



November

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

Dear Friends,

Fall has always been my favorite time of year. The return of cooler weather, the changing colors of the trees, the way the sky seems bluer and the other colors more vibrant, the scents of apples and spice and cinnamon, breaking out my sweaters and boots (oh wait, this is the South—that might have to wait for another month!), baked goods and warm, creamy comfort foods, the anticipation of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There are many reasons to enjoy fall, but my favorite thing has always been the leaves: the glorious colored ones on the trees, but even more, the crunchy leaves on the ground. As a child, I remember building the largest leaf piles I could and then falling gleefully into them until they were scattered and smashed and I had to start over. Even now as a full-fledged adult, I go out of my way to walk in the places where leaves gather so that I can hear and feel them crunching beneath my feet. Walking in the leaves always makes me smile, and I do it because it brings me joy—no other reason.

That prompts me to ask: What are the small things that bring you joy? They don't have to be fall-related, though fall seems to be an especially good time for small joys. Maybe you also like walking in the leaves or observing the trees. Or maybe for

you, it's sitting by an open window and listening to the birds, or sipping coffee out of your favorite mug, petting your cat or dog, playing a board game with a friend, enjoying a pumpkin spice latte/cheesecake/candle/air freshener/soap/whatever the latest innovation of pumpkin spice mania is.

This month, I challenge you to identify some of the things that bring you joy and make a point of doing them. When you do, take time to slow down, savor the experience, and be fully present to the joy it brings you. God didn't create us to go rushing from one task to another with no time to enjoy the good and beautiful things that are in this world. Even God took some time to enjoy the world right after he finished making it!

So before we head into the hectic holiday season, pause, take a breath, and look around you. What do you see, hear, feel, taste, or touch that brings you joy? How will you receive the gifts that God has placed all around you for your delight? What's your version of jumping in leaf piles?

May you be blessed in seeking and finding small joys this month!

Jessica



Church Thanksgiving Dinner

The church Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 4 PM.

We will provide turkey, rolls and beverages. We need you to bring side dishes and desserts! Sign up in the narthex with your name, what you will bring and how many folks will be with you. It's going to be a great time of expressing our thankfulness to God for all the blessings He's given us this year, especially our fellowship with one another.



Taste and see
that the Lord is
good

Psalm 34:8



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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CALENDAR

November 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7 9AM Men's Fellowship
8 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	9	10 6:45 pm Think Tank	11 Veterans Day	12 2:00 pm Sarah Circle	13	14
15 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	16 5:00 pm MCT	17 7pm Session Meeting	18	19 3:45 pm PLM	20 Newsletter Articles for November Newsletter Due!	21 9AM Men's Fellowship
22 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship; 4:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner	23 Austin St. Sandwiches Due!	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	30					

**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace.**

November Volunteer Schedule

Nov 1	Greeter Communion Servers Communion Preparer End of Service Prayer Tellers Liturgist	Jocelyn Bolles Connie Steger & Christian Laurent Connie Steger Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger Teresa Reed & Linda Simons TBD
Nov 8	Greeter End of Service Prayer Tellers Liturgist	Beau Gaskins Christian Laurent & Nancy Bergman Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Youth
Nov 15	Greeter End of Service Prayer Tellers Liturgist	Connie Steger Lori Glover & Lee Austin Darlene Cowand & Teresa Reed TBD
Nov 22	Greeter End of Service Prayer Tellers Liturgist	Sharon Ingram Dub Guthrie & Brenda Everett Connie Steger & Ingram TBD
Nov 29	Greeter End of Service Prayer Tellers Liturgist	Dudley Austin Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger Brenda Everett & Linda Simons TBD

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1 (NIV)

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	Clara Barton, November 17
Dub Guthrie, November 9	Stephan Nzoundja, November 28
Rylee Reed, November 16	

2026 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
August	\$ 13,822	\$ 7,485
YTD	\$ 120,544	\$ 113,601