



# First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

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### ***Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)***

Hey FPCD Members,

We just wanted to give you an update  
of where we are in our pastor search.

### **The Process**

We started the process back in  
February when Pastor Ginger  
retired. Members of the congregation  
were nominated to be on the Pastor  
Nominating Committee (PNC) for the  
purpose of a pastor search. Original  
members were Darrell Ingram, Dub  
Guthrie, Dennis Walters, Jeff Thorpe,  
Roy Watson, Lori Glover, Jennifer  
McWilliams, and Brittany Haywood.

Our first step in this process was to  
complete a mission study from Grace  
Presbytery. First, we had meetings  
scheduled with our presbytery  
representatives. We then began the  
process of our mission study, which  
took approximately two months to  
complete. This was submitted to Grace  
Presbytery, and was subsequently  
returned for revisions by Grace. After  
the corrections, we resubmitted and  
were approved by the Committee on  
Ministry (COM).

The PNC completed the appropriate  
forms to put this mission study on the  
COM website for applicants to submit  
their applications. Applicants are  
screened through the COM before

they are referred to FPCD. Applicants  
who wanted contact with our group  
submitted their responses to the COM  
and were then referred to us for our  
investigation. This is where we have  
been for the last two months.

### **What the Future Plans are for FPCD**

We will work through these applica-  
tions and set interviews with possible  
candidates. Once the interviews are  
completed, the PNC will select the  
top candidates for our church. After  
much prayerful consideration, we will  
make our decision known to Session,  
who will review and approve our  
decision. We will then hire the best  
person for the position.

The final step will be to call a  
congregational meeting of our  
members for approval of the call for  
the pastor.

Please keep our group in your prayers  
as we are making a big choice for our  
church. We know God is sending the  
best person for this job.

*Lori Glover*

## Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 19th, will be our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 6 PM. Please use the sign up sheet in the Narthex to tell us you are coming and which sides you are bringing. This way, we don't end up with 15 pumpkin pies—although really, can you ever have enough pie?



## Annual Christmas Auction

Hello everyone!

Our Annual Christmas Auction will run from **November 29 through December 10** this year.

We are accepting donations for the auction now through November 28. If you have an item you would like to donate, please drop it by the church office. Please also send us a photo of the item by text or email.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated! We can't wait for the auction!

*Katherine*

*Be*

**Encouraged**

# FIRST Presbyterian Church

November 2023

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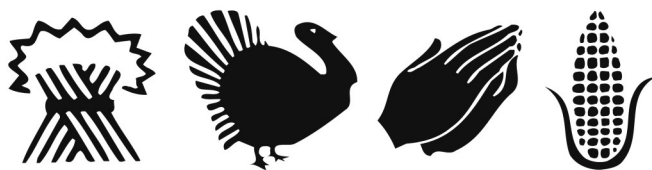
# Puzzle & Humor Page



## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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

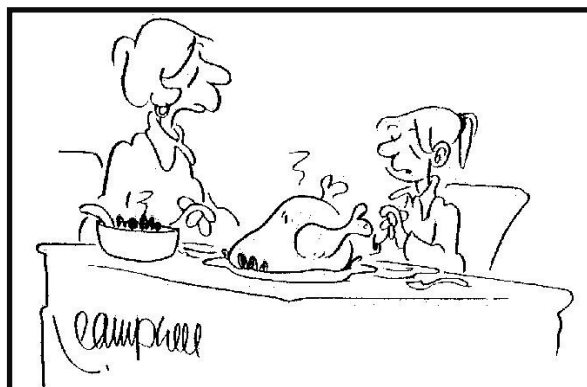
Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



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

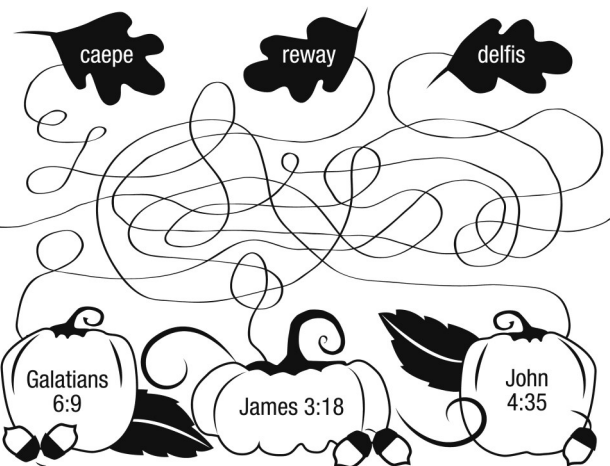


"Thank you for this turkey and dressing which you have provided, and the broccoli which the devil has slipped in."



## Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.



Peacemakers who sow in \_\_\_\_\_ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become \_\_\_\_\_ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the \_\_\_\_\_!  
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields



"Don't be fooled by the pumpkin pie. It's just squash casserole with sugar."

## November Worship Volunteer Schedule

November 5	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Communion Service Communion Preparer	Sharon Ingram Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Brittany Haywood & Dudley Austin Jimmy Cordova & Lori Glover ?
November 12	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Sharon Ingram
November 19	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Jimmy Cordova & Diane Pegues
November 26	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer	Connie Steger Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Nyadia Thorpe & Nancy Bergman


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

## 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](mailto:info@fpcd.org).

Thank you.

Scott McWilliams, November 4	Rylee Reed, November 16
Teresa Reed, November 6	Clara Barton, November 17
Dub Guthrie, November 9	Rachelle Benitez, November 25
David Hertenstein, November 10	Stephan Nzoundja, November 28
Armelia Jimmerson, November 11	
Roy Watson, November 14	

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2023 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
Sep	\$ 10,597	\$ 12,279
Jan - Aug	\$173,879	\$ 214,848

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education  
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.  
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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