

**Welcome!**

**We are so glad you are here.**

**November 26, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.**

**If my hands are fully occupied in holding on to something,  
I can neither give nor receive.**

*Dorothee Soelle*

**The kingdom of God can only be received by empty hands.  
Jesus warns against (a) worldly self-sufficiency: you trust yourself and  
your own resources and don't need God; (b) religious self-sufficiency:  
you trust your religious attitude and moral life and don't need Jesus.**

*Michael H. Crosby, Spirituality of the Beatitudes*

**It is really only the poor in spirit who can, actually, have anything,  
because they are the ones who know how to receive gifts.**

**For them, everything is a gift.**

*Simon Tugwell, The Beatitudes*

**The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts.  
No Americans have been more impoverished than those who,  
nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.**

*H.U. Westermayer*

**Real Giving  
The Gift of Abundance**

**Luke 6:37-38**

# **First Presbyterian Church**

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## **Christ the King**

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November 26, 2017

Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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**\*Please stand if you are able.**

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**WELCOME** — Please date, fill out, and pass the red Friendship Register to your neighbor.

**PRELUDE** – *Poeme Mystique* . . . . . Richard Purvis

### **PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN** – **O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!** . . . . . **# 476**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON)** . . . . . Adapted from Guigo de Castro, 1083-1137

**Lord...How much water you can draw from a single well. How great a fire you can kindle from a tiny spark. How great a tree you can grow from a tiny seed. Our souls get so parched that by ourselves we cannot love, yet you can draw from us boundless love for you and for our neighbors. Our souls get so cold that by ourselves we have no joy, yet you can light the fire of heavenly joy within us. Our souls get so feeble that by ourselves, we have no faith, but by your power our faith can grow to a great height. Forgive us for when we doubt what you can do in our lives no matter how parched or cold or feeble we may seem to be. Let us always be full of prayer, full of love, full of joy, full of faith. In the name of the one who is the source of all good things, we pray. Amen.**

### **A TIME OF SILENCE**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER (#577)**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### **A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**ANTHEM**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS – Luke 6:37-38** (New Testament, Page 65 in pew Bible)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** ..... Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

**Real Giving  
The Gift of Abundance**

**THIS WE BELIEVE** (in unison) ..... Luke 6:37-38, The Message

**“Don’t pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don’t condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you’ll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you’ll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.”**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Now Thank We All Our God** ..... #555

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of his glory and grace.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** - (Debtors version) (front of Hymnal, pg. 16)

**Response - Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me; Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

*(Visitors, in the pew rack you will find a Guest Information card.  
Please complete the card, then place it in the offering plate.)*

*The anthem is a prayer. Please, no applause.*

**Offertory Anthem**

**\*THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE – DOXOLOGY ( #593)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**\*OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison) . . . . . Adapted from St. Gertrude the Great (1256-c.1302)**

**Lord, in union with your love, unite our work with your great work, and  
perfect it. As a drop of water, poured into a river, is taken up into the  
activity of the river, so may our labor become part of your work. Thus  
may those among whom we live and work be drawn into your love. In  
Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – I Love thy Kingdom, Lord . . . . . #441**

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**Congregational Response:**

**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

**\*POSTLUDE – Old Netherlands Melody . . . . . Gordon Young**

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**Lay Reader – Louise Hardenburg**

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Ted & Donna Beutner  
in memory of loved ones.**

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**We send our prayers, love, and sympathy to Carl Hanna and his family following  
the November 15<sup>th</sup> death of Carl's wife, Betty. A Memorial Service will be held in our  
sanctuary Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2pm.; a reception will follow in the Rice Room.  
If you would like to help provide food, please contact one of the Deacons to offer your  
assistance. In lieu of flowers, Carl requests donations be made to our Memorial Fund.**

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

**Visitors, following worship, please join us on the patio for juice and coffee. It is  
our hope that you will encounter God as you worship with us.** First Presbyterian  
Church is a family of faith committed to families, peacemaking, and mission. There are  
educational offerings for all ages, as well as fellowship groups for members and friends of  
the church. All are welcome. For information, visit us at our web site at: [fpcoh.org](http://fpcoh.org)

**CHILD CARE** for infants is provided in the nursery, located in the Narthex (Lobby) of the church. Children's worship kits are also available for younger children. Please ask an usher for assistance. Our children's Sunday school, Good News Kidz (GNK), gathers at 10am in the sanctuary (September through May). **FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**, in the narthex we have large print hymnals and a limited number of pew cushions available.

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### **OPPORTUNITIES**

**The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.**

**Please check our website: [fpcoh.org](http://fpcoh.org)  
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar; and  
our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fpcoh/>  
Church office e-mail: [landerson@fpcoh.org](mailto:landerson@fpcoh.org)**

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### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

**Good News Kidz (GNK)** — (Sunday school for children ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary  
**Boy Scout Troop 420, November 28<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building

**CHRISTMAS JOURNEY — A family-friendly, intergenerational event exploring the journey through Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.** Come out and enjoy food, fun, and make your own Advent wreath to use at home for years to come. This will take place in the chapel on Thursday, **November 30 from 5:00-6:30 pm. Space is limited; email James Potts at [jpotts@fpcoh.org](mailto:jpotts@fpcoh.org) to let him know you plan to attend.**

### **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —**

**Breakfast and the Bible** — Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m., chapel – A study focusing on the scripture of the day.

**A Time of Prayer, in the chapel**

**Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

## **BOARD OF DEACONS —**

**Share-A-Meal — December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen**

**A Deacons Fund offering will be received December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

These gifts will go to help members of our church and community when they face financial distress, or to help folks in need who God places in our path. Please use the envelope provided in next week's bulletin.

Just a reminder, we continue to collect non-perishable food items, hygiene supplies and gently used or new sneakers and blue jeans for the Jubilee Center. You may place these items in the narthex area.

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS —**

**Hanging of the Greens & Covered Dish Dinner – December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

Bring a side-dish or dessert to share. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

## **MEETING —**

**Staff meeting – November 27<sup>th</sup>, Noon, church office**

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) —**

### **Afghan Raffle:**

Amy Rachel has made a beautiful afghan for PW to raffle off in support our mission work. This would make a beautiful shower, graduation, wedding, Christmas or birthday present for someone, or a nice gift to yourself. Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after church in the narthex. Tickets are 3 for \$10. We will raffle the afghan on Sunday, **December 10<sup>th</sup>, during our Annual Gift Fair and Cookie Sale.**

Mark your calendar the **Annual Gift Fair and Bake Sale is on Sunday, December 10** after church on the patio. Come finish your Christmas shopping while supporting a good cause.

## **WORSHIP —**

The Westminster Choir will present the **cantata *God With Us!* on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> at the 10 AM service.** *God With Us!* is a compilation of anthems by six arrangers including Pepper Choplin, Mary McDonald, Victor Johnson, Jay Rouse, Lloyd Larson, and Mark Hayes. The cantata delivers the Advent and Christmas message with fresh and highly inventive arrangements. We hope that you can join us for this special event.

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**LOOKING AHEAD.....**

**Christmas Journey** — November 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

**Share-A-Meal** – December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m.

**Presbyterian Women's Gift Fair and Cookie Sale** – December 10<sup>th</sup>, after worship

**The Angel Tree gift deadline: December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas food donation deadline: December 10<sup>th</sup>**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, November 26 – Christ the King Sunday**

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building/Patio ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Monday, November 27**

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel ..... 9:00 – Noon
- Staff meeting – Church office ..... Noon
- Presbyterian Women’s CT meeting – Chapel ..... 5:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 28**

- Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building ..... 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, November 29**

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary ..... 10:30 a.m.

### **Thursday, November 30**

- Christmas Journey – Chapel ..... 5:00 p.m.
- Westminster Choir ..... 5:15 p.m.
- Westminster Ringers Bell Choir ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### **Friday, December 1**

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- After Care Chapel - Sanctuary ..... 4:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, December 2**

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel ..... 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Share-A-Meal – Church Kitchen ..... 11:00 a.m.
- Our Lady of Hope Orthodox Catholic Church – Chapel ..... 5:00 p.m.
- Hanging of the Greens – Sanctuary ..... 6:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, December 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Communion - Sanctuary ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building/Patio ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Memorial service for Betty Hanna – Sanctuary ..... 2:00 p.m.

## A WORD FROM KENNEDY —

### IT'S ALMOST TIME TO LIGHT THE CANDLES!

When you celebrate a birthday, what do you do? If you're doing the whole birthday cake thing, you light the candles! And so, it's appropriate as we approach the birthday of Jesus, that we light the candles, too. We will be doing that each Sunday in worship during the season of Advent or The Coming, the time that Christians prepare for Christmas, with the lighting of the Advent Wreath. Each Sunday for the four weeks prior to Christmas, we will light one more candle on the wreath, and then on Christmas, we will light the candle in the middle called the Christ Candle. And now, what we do in worship, you can do in your own home with your family, or heck, with just yourself.

That's because this Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6:30 PM, James Potts, our Director of Family Ministries, will be hosting a special *Christmas Journey*, an Advent workshop where you can make your own Advent wreath you can start using as the first Sunday of Advent begins next Sunday. Not only that, but James is also preparing a special Advent devotional that you can use not only on each Sunday, but also it will have a devotion for each day in Advent. You can pick it up that night, or we will also have copies available next Sunday. Come out and join us and be part of the Advent fun!

And don't forget that next Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6 PM, you can come out to help us Hang the Greens, as we decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season. And after you hang the greens, you can join us for a potluck chili supper on the patio. You can contribute your own chili to the cause, or bring some other side dish or dessert to share.

**DROP BY FOR COFFEE OR TEA WITH KENNEDY THIS WEEK**

Here are the unscheduled times this week where I am available  
for y'all to come by for a visit!

**Sunday – 3 to 4:30 PM**

(worship, Bible study and pre-marital appt. take up the rest of the day.)

**Monday – 10:30 to 11:30 and 2:00 to 7:00**

(staff mtg. takes up the rest of the day)

**Tuesday – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:30 to 3 PM**

(Preschool walk-around, and Rotary take up the remaining time.)

**Wednesday – 3 PM to 7:00 PM**

(chapels, lunch mtg. and mtg. w. James Potts take up the remaining time)

**Friday – 10:30 to 11:30**

(sermon preparation and chapel take up the rest of the day)

Please try to call beforehand so I can put the kettle on, and to make sure that the schedule hasn't unexpectedly changed for a hospital visit or some other concern.