



First Presbyterian Church

EPISTLE

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sound Room Technician

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Liliana Ortiz
Nursery

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From your Session

FPCD Strong!

Hello FPCD family! I pray that each of you is doing well through these unprecedented times. At the beginning of the year, no one could have anticipated the kind of year 2020 was going to be. It has been a unique year with so many challenges for everyone. However, what I have seen in our Church, I have not seen elsewhere. Our congregation has remained faithful, our Leadership has been resilient and strong through the Pandemic. The approach our Pastor took was very courageous and it maintained the worship services going for us every week, LIVE! We have been able to worship online and in person (as soon as it was permitted) uninterrupted. We continue to adapt every week and to find a way to make improvements every week, for the ones who come in person and for the online streaming as well. We are looking for ways to reach out to more people outside of our walls and share with them the Word of God.

We are observing the mandated State and Federal health measures to try to keep everyone safe and comfortable when they visit our church, and with that in mind, have figured out a way to have communion on Communion Sundays. Pastor Ginger has ordered individually wrapped bread and juice portions. I also want to commend Jocelyn Bolles, Sharon Ingram and everyone who is making the effort to have Lemonade on the Lawn. We have been able to enjoy various delicious treats after service and have an opportunity for fellowship, and do it in a safe way.

One of the things I have appreciated since becoming a member at FPCD, is the faith of this congregation. You have inspired me to want to have the kind of faith I have seen exercised and to live a Christian life, in the same way I see you living.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, for allowing me to serve as an elder. I am eager to grow in my faith while serving you as well as by your side. I am privileged to serve with a group of elders with a strong leadership and even stronger faith. Thank you for your support.

Lastly, I just want to encourage you to continue with that Strong FPCD Spirit you have shown. Continue to feed your spirit with our daily bread. We still don't know how much longer this current situation will last. Pray for each other and remain strong believing that God is in control.

Blessings,

Jaime Cordova



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Family Fun Page

SEED impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



What you need:

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

What you do:

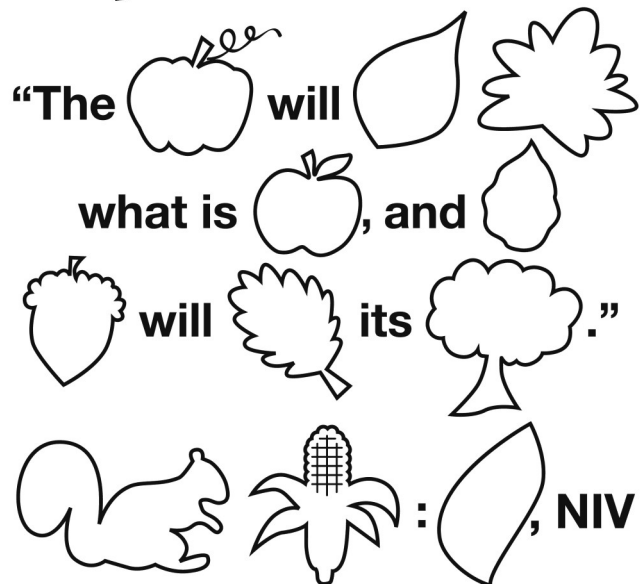
1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.



HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV



**Worship Volunteer Schedule
October 2020**

October 4	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
October 11	Tellers	Joan Brown & Teresa Reed
October 18	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Jaime Cordova
October 25	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons

“BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO HUNGER AND THIRST
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR
THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED.”

MATTHEW 5:6, ESV

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
Impact Youth
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.
— 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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October Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org. Thank you.

Zephyr Lewis, October 2	Barbara Notari, October 19
Diane Pegues, October 3	Andres Benitez, October 22
Carlos Benitez, October 8	Brandon Cowand, October 24
Grant Everett, October 9	Lorraine Cordova, October 30
Sean Russell, October 14	Gary Malone, Sept 30
Jonathan Liddle, October 18	



2020 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
August	\$21,521	\$19,539
Jan - Aug	\$161,895 + \$28,541*	\$171,834

*PPP loan from government