy Land and discover how God guided his people to a specific place - the Promised Land - to impact the world both in ancient times and today.





Jesus. Please contact Pastor Ben if you are interested in more information, bpascal@pcjh.org.

#### Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone in our church family for your tithes & offerings in 2016. We are blessed to have met our giving targets for the year. We deeply appreciate the generosity of so many. Praise be to God! Now that we have finished 2016 in a strong financial position, we aim to start 2017 with abundant resources for ministry. Please consider making a generous year-end gift toward our coming year's campaign. Gifts must be postmarked or received by December 31 to qualify for 2016 tax deduction.



#### **Couples Retreat**

February 10th & 11th PCJH is hosting a retreat for couples, facilitated by Mike & Shari Gaffney from Seattle, WA. The Gaffney's have a long history in healthy relationship building. Please join us for this special event! Contact Pastor Ben, bpascal@pcjh.org for more details or to register.

#### Sunday Worship Services:

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

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

WORSHIP

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 – No Classes This Week!



Women's Bible Study Tuesdays, 12:00pm at PCJH, in the

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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) 7:00pm Wednesdays in the Matthew Room. Join us for fellowship and study.

#### **Book of Acts**

(will resume January 8<sup>th</sup>) Sundays at 9:00am w/ Pastor Tammy in the Genesis room.

**Discussing Mere Christianity** Wednesday at 7:00pm with Pastor Tammy

Visits to the Holy Land Wednesdays at 5:15pm w/ Pastor Ben, DVD study by Ray Vander Laan

Fresh Air Study Sundays at 9:00am with Sandra Zender. study the book by Chris Hodges



#### GET TO KNOW US

#### **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Ben Pascal Senior Pastor

Rev. Tammy Letts Associate Pastor

Cindy Dahlin **Operations Manager** 

Lindsey Parr Communications Coordinator

Pam Flores Congregational Support

#### **Program Staff**

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Effie Edwards Little Lambs Director

Worship Coordinator

Kenny Hadden

Renee Knutson Interim JOY After School Coordinator

#### **Ruling Elders**

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

2017

Class of 2016 Larry Huhn Building & Grounds\*

Alan Lund Finance

**Debbie Schlinger** Congregational Life

Alli Lane Small Groups Missions Nancy Dunlap Worship Larry Jorgenson Clerk of Session Patty McDonald\* Personnel

2018 **Barb Andrews** Children/Youth

Nominating

Stewardship Warren VanGenderen Adult Ministries

#### Deacons

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

Michael Adams\*

Joanie Shipman\*

Jackie Montgomery

Nancy Brumsted

Sandra Zender

Donna Barrett\*

Karen Brennan\*

Carol Poole

Julie Whitlock\*

2017

#### Class of 2016

Kenlyn Long Deb Kopp\* Julie Matzke Kerry Murphy Irene Lund Jennifer Wolf Randy & Robyn Reedv

\*serving second term

#### FACILITIES

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

#### **CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY**

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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



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#### 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 6:15pm, Wednesday. We have a healthy snack, homework time, Bible devotional, music, and organized/free playtime. Please contact Renee Knutson, rknutson@pcjh.org.

#### **Middle School**

1/8 – NEXT meeting, 4:30pm

Contact Pastor Tammy for more information, tletts@pcjh.org

#### **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.

Katie-Chloe Stock Peter Keenan Pat Wright

2018

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## **Office Staff**

#### WE GATHER AS PEOPLE GOD LOVES

Prelude			J.H. Brass Quartet
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Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Ben Pascal

Hymn of Praise

O Come All Ye Faithful

Prayer of Confession & Assurance Karen Brennan

Song of Response

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#### WE GROW BY LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Lighting of the Advent Candles

The First Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 **Diane McGee** 

Christmas Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Second Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 Friess Family

Christmas Carol: Away in the Manger

The Third Lesson: Luke 2:8-14 Gordon Family

Christmas Carol: Angels We Have Heard On High

Luke 2:15-20 Andrews Family The Fourth Lesson:

Christmas Carol: The First Nowell

A Time for Reflection

Rev. Ben Pascal

Rev. Ben Pascal

Christmas Light

**Special Music** 

O Holy Night

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins)

Giving Generously of our Tithes and Offerings

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

The Coventry Carol

#### WE GO, CELEBRATING GOD'S LIGHT IN OUR WORLD

#### The Darkening of the Sanctuary

(The lights in the sanctuary will be turned off and the Christ-Candle will be brought in as we read from the Gospel of John 1:1-14, the good news of God's light coming into our world. From the one Christ-candle we will light our individual candles.)

Gospel Reading	John 1:1-14	Rev. Ian Noyes
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Hymn of Reflection

Silent Night

The Sending Forth

**Closing Song** 

Joy to the World!

#### **Benediction**

#### Postlude

As you quietly leave the sanctuary, please carefully extinguish your candle and deposit it in one of the baskets in the lobby. Merry Christmas!!

A Christmas Joy Offering is collected at Christmas every year. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you will help provide assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and you will help develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. You may also designate your offering to go directly to the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole. As the Lord has blessed you, share that blessing with others.

#### A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR CHILDREN

PCJH has a special Christmas gift for each child tonight. The gifts will be available under the Christmas tree after the service. Please ensure that each child takes only one gift to ensure all children receive a gift. Merry Christmas!

#### 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.

Childcare 5:00pm - Nursery available for 0-3 year olds

10:00pm - No childcare available

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.





### **Monthly Newsletter**

Available for pick-up in

the Lobby, view online,

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

Weekly Email



or by mail upon request **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

#### CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING