



**Ring in the  
New Year with celebration!**

*The Lord is come we are filled with joy.*

*Be Resolved . . .*

*...“but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” Phillipians 3:13b-14*

# The Good News

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*You are invited....*

*Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service*

*Dec. 24th at 5:30pm*

*First Presbyterian Church  
of Commerce, TX*

*1216 Monroe Street*

**Dr. Adkins' Sermon Focus**

Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins will preach this Sunday, Dec. 28. Please welcome her once again to our pulpit. She will use the New Testament words in Luke's Gospel for her sermon, "Our Eyes Have Seen." In Luke 2:22-40, the subhead is "Jesus Is Presented in the Temple."

### Assisting with Worship This Sunday

Those assisting in this Sunday's (Dec. 28) worship service are: Scott Stewart, Head Usher; Mason Howard, Candlelighter; and Bettina Zvanut, Liturgist. If you feel the calling to help out, you can join these folks. Whatever it is you would like to help with, please let us know.

### Addition to Our Prayer List

Randy Roberts has been added to our prayer list. He has been diagnosed with severe melanoma. Please pray for him and the others on our list.

### In Our Prayers at First Presbyterian

Our Troops	Diane Little	Gordon Hunter	Jace Carrington
Bruce Campbell	Sara Grace Pullen	Melba Blount	Amy Lopez
Billy Marshall	Barbara Leonard	Riley Isom	Joe Yeakley
Todd Shinn	Bill & Lisa Rhoades	Sammy Elwell	Paula Elliott
All those who are struggling through the holidays			Randy Roberts



*Sir Little Bacon*

### Note of Thanks

The High School Sunday school class would like to thank **Nila McQuary**, her granddaughter **Katherine Lane**, and **Nancy McFarland** for helping set up, serve, and clean up after the stew luncheon on Sunday.

Thanks to **Lily Selvaggi**, **Matthew McFarland**, and **Mason Howard** for a great job of setting up and serving the meal.

Special thanks to **Monty Howard**, **Mason Howard**, and **Dennis White** for ensuring that Sir Bacon arrived intact to the luncheon.

*Editor's note: A detailed story about the Kiss the Pig conclusion will be in an upcoming newsletter. You can do your part by getting some of the pictures you took to the church secretary. He would also love to get a video clip for the church website.*

### Open

If anyone asks you, the Commerce Food Pantry will be open on Christmas Day and New Year's Day from 2-4 p.m. The fourth Sunday of the month calls for a can of meat—tuna, spam or chicken as a donation to the Commerce Food Pantry.

### Closed

**The FPC office will be closed** until Monday, Dec. 29. It will close again Jan. 1-2 for the New Year's holiday. If you have items for the church newsletter or any other church business to take care of, keep these dates in mind.

There will be no Teach the Preacher on Dec. 30.

**Don't forget to let us have your news items as soon as possible!**