



First Presbyterian Church

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

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From your Session

Well, I'm thinking I'm supposed to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as we get to the time of year that most of us, myself included, usually consider some of the best two months of the year. November and December, the time to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas while eating turkey, opening presents, and spending time with our family and friends. But this is 2020, a year like no other, where we seem each day to be faced with a life revolving around a COVID virus, a divisive political environment, an economy that seems to be deteriorating, and many instances of civil unrest. Sometimes we just want to scream "what is going on here!"

We as Christians believe and rejoice in the comfort that God is always in control. But sometimes we may seem to ask "Where is God" and "How can this be part of His plan?" One thing I try to go by is that God is different from us in that, He knows what *will* happen while we react to what *is* happening. How can we understand this?

Our Sunday School Class is currently trying to work our way through the short little Book of Ruth. It occurs to me that this book is a clear example of this viewpoint. In the book, we see a story that revolves around Naomi, Ruth and Boaz, but there is also another less focused on character, Obed. Obed, is the grandfather of David the future King of Israel. But let's look at Naomi and Ruth first.

Naomi and her family move from Israel to Moab in order to escape a famine that is going on at the time. So, she and her husband and two sons take off to get away from the famine. We are led to believe that life is pretty good for them as they relocate. Sadly, Naomi's

husband dies but her two sons have married local Moabite women, one of which is Ruth. Once again Naomi sees unfairness in her life when the two sons die, leaving just Naomi, Ruth and the other daughter-in-law. Naomi says, "What to do? I know, I'll head back to Israel and see if I can't survive by myself back in Israel." One daughter-in-law stays, but Ruth says she will go with her. As Naomi arrives back in Bethlehem, she is an angry and bitter woman. Most of her anger and bitterness is aimed at God for not providing a better life for her. Ruth a loyal, loving daughter goes to work gleaning fields for their food and wellbeing. God makes sure that she is directed to a field that is owned by Boaz, who is the "kinsman redeemer". He makes sure she is safe and able to get ample food for her and Naomi. Boaz falls in love with Ruth and marries her. They then have a son whom they name Obed, who is the father of Jesse, who is the father of David.

To me, Naomi is reacting to life as it is presented to her, and at times, it seems difficult and unfair. God sees life not only from Naomi, but also from Obed, David, and the ultimate birth of Jesus Christ.

We see other examples of God in control when we see the journeys of Abraham, the kidnapping of Joseph, the hard heartedness of Pharaoh, and the lack of conviction by Pontius Pilot. Whatever are the results of this virus or election, we will do our part, but it is a part in God's ultimate, perfect plan. Rest comfortably knowing that everything is as it is supposed to be.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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22 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service in-person and ONLINE	23 <div> The Sandwich Project Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless </div> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal on ZOOM	24	25	26 (Office Closed) Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28																																																																																				
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PW Christmas Auction Online

Since 2020 has turned out to be quite a different year for all of us, but we would still like to continue our support of some very worthwhile charities, we're moving to the electronic age and putting our annual Christmas auction out online. We hope you will continue to support our endeavor by either donating items to auction or bidding on the items presented. Auction will begin on Tuesday, December 1 and close on Saturday, December 12 so that winners may pick up their items on Sunday, December 13 or thereafter. Where feasible, auction items will be displayed in Fellowship Hall during this time period so that you may come and peruse in case you want a first-hand look!

If you have an item or items to donate for auction, please let us know (through the church office) as soon as possible so that we have everything in place to start the auction online on December 1. Items may be brought to the church office any time but no later than November 25. If you are offering a service (washing windows, for instance, or baking an item), a card with the appropriate information will suffice.

And just in case you won't be able to get by without your annual spaghetti and meatball supper, we have that resolved as well. On Saturday, December 5, which would be the actual auction date in normal times, we are offering a meal of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, roll and dessert, packed TO GO!! There are a few strings attached this year, however.

- Requests for at least ten orders "to go" will be required before we start cooking. (An order can be just one meal, or more, of course.)
- Orders must be placed by Wednesday, December 2.
- Orders must be picked up between 5:30 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 5. No deliveries!
- A donation of \$3.00 per meal (\$2.50 per meal if you order four or more) is suggested.

Watch for further details weekly and thank you for your support of PW.

Jocelyn Bolles and Joan Brown

Pastor
Ginger

Sarah Circle will meet in the home of Jocelyn Bolles on
November 10 at 7pm.

**Worship Volunteer Schedule
November 2020**

November 1	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
November 8	Tellers	Joan Brown & Teresa Reed
November 15	Tellers	Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova
November 22	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
November 29	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis

May the
GOD OF HOPE

fill you with all joy and peace as
you trust in him, so that you may
overflow with hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13, NIV

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
Impact Youth
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.
 — 6:30 p.m.

Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
 — 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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November 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.

Teresa Reed, November 6	Elyssa Kezar, November 11
Dub Guthrie, November 9	Charlie Glover, November 15
David Hertenstein, November 10	Rylee Reed, November 16
Armelia Jimmerson, November 11	Angel Kezar, November 17
	Rachelle Benitez, November 25



2020 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
September	\$54,693	\$35,178
Jan - Sept	\$216,588 + \$28,541*	\$207,013

*PPP loan from government