

If you would like to bring a Poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please bring it to the church.

Thank you.



Welcome to Milliken Presbyterian Church

What children do on Sunday mornings here at Milliken Presbyterian Church

Children are always welcome in worship! We know that children will be children. They will squirm, ask questions, fidget, and, well be children. We believe that children learn about worship by being in worship, even when they are wiggly and giggly. However, we also know that for some parents or guardians the idea of their child(ren) being able to wiggle and giggle in another space besides the sanctuary is preferred. For this reason, we have an incredible loving staff to care for your child(ren) (infants and toddlers – birth through age 4) in our nursery. The nursery is located at the end of the main hallway on the left. This is the hallway straight across from the sanctuary doors.

Angel Blocksom is our Nursery Care Giver. She will warmly welcome you and your precious little one(s). We also have other volunteers who will be there to love the children. All of our staff and volunteers have been screened and those 16 and older have had background checks performed. We value our children and one of the ways we show this is by taking every measure possible to keep them safe.

During the service we have a **children's message**. All children are welcome to join us on the steps in the front of the sanctuary. The children who are in the nursery are brought into the sanctuary so that they can participate. If you would prefer that your child(ren) stay in the nursery, please let Angel know and we will accommodate that request. After the children's message those children who have been in the nursery will return to the nursery.

On **Communion Sundays**, the first Sunday of the month, the children will rejoin us in worship so that they can participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is the last act of our community worship that day. Your child's participation is solely up to you as their parent or guardian.

Please remember that **all children** are **always welcome** in worship. We have worship **bags** located at the back of the sanctuary. These are bags with materials that you may use in helping your child(ren) learn about worship and keeping them engaged. If your child(ren) uses a worship bag, please have them **return** it to the **blue bin**. If you have any questions, please ask one of our ushers, or the friendly person next to you in the pew, or Pastor Mark.

Milliken Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

Prelude – A time to prepare your spirit, body, and mind to worship our God.

Welcome Pastor Mark

Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Pg 245

Call to Confession: Wendy Fields

Community Prayer of Confession (think of this as the Body of Christ known as MPC praying as one):

God of Advent, we come before You anticipating Your mercy and forgiveness. Please grant us the forgiveness that we do not deserve. We repent for those times when we have continued to hold someone's past against them. For the times when we have failed to see Your transformational work in someone else's life. Please help us to live as Jesus lived, expecting the best of others and offering forgiveness.

Time for personal reflection and confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gloria Patri (please remain seated as we sing)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.



PLEASE MAKE SURE
THE USED WORSHIP
BAGS ARE PUT IN THE
BIN AND NOT HUNG
BACK UP!!

THANK YOU.



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December 13, 2025 9:00 am

Butter's Breakfast and Lunch 2018 35th Avenue Greeley, CO 80634

Hosted by Becky Hook, Vicky Gilmer and Heather Farquhar

Please RSVP to Becky Hook By phone or text - 970-776-0734 or email at- dbsshook@proton.me



Church Calendari

December 6-14	Pat out of office	Vacation
December 9	6:00 pm	Spiritual Growth Ministry Team
December 10	6:30 pm	Blue Christmas
December 11	6:30 pm	Praise Team
December 13	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast and Fellowship at Butter's Breakfast and Lunch
December 13	5:30 pm	Live Nativity
December 14	9:15 am	Education Hour
December 14	10:30 am	Worship Service
December 14	11:30 am	Deacons Meeting
December 15	11:30 - 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
December 17	3:00 - 5:30 pm	Food Pantry
December 18	10:00 am	Bible Study
December 18	6:30 pm	Praise Team
December 19	10:00 am	Presbyterian Women preparing cookie trays
December 19	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts Meeting
December 21	9:15 am	Education Hour
December 21	10:30 am	Worship Service
December 21	11:30 am	Cookie Tray Distribution

Children's message

Pastor Mark

Offering

Wendy

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Financial offerings may be received by placing them in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary, through the mail, or online on our website or our church app.

Prayer of Dedication

God of eternal Peace, we praise You for the gifts You have given us. These gifts that allow us to contribute to bringing Your peace to a hurting world. Just as Rahab worked to protect the spies, please help us to shield those You call us to protect. Holy Spirit, guide us we pray. Amen.

Doxology (please remain seated as we sing)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn	wonderful Peace	Pg /43
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Mothers of youth/ Young Adults

Scripture Reading Matthew 1: 1-6 Wendy

Pg 681

Scripture reading Joshua 2 and 6: 22-25 Pastor Mark

Pg 152

"Mondorful Doggo"

One: The word of God for the people of God!

Many: Thanks be to God!

Message Women of the Bible

<u>Underdogs and Outsiders: The Untold Stories of Advent</u>

Rahab: God's "Working" Woman

*Hymn **"We Remember You"** Pg 459

Communion

Invitation

Prayer

Communion

Lord's Prayer Sung Pg 651

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Communion Schedule 12-7-2025 Ron and Michelle Peggy and Karen







2026 Calendars are available to purchase by the Youth Group as a fundraiser for summer activities.

Calendars are \$10

We have a joint Youth Group with Johnstown United Methodist Church, and they are handling the money collected. Please make checks payable to JUMC. Please pay when you purchase your item(s). You may take your item at the time of purchase.



The Spiritual Growth Ministry Team is looking for volunteers for the Live Nativity on December 13th.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact:

kellyn.wortman10@gmail.com 970-515-8042

kylieschneider4@gmail.com 970-534-1035

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex as well.



Christmas Joy Offering

Christmas is a special time of year when we focus more fully on Jesus Christ and the joy of giving to others. A wonderful opportunity is the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering was started over 90 years ago and has evolved into all donations being split between two very worthy causes.

Half of the money raised goes to the Board of Pensions to assist those servants of the church living on inadequate pensions or needing nursing home care. The other half goes to Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. Recipients include the Menaul Schools in Albuquerque, NM(98% go on to college!), Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville, TX, and Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, AL. Take a moment to look online at these three schools and their wonderful Christian environment where students are thriving.

Please consider donating to these worthy Presbyterian programs any time during the month of December. If you choose to donate, be sure and write Christmas Joy on the memo line of your check.

Thank you,
Your Mission and Outreach Ministry Team



Milliken Presbyterian Women will be preparing Christmas cookie trays to be distributed to the congregation following the church service on December 21st. Anyone interested in preparing cookies to add to the trays can bring them to the church by 10:00 AM Friday, December 19th.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY DISPLAY

DECEMBER 21st - CHURCH NARTHEX

Do you have a favorite Nativity – share it with our church family.

To Register or if you have questions call: Kristen Eidson 970-302-9382 or Donna Herman 970-396-1643

Bring your nativity to the church to Pat - Wednesday, the 17th or Thursday the 18th between 9 AM and 12 PM. Or you may bring it Sunday morning **before 9:30 am.**We would like to know the origin of your nativity.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR NATIVITY, SO WE KNOW WHO IT BELONGS TO.

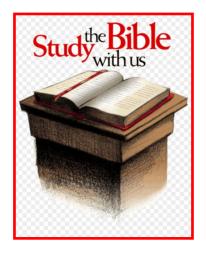
The nativities that are brought to the church early will be stored in a locked room. We will have a monitor watching the display during worship on the 21st.



The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team is still needing donation of Gravy and Pies for the Christmas Boxes the Pantry team will distribute. Please have your donations to the church by December 20th.







Please join us at MPC for Bible Study the 1st and 3rd Thursday's from 10 - 11 am

December 18 January 15

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"Research the meaning of specific words used in Biblical text".

Co-Led by Sharon Morgan and Donna Herman



Pete Keohane	7
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Jennifer Bailey	18
Pastor Mark	18
Ken Williams	18
Cara James	20
Kristin Eidson	21
Kaliyah Hutton	24



MPC WOMEN OF THE BIBLE SERIES

Sunday, December 14 – Underdogs and Outsiders – Ruth

Text: Ruth 1: 1-18 and 4: 13-17

Title: Joy out of Tragedy – Joy out of Fortitude

Sunday, December 21 – Underdogs and Outsiders – Bathsheba

Text: 2 Samuel 11: 1-4 and 1 Kings 1: 28-31

Title: Scandal to Royal Lineage

Blue Christmas Service Wednesday, December 10th - 6:30 pm

Milliken Presbyterian Church millikenpres.org

A service for those who are experiencing grief, loss, loneliness, sadness, depression or just feeling blue.

Come into a space to simply be and receive words of comfort and peace.



The Kid's Club (K-5th graders) is looking for people to help provide lunch for them. The Kid's Club meets once a month, generally on the first Sunday of the month. We are looking for someone to

provide a simple, kid friendly meal to be served after worship for about 10-15 people. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the sign-up page in the entry way or let Pastor Mark know.

We need meals for the following dates: February 1st March 1st April 5th



The Youth Group (6th through 12th graders)

The Youth Group will meet today at 1pm at MPC for activities. A snack will be provided. Friends are invited and welcome to join us!

The Youth Group will meet Sunday, December 14th at 1:00 pm at JUMC for their Christmas Party. Friends are invited and welcome to join us!



The Youth Group (6th – 12th grades) is looking for volunteers to provide a snack for the Youth Group. This snack would be for 15-20 people. The Youth

Group meets at MPC on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 1 to 3 pm. We would like to have the snack by 2:00 pm. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the sign-up page in the entry way or let Pastor Mark know.

We need snacks for the following dates:

January 4th January 11 January 18th