

E-FOCUS-Presbytery at a glance



Weekly Missive

In the Beginning...Silence



In the beginning was the Silence,
Brooding over tumult,
Hovering amidst insanity,
Waiting, waiting, waiting.
The Silence was with God and the Silence was God,
Millennia of cacophonous drumbeat,
Steady march of polarization,
Waiting, waiting, waiting.
In Silence is life, and that life is the light of all,
Mystery of angel visitations,
Shepherd surprise, celestial chorus, darkness of night,
Waiting, waiting, waiting.
The Silence speaks into the Noise and the Noise cannot overcome,
Be-attitudes on a mountain,
The sacred in common story,
Waiting and listening, listening and waiting.
The Silence becomes Word and dwells among us,
Accepting leper touch,
Receiving Syro-Phoenician rebuke,
Incarnating Word that silences all other speech but praise.
Advent hoping for all y'all,
Brad Munroe

GOOD NEWS!

The year is 1963 and CS Lewis, the famous British author, is hosting a group of American writers at his home near Oxford. They are about to experience a captivating evening with a man whose engaging conversation and spontaneous humor made him one of the great raconteurs of his day.

Seated in his living room and in front of a warm fire he recalls the people and events that inspired his thought and shaped his life; of his friendship with J R R Tolkien; why he nearly abandoned the Narnia Chronicles; how he came to embrace Christianity and of the American woman who turned his life upside down.

Described by critics as 'Extraordinary!' 'A Must See!' 'A Master Class!' An Evening with CS Lewis has proved again and again to be an enthralling theatrical experience and one which has led many thousands to discover (or rediscover) the continuing impact of a man who died over 50 years ago and whose collected works made him one of the literary giants of the 20th Century. [More info](#)

DECEMBER 10 at 7:30

Mission del Sol, 1565 E Warner Rd, Tempe

[Tickets](#)

Give to the Christmas Joy Offering

Every Christmas, we express our gratitude for the birth of our savior by supporting the Christmas Joy Offering (CJO), which equally supports the [Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions](#) and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

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Give Gifts that Count

As the Church reflects on the grace of God manifested through God's gift of the birth of Christ, we encourage congregations to respond in gratitude. As a leader in your presbytery that has connection and influence with the congregations in your region, we want to encourage you to support those who are taking this offering, and raise awareness of the opportunity with those who aren't. [Catalogue](#)

TIDBITS: Highlights from Churches around the Presbytery

RESOURCES

[This Week's PC\(USA\) News](#)
[The Thoughtful Christian- Books, Resources](#)
[Jobs-Southminster, First, Mesa, Memorial, UPC](#)
Weekly Calendar
[Presbyterian Women News](#)
Clerk's Corner
[Board of Pensions-November](#)



- for Rev. Richard Nielsen, health concerns
- Rev. Deanne Hodgson-double knee

[Offering plates, Hymnals, robes, Organs
and other things to give away](#)

Presbytery-wide events

- replacement
- Jim Knorr, University-hospitalized in serious condition

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MONTLURE NEWS



Check out everything happening with Montlure here and sign up for our monthly newsletter: <http://mailchi.mp/5b7a4783fb0b/smore-news-november-2017>

Update on Leslie Vogel

Leslie is serving as a Mission worker in Guatemala at CEDEPCA.

[Read her latest newsletter](#)



News and Events

DECEMBER

[An Evening with C.S. Lewis- Mission del Sol](#)

JANUARY

26-27- Annual Stated Meeting of Presbytery, First, Casa Grande

MARCH

[2-4 Good Day for the Blues Youth Weekend at Orangewood](#)