

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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6 November 2022

All Saints Sunday

Prayer of Preparation

*God, Holy and Living:
Maker of heaven and earth,
Healer of creation,
Breath and fire of Life.
We pause now to worship You,
now as the seasons turn,
we still ourselves in reverence,
now as days grow short and nights turn long ...
Pausing, still, we wait on You ...
We, who need Your blessing upon our lives,
as night gives way to dawn. Amen.*

Welcome

The Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

How Firm a Foundation

Rippon/American folk melody

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!
Come, let us worship the Lord!



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence, we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places.

(pause for a time of silent confession)

Forgive us.

**You have been with us in exile and liberation;
be with us even now. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37-39

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 20:27-38

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What’s the Question?

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him, all things were made. For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem

When Morning Gilds the Skies

German hymn/Barnby

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Members of the Daybreak and
Sanctuary Choirs

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Bookmark the church calendar! www.firstpresnb.org/calendar

Sunday, Nov. 6	4:00 pm	Sanctuary Bells (Handbell Choir)
	5:30-7:30 pm	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
Monday	10:00 am	Presbyterian Women Circle 2
	12:00 pm	Divine Sleep Yoga Class
	2:00 pm	Knit 4 Others
	3:45-5:00 pm	Covenant Choir (grades K-5)
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Grief Support Group
	2:30 pm	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	11:45 am	Preschool Choir
	12:00 pm	Life of Prayer
	5:00 pm	Contemplative Worship
	5:30 pm	Personnel Committee

Thursday	2:30 pm	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Resurrection Singers)
Saturday	10:00 am	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
	2:00 pm	Family Camp begins at Camp Caroline
Sunday, Nov. 13	8:30 am	Worship
	9:15-10:15 am	Fellowship Café
	9:40-10:40 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Return from Family Camp
	4:00 pm	Sanctuary Bells (Handbell Choir)

2023 Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship packets with labels can be picked up in the Narthex of the church TODAY and the office tomorrow, November 7. Unlabeled packets are available for those who are not members or need another copy. Any remaining packets will be mailed on November 8. All of the materials in the packet are also available on our website under “give.” Pledge Card Dedication will be on Sunday, November 20 (we will have cards for people to place in the basket if they already mailed their card in or pledged online).

Coins for Hunger

We will be gathering the Coins for Hunger today during the regular offering. Proceeds will be sent to Religious Community Services for their food programs. If you are writing a check to First Presbyterian - just place it in one of the RCS envelopes included with your giving envelopes or write “RCS” on the memo line of your check.

Special Offering – through November 27

In response to the devastation wrought by recent hurricanes Ian and Fiona, the Session has approved a special offering designated for Hurricane Relief. To contribute, simply write “Hurricane” on an envelope or in the memo line of a check or choose “Hurricane Relief” as your fund in the online giving portal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Camp - November 11-13

If you were unable to spend the night for our rebooted getaway this year, we are opening up registration a second time with three additional options for families:

- Saturday Waterfront and Lunch
- Saturday Waterfront, Lunch, and Dinner
- Sunday Worship

Come for the day to kayak, canoe, fish, and fellowship. You can arrive anytime on Saturday. Sunday Worship is at 10:00 am. Contact Catherine to register!

Advent Craft Fair - November 27 - 9:30 am

All ages are invited for fellowship and to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. Supplies will be provided to create an Advent Wreath for your family and you can pick up your 2022 Advent Devotionals. All Sunday School classes and the Fellowship Cafe will be moved over to the J. Murphy Smith Center. There will be stations to make Christmas ornaments, gifts, and even cocoa spoons!

Fellowship Meal – November 16 – 5:30-7:00 pm

A Thanksgiving-themed meal will be served including turkey, ham, dressing, hash brown casserole, green bean casserole, and other traditional holiday favorites. Please email or call the Church office to sign up **no later than Friday, November 11, 5:00 pm.**

Lunch Wagon Outing to Mike's Farm – November 20 – 2:00 pm (returning 8:30 pm)

The trip will include a family-style meal, a 30-minute hayride, and time to visit the bakery and Christmas shop. Cost: Seniors 56 and over \$34, Adults 12 and over \$35, Kids 7-11 \$25, kids 5-6 \$22, kids 3-4 \$12, kids under 3 free. 4 spots are left, but you need to drive your car – the bus is full. **Sign Up Deadline is November 10!**

New Member's Classes

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian? We will offer New Member's classes on Sunday, December 4, and Sunday, December 11 with a worshipful welcome either at the 11:00 worship service on December 11 or the 8:30 service on December 18. If you'd like to know more, please contact Anna Pinckney Straight. (anna@firstpresnb.org).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY

❖ 9:40 am-10:40 am: Sunday School: Follow Me: Make Peace

Children (Grades K-5) in Ministry Center Room 1.24

Youth (Grades 6-12) in Ministry Center Rooms 2.23-24

If you are interested in a detailed calendar of upcoming Children, Youth, and Family Ministry opportunities, or volunteering, please reach out to Catherine Campbell, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry: catherine@firstpresnb.org

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Sunday Mornings, 9:40 am-10:40 am

The Present Word/George Evans – Session House Parlor

The class will be studying "God's Exceptional Choice" for the fall. Contact George Evans with questions.

Early Christianity to the Reformation – November 6, 13, 20

Taught by Chip Chagnon. The class meets in the Owl Room and will be covering the history of Christianity from Jesus' ministry to the onset of the Reformation.

Midweek Opportunities

Divine Sleep Yoga class

Taught by Diane Elliott and offered on Mondays, 12:00-1:00 pm in the Lighthouse (on the corner of New and Hancock streets). Participants may bring a prop, such as a yoga mat and blanket for comfort. Contact Diane Elliott with questions. The class is free, but donations are accepted.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study

We will meet Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 via Zoom starting **September 12** and will be reading the book *Neglected Voices: Biblical Spirituality in the Margins*, by John Indermark. The book is available from Amazon, new or used. For more information, contact Wendy Moeller at 252-876-7259 or Marice Debruhl at 252-617-8557. To be placed on the Zoom list, contact Cathy Wingfield at 828-767-0975.

Tuesday Afternoon Grief Support

The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (the next meeting is on **November 8**) from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Chapel. This ongoing group provides its members with understanding and support after someone they love dies. Come and bring a friend.

Life of Prayer: The Practice of Contemplative Living

Led by Lloyd Griffith on **Wednesdays, noon-1:00 pm**, and meets in the Ministry Center Owl Room and by Zoom. The group is studying *Intimacy with God*, by Thomas Keating.

Contemplative Worship - Wednesday evenings, 5:00-5:30 pm

Led by Lloyd Griffith, this service in FPC's chapel is focused on silence, prayer, and reflection on Biblical text. The Lord's Supper is observed on the 4th Wednesday.

SERVICE AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Presbyterian Women Thank Offering

The November outreach program for Presbyterian Women will be the annual church-wide Thank Offering. Thank Offerings provide grants for a wide variety of projects at both national and international levels. Circle members are invited to bring a check in any amount they choose, made out to Presbyterian Women and with "Thank Offering" on the memo line, to their November Circle meeting, or mail them to the church.

RCS Clothing Boutique

The boutique is seeking volunteers and sub. This opportunity involves working with another volunteer, greeting people, folding and bagging clothing, recording sales, and receiving payment. If interested, contact RCS and ask for Krishanda.