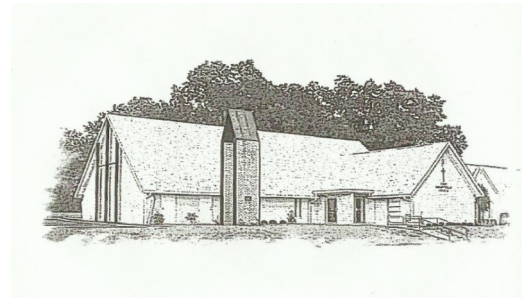




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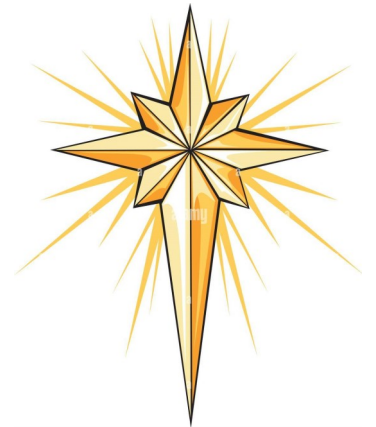
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*An Invitation to Play*

Throughout the Christmas season, and other places in our scriptures, God communicates with God's people in surprising ways. Through angels, dreams, burning bushes, dry riverbeds, and mysterious visitors, God continually interacts with humanity and the world. This year, as we have in years past, we will share "star words" on the second Sunday in January. Star words are an invitation to follow, like the magi followed the original star in Matthew's gospel. Since God is a creative, playful God, star words are an invitation or pathway, to play.

When you receive your star word, I hope you will welcome the opportunity to explore.

First, sit with it; pray with it. What does the word mean in relation to God? Is it an action to be done or something to be noticed? Is the word challenging or encouraging? Does it connect any thoughts or intuitions that have lingered at the back of your mind? Look up your word in a dictionary or thesaurus. Look it up in a bible search online or in your bible's concordance. Do these expanded and nuanced meanings offer any connections or eye-opening reflections? Allow the star word to be part of your weekly prayer routine. Use it as a bookmark or place it where you will see it every day. Just notice how it shows up, where it catches your attention, and how God uses the word to guide you.



The magi followed a star. Their star led them to the infant Messiah.

As we age, our imaginative and creative selves become harder to access. We can forget how to engage the more playful and flexible parts of our minds. Our faith and our lives benefit from doing familiar things in new ways. I hope you will allow your star word to shine new light in your life.

To God be the Glory,

*Rev Michele*



Happy New Year!

May God's Love  
light your way and lead you  
into a year of hope and peace  
Your Christian Education Team

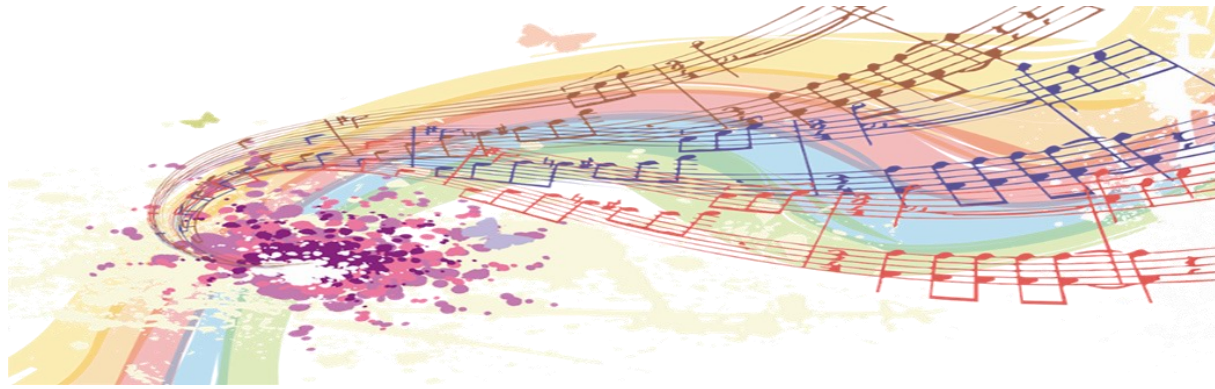
May God Bless Us All in 2023



*New Year Prayer*

A special prayer is offered  
For you  
On New Year's Day—  
May God in His unceasing love  
Send many gifts your way,  
And may He fill your heart with peace  
And be forever near,  
Blessing you and guiding you  
Throughout the coming year.  
Happy New Year





## MUSIC IS WHAT FEELINGS SOUND LIKE

*From a grateful congregation, thank you  
Joshua, Stefen & Lynn*

There are not words to describe how beautiful the music is at FPC-Henderson every Sunday and on special occasions. In fact, our music turns each and every ordinary day into extraordinary days.

We are indeed blessed with our Music Director, Joshua Allen. Joshua's music talents – piano, organ, and (oh my) his vocals -- are immense. But add to that his leadership and the ability to draw out the talents of others-- such a gift to us.

We are blessed again with the presence of Stefen Kane in our Musical Ensemble. Stefen's multi-dimensional voice and his use of this God-given talent brings you to moments in our service when perhaps even God and the angels don't want the song to end. In addition to his vocal talents, Stefen also shares his extended musical talents on numerous instruments... not the least being his magic on a flute. We are grateful and you are appreciated.

And then there is Lynn Tieken – who works with every ounce of her being on pretty much every project our church is involved in .... And she sings – like she really sings! Some of us sing and make what they nicely refer to as “joyful noise” but Lynn's voice and participation in the Musical Ensemble is a joyful sound to behold. This hard-working, quiet-demeanor lady sings like the angel she is and shares that gift with us all.

### Council Actions


- Examined incoming elders
- Moved January Communion from January 1 to January 8
- Made changes to Administrative Section of Operations Manual
- Set Session Retreat for January 14
- Set installation of Ruling Elders for January 15

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Your  
**Stewardship Finance  
Committee**

Steve,  
Carol,  
Kathy,  
Kelly  
and  
Tom







Wishing you a year  
of new beginnings filled  
with peace, hope, and  
love.  
Communications Team



Love Your Neighbors in 2023  
The Member Care Committee

## The Work of Christmas



When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.

*~ Howard Thurman*

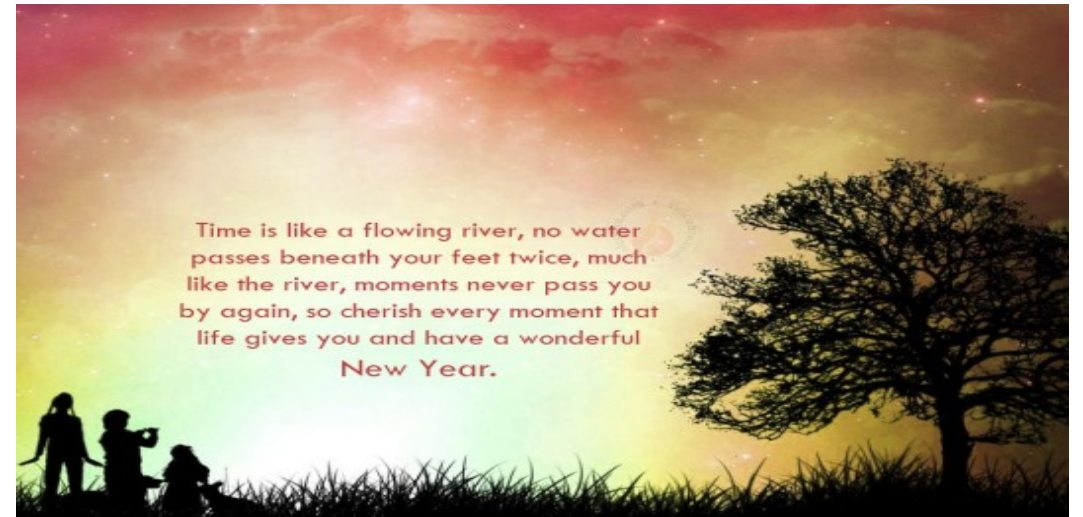




## Christmas Eve 2022



Your **Building and Grounds Committee** wishes everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year !



Steve ,  
Chair, Building and Grounds Committee

John, Kathy, Tom, Claudia, Weldon, and Rev. Michele

**Warm Wishes for a Joyous and Healthy  
New Year**

~The Worship Committee



**May the New Year  
Bring You Peace, Joy,  
and Happiness!**

**The Fellowship Committee**

# January 2023



Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

<b>1</b> New Years Day 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary and FB Live/ <b>Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary and FB Live/ Communion <b>HIM Donation Day</b>	<b>9</b> Home Communion	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>14</b> <b>Session Retreat at the Civic Center</b>
<b>15</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary and FB Live/ Ordination & Installation of Ruling Elders	<b>16</b> <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12:00 HIM Board Mtg. in Fellowship Hall	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary and FB Live	<b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary and FB Live	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

**Duty Elder for January:**

Lynn

**Liturgists for January**

1- Lynn

8– John H.

15– Claudia

22– Jimmy

29– Kelly

**January Birthdays:**

13– Kay

19– Kathy

28– Katie

