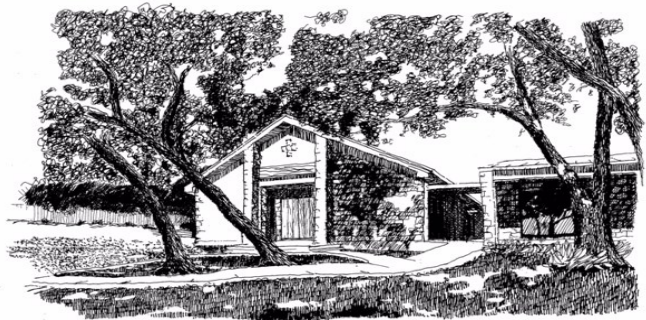


# Wimberley Presbyterian Church Newsletter

December 2017



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The Jan Newsletter will be published  
Dec 28

All articles need to be submitted by  
Dec 20

Please e-mail your announcements  
or articles to the office at  
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## Church Financial News

Nov Giving - \$27,126

Average Monthly

Operation Requirement - \$23,188

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Dear Church Family,

This is a story about Isaac Watts and the most beloved Christmas hymn of all, "Joy to the World." Isaac Watts was born in 1674, in South Hampton England. Raised in a deeply religious family, Watts' earliest memories were of his father's concrete convictions about religious liberty. Watts Sr. even spent time in prison on two separate occasions for his outspoken Nonconformist views. (Rather than conforming to the Church of England, Nonconformists were typically Presbyterians or Baptists who wanted to worship in a government-free church.) Isaac Watt' parents saw to it that their love for Christ and His word were passed on to their son.

Watts is considered the father of English hymns, writing more than 750 hymns. However, "Joy to the world" is an accidental Christmas classic. In its original form, it had nothing to do with Christmas. It wasn't even written to be a song. Watts published a book of poems in which each poem was based on a psalm. One of those poems was an adaptation of Psalm 98. In it Watts looked forward the Messiah's coming final kingdom.

Advent is a celebration of Christ's birth to be sure, but it also the joyful expectation of his triumphant return. When Jesus will dispel the curse of sin and make his blessings flow, where his rule and reign will extend throughout all nations and we shall behold the glories of his righteousness and rejoice in the wonders of his love.

What do we make of Watts' accidental success (which didn't happen till long after his death)? His text speaks volumes. (I am indebted to Greg Forster and his wonderful book, *Joy for the World: How Christianity Lost Its Cultural Influence and Can Begin Rebuilding It*, for the following:

*"Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room"* The Holy Spirit miraculously transforms us through our relationship with Jesus, giving us the joy of God in mind, heart, and life.

*"Let Men Their Songs Employ"* Because God made human beings as social creatures, this joy of God is not locked up in an isolated heart; it flows among us and transforms how we relate to one another.

*"Let Earth Receive Her King"* The church is the special community of people who are undergoing this transformative work, and the Spirit uses the distinct life of the church to further that work by means of doctrine, devotion, and stewardship.

*"He Comes to Make His Blessings Flow"* We live most of our lives out in the world, among people who are not (yet) being transformed in this special way. How we live in the world should manifest the change the Spirit is working in us, carrying the impact of the joy of God "far as the curse is found."

*"He Rules the World with Truth and Grace"* As we learn to manifest the Spirit's work in our hearts through the ways we live in the world, the portions of the world that are under our stewardship start to flourish more fully—not in a way that directly redeems people, because only personal regeneration can save a human being, but in a way that makes the world more like it should be and delivers intense experiences of God's joy to our neighbors.

Pastor Clint

**Next Council Meeting**

December 19, 2017  
7:00PM

**YOUR COUNCIL AT WORK**

Session of WPC...

Due to illness and other necessary absences during this season, the Session of WPC did not meet for its Stated Meeting on November 21, 2017. The Session will meet next for its Stated Meeting on December 19, 2017. (Any necessary business will be conducted by email.)

Al Foerster,  
Clerk of Session

**Head Usher**

**Gordon Butler**

**Liturgists**

- 3 Barbara Barks
- 10 Emma Cagle
- 17 Lynne Edleson
- 24 (AM) Eric Eskelund  
(PM) John Wilton
- 31 Karen Myers

**Have you been receiving your church emails? Congregational emails, "In the Know", Newsletter and Calendar of the Month? If not, please check you junk mail.**  
**Our new address is [notifications@onrealmail.org](mailto:notifications@onrealmail.org)**

**Ushers**

- 3 JD & Linda Baker  
Dan & Josie Sturdivant
- 10 Jackie & Peggy Sherrill  
Ginny Butterfield, Sally Pool
- 17 Pam Tannahill, Nicole Royal  
Barbara Barks, Kellie Clark
- 24 (AM) Judy & Jim Ansley  
Al & Jan Foerster  
(PM) Clay & Linda Corbitt  
Dirk & Carol Dierking
- 31 Ron & Enell Bunting  
Carol & Dirk Dierking



We had a good turnout for last month's Paintball activity! The holiday season is taking off and schedules are busy! We have planned a White Elephant Christmas gathering at the Corbitt's home for Sunday, December 10 at 4:00pm.

**Hostess**

- 3 Mary Mitchell  
Mary Etta Watson
- 10 Enell Bunting, Gayle Weir
- 17 Sarah Badal, Robin Neal
- 24 No Fellowship
- 31 Anne Clark, Pam Tannahill

Change  
of  
address



**Janice Rogers**  
**600 Leah Ave. Apt. 1200**  
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**512-667-9499 Home**



### December Potluck

Our December Potluck will be Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have our dinner and then decorate Gingerbread Houses. We will buy the pre-assembled (not decorated) houses and the cost to you is \$10.00. But we need to know how many to purchase. Please contact the church office or Betty Jo Slider at [bjslider@gmail.com](mailto:bjslider@gmail.com) or 432-638-2765 if you would like one. This is a fun event and you don't want to miss out! Please feel free to bring decorating items (candy, cereal, sprinkles, etc.) you might want to use or share.

Suggestions for what to bring:

A-I Sides & Salads, J-Q Main Dish, R-Z Deserts

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Average Nov Worship  
Attendance - 113**



**Children's  
Church**

**December  
Sharon & Zip DeRousse**



The next meeting for Presbyterian Women will be Sunday, December 10, 12:30 - 1:30 in the WPC library. All ladies at WPC are invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring a sack lunch and join us for a study of Hebrews and an opportunity to get to know each other better !



- 3 Rich Armstrong
- 4 Kate Youens
- 5 Mitzi Stevenson
- 6 Evelynn Junkin
- 10 Tommy Garner  
Byron Paris
- 18 Nathan Lipinski  
Tony Gibbs
- 19 Libby Allison  
Christy Degenhart
- 20 Susan Junkin
- 22 Enell Bunting
- 23 Cassie Orner
- 26 Travis Terreo
- 31 Laurel Frampton



- 27 Sandra & Keith Haney
- 29 Sharon & Zip DeRousse
- 30 Teresa & Bill Ward

**We are looking for volunteers to work on the church website. If you are interested in helping in that area, please contact the church office at 512.847.5292.**

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## CURRENT COUNCIL ELDERS

### Al Foerster

Administration  
Clerk of Council

### Zip DeRousse

Discipleship

### Bob Drake

Harris Frampton  
Building & Grounds

### Betty Jo Slider

Fellowship

### Sandra Zlatkovich

Congregational Care

### Harris Frampton

Nominating

### Valerie Chandler

Outreach

### Johnna Dennis

Stewardship

### Robert Wyatt

Worship

### Margaret Busch

Youth

### Brady Corbitt

Youth Elder

*Together we worship and  
serve, living God's Word  
and sharing God's love.*

Adult Sunday School .....	9:45 AM
Youth Sunday School.....	9:45 AM
(6 - 12th Grade)	
Elementary Sunday School.....	9:45 AM
(K - 5th Grade)	
Pre-School Children's Church.....	10:45 AM
(0 - 5 yrs.)	
Children's Church.....	11:00 AM
(Pre K - 5th grade-except Communion Sunday)	
Worship Service.....	11:00 AM
(Followed by fellowship & refreshments)	
Youth "Mystery Bus" Bible Study.....	Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Monday Morning Prayer Group.....	10:30 AM

## WPC Staff

Rev. Clint Regen.....	Pastor
Rev. Conway Wharton.....	Pastor Emeritus
Mr. Tom Gabrielsen, Ms. Penny Gabrielsen.....	Music Director, Pianist
Ms. Janice Herreth.....	Secretary
Ms. Emily Junkin, Teri Carter.....	Nursery
Mr. Robert Miller.....	Sexton
Ms. Teresa Junkin.....	Treasurer

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