

An Open Letter to the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Ewing

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Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

We hope to see many of you at our ***Listening Forum on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>*** from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. We encourage all members of the congregation to bring joys, hopes, concerns, and fears to this gathering for expression in a safe, structured environment.

Some of you have asked if the January 30<sup>th</sup> event will be a congregational meeting. It is not. We have deliberately titled this event a ***Listening Forum*** to make clear that we will be ***listening*** to you and ***listening*** for the Holy Spirit at work in the Ewing Presbyterian Church. We are aware that our charge from the presbytery requires us to conduct a congregational meeting in the course of our work. However, the time for that meeting has not yet come.

Others have asked if the ***Listening Forum*** will be open to the public or to former or inactive members of Ewing Presbyterian Church. While we know that persons outside the congregation are interested in the outcome of our work with you, the ***Listening Forum*** is intended for those persons who worship and serve the Lord at Ewing Presbyterian Church. Participation is for those persons who intend to take an active role in the life of the congregation, regardless of the decisions our commission eventually makes. Yours are the voices we need to hear.

We continue to hold you and your leaders in prayer. Come and be joyful, even if your heart grieves, for the Holy Spirit is among you.