



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

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From Your Session

Devotional Time

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

This verse is the opening verse of the devotional series that I have been using this year. Sadly, only in the last couple of years have I taken advantage of a daily devotional. Prior to that, I always felt myself too busy in my morning rush to take those few minutes to focus on God. However, I always seemed to find time to call on God when times were challenging or difficult. I had no real reason for not spending 5-10 minutes of my day to acknowledge my true dependence on God, and besides I was sure He knew what was really in my heart and thoughts.

Luckily, my wife started putting the devotional book next to the eggs and bacon or other breakfast she had taken the time to prepare. At first, I probably read and focused on the devotional maybe once or twice a week. I thought that if once a week was good, twice a week was great, and besides God would probably be pleasantly surprised with just the one (considering the individual). But, the comfort I felt just reminding myself who God is and the interest in what daily nugget God had for me began

to really take hold of me. A terribly surprising action began to happen in our kitchen, instead of Sharon placing my devotional in front of me I found myself being the one who made sure it was there. That opportunity to read a verse or two that someone had selected for me to ponder and then a brief analysis of a daily thought now is what makes my morning. The brief focus on God is so rewarding, and especially when I realize that I trust my entire day to Him. I now leave the breakfast table with a little more comfort in my heart and lift in my step just knowing that I took the opportunity to receive the message God had for me today.

I still have a long way to go in my daily relationship with God but His patience with me is winning and rewarding. I know He has plans for me and direction for my future and that each day He just wants to remind me of that before I walk out the door.

The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Psalms 116:5 (NIV)

Thanks,
Darrell



Thanksgiving Dinner and Open House

Date: Sunday, November 21, 2021

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendar and join us once again for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Bring family and friends and a dish or two to share. We'll provide the turkey, rolls and beverages. You bring the trimmings. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so that we don't wind up with a dozen pumpkin pies but no sweet potatoes! There's always a sing-a-long and some Thanksgiving Trivia as well.

In addition, this year we are celebrating the refurbishing of all of our facilities – updating one restroom and adding a new ADA restroom in the sanctuary building, remodeling of the sound room, repainting the choir room and sacristy in the sanctuary building, and new flooring throughout. All rooms in the Fellowship Hall building, office suite and CE Wing have been repainted and have new flooring as well. Come and browse through the various rooms to see what's been done and how great everything looks!

We're thankful to all who helped with the work – from moving chairs out of a flooded sanctuary initially (then later in and out again), taking down (and then putting back up) pictures, bulletin boards, etc. from many walls, carrying cases of hymnbooks and bibles to and from the sanctuary several times, cleaning out closets, sorting through material, taking down blinds, etc., etc. The list is long but the help was great. What better time to see our facilities and give thanks than at this Thanksgiving celebration?

See you there!

I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt
BOUNTIFULLY
with me.
Psalm 13:6

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November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
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21 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner + Church Open House	22 <div>The Sandwich Project Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless</div>	23 9 AM - Noon Hanging of the Greens	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving! (Office Closed)	26 Deadline for Christmas Auction Donations!	27 4-6 PM Young Adult Group																																																																																											
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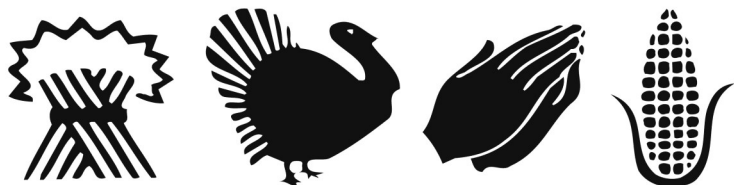
Thanksgiving Games and Puzzles



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" _____ will _____
9 16 18 1 9 19 5
_____, _____ name in _____
7 15 4 19 19 15 14 7
and _____ with
7 12 15 18 9 6 25 8 9 13
_____.
20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7"

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with Thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV

GRATITUDE game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

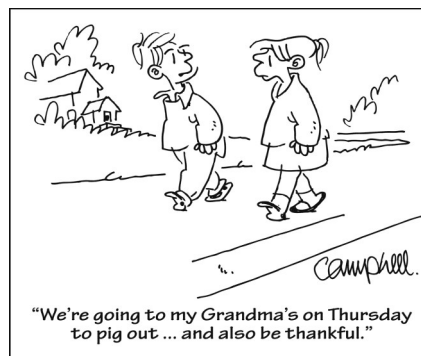
Red: a need God has provided for
Orange: a gift you've received
Yellow: something you've recently learned
Green: something in nature
Blue: a special memory
Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!



Laugh Library



PW Christmas Auction

With a successful online auction last year, we are going to do the same this year in order to continue our support of some very worthwhile charities. We hope you will continue to support our endeavor by either donating items to auction or bidding on items presented. The auction will begin on Tuesday, November 30 and close on Saturday, December 11, so that winners may pick up their items on December 12 or thereafter. Where feasible, auction items will be displayed in Fellowship Hall during this time period so that you can come and get a firsthand 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 begin on November 30. Items may be brought to the church office any time beginning now but no later than November 26. If you are offering a service (washing windows, for instance, or baking an item), a card with the appropriate information will suffice. Watch for further details about the auction and our annual spaghetti and meatball supper as well. Thank you!!

Jocelyn Bolles and Joan Brown

Worship Volunteer Schedule November 2021

November 7	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Jaime Cordova & Darlene Cowand Logan Russell
November 14	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Sean Russell & Brenda Everett Jennifer McWilliams
November 21	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Brittany Haywood & Dub Guthrie Jimmy Cordova
November 28	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Darrell Ingram & Joan Brown Allen Conley

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter
under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 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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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.

Albert Teel, November 3	Elyssa Kezar, November 11
Scott McWilliams, November 4	Charlie Glover, November 15
Teresa Reed, November 6	Rylee Reed, November 16
Dub Guthrie, November 9	Angel Kezar, November 17
David Hertenstein, November 10	Rachelle Benitez, November 25
Armelia Jimmerson, November 11	



2021 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
September	\$46,566*	\$55,667**
Jan-Sept	\$302,700***	\$327,330****

*\$1,000 of this for building repairs
 **\$30,600 of this for building projects
 ***\$79,810 of this for building repairs
 ****\$152,559 of this for building projects