

**First Presbyterian Church
Together in Christ for all.**



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

**Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 21st
following worship**

There will be a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing Elders, Deacons, Committee Members followed by a Laundry Love Day Town Hall.

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Upon Further Reflection

Laundry Love Day

In 2019 Session began working with me as partners in my Doctor of Ministry research project. That year, we identified a Missional Adaptive Challenge: *"How can our congregation extend the hospitality of Christ among people in our community at large who are skeptical of institutional religion and yet desire belonging, connectedness, and safety while we in the church have fear and anxiety about sharing our faith, being vulnerable, losing control, and not having instructions?"*

Last month Session held another retreat. We identified areas from the statement above that we need to learn about including: "Who are our neighbors? How do we show hospitality in a time of Covid-19? What are we afraid of?" The elders then developed several ideas for missional experiments that could A) be accomplished in two months' time, B) lead to significant learning around these questions, C) include congregational involvement, and D) be something we can realistically accomplish with our existing resources. The selected experiment is called Laundry Love Day.

Laundry Love Day is a tool for our congregation to learn about ourselves, our neighbors, and this question of offering hospitality to a world skeptical of the church. This is not a new ministry, nor is it an attempt to solve a major problem, or to do as much laundry as we can. Instead, Laundry Love Day seeks to create space for hospitality outside the church by inviting neighbors to care for other neighbors. This means that both you and your friends / neighbors / coworkers are invited to be part of it.

Specifically, First Presbyterian Church is partnering with MAC Cleaners on one day in December and one day in January which Session will select on Nov. 17th (and we will share the date with you soon after!). On those days we will offer free laundry for anyone who comes into the laundromat that day.

You can participate by inviting others to contribute or by volunteering for a shift to orchestrate people's laundry on the day itself. But just to be clear – this isn't door to door sales! We will have some materials and suggestions to help you invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or family to show care for others in ways that are low-pressure and (we hope) feel natural to you.

The big shift in this experiment is that our goal is not primarily to accomplish something, but to learn as much as we can about ourselves and our neighbors as we seek to share the hospitality of Christ with others. We can then use what we learn to inspire future experiment and future learning.

We know you will have a lot of questions, so we will share more information about Laundry Love Day in a Town Hall following the congregational meeting on November 21st. If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more about it, we hope you will join us.

Pastor Matt Johnson

Prayer Requests

Contact Carley Bushart at
503-560-0183 or prayer@fpc-mac.org

Sundays

Adult Education Class

The third and final class of the Rev. Tom Norton's series on the Holy Spirit will take place this Sunday, November 21st and will be entitled "Experiencing the Holy Spirit: No Other Choice." Tom describes it as follows: "I want to talk about how the Holy Spirit worked in my life and how he made me realize why I was to become a pastor. It is essential to be aware that the Holy Spirit leads your life as he led mine."

November 28th is the first Sunday of Advent, and hence the beginning of the Liturgical Year. Accordingly, the Liturgical Year will be the topic of our friend and sometimes collaborator from Newberg First Presbyterian Church, Chuck Zickefoose.

Advent will be the context of our next three classes. On December 5th, Markita Price will lead a class on Christmas Carols, in which participants are invited to introduce their favorite carol and it will be played and sung. Do you have a favorite carol? Tell Markita!

Then on December 12th, Jane Kristof will lead a program of Christmas readings. Again, choose a favorite! Your Reading may be verses of scripture, a poem or a short passage of prose that relates to the nativity of Jesus.

On December 19th, Nancy Barker will discuss one of the principal participants in the Christmas story, "Joseph, a Man of Action." Nancy explains, "Joseph, the husband of Mary, is not quoted in scripture. His dynamic actions alone reveal his character. A practical craftsman, he had visions of angels and took risks at their direction. We'll examine the gospel texts and some of the interpretations and legends that accrue to him."

Finally, December 26th, Markita Price will wrap up the year with a discussion of "Christmas Memories and Traditions."

Worship with Us

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am for worship in person or to watch the livestream. The service will be recorded and available on the website, fpc-mac.org, to view later.

Previous services are also available to view at your convenience and sermons are available on the website in written form. You can also contact the church office to have a copy of the sermon mailed to you each week.



Communion Sundays December 5th & 19th

LET'S GET IN
THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Family Christmas Celebration

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
10-11:30AM

GATHER YOUR FAMILY
— YOUR KIDS, YOUR GRANDKIDS, YOUR NEIGHBORS—
AND JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF MERRIMENT!

COOKIE DECORATING
ARTS AND CRAFTS
CAROL SINGING
ADVENT WREATHS

CONTACT KATE
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Ongoing Activities

creative expressions.

Do you have projects that just don't get completed? Do you have magazines or newspapers that you can't find time to read? Are you in the mood to start a new endeavor but don't want to mess up your house?

Creative Expressions is a time that is set aside each month for you to work on any project you wish. We usually meet on the 1st Friday of each month from 4-8pm. **We will meet next on December 3rd.**

Bring a brown bag dinner and drink if you like.



Presbyterian Women

Sarah Circle

December 8th 5:30 pm
Member's home

Agape Circle

December 15th 9:30 am
Calvin Hall West at the Church

Priscilla Circle

December 20th 6:30 pm
Hostess: Sharon Laddusaw
Lesson #4: Mary McBride

Weekly Bible Study on Zoom Wednesdays at 10:00 am

A weekly Bible study, led by Pastor Matt, on the scripture reading for the following Sunday meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am on Zoom. The link for the meeting can be found in the FPC Weekly E-News email. There will be no Bible Study on Dec. 1st, 22nd or 29th.



Pop-up Harvest Sale

- **Sunday, Nov. 21st** - will be Fall and Christmas themed
- **Sunday, Dec. 5th** - will be Christmas themed

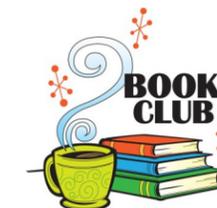
The Pop-up Sale will be in the Gallery and open before and after worship. Cash and checks are accepted. See you there!

December Creative Expressions Christmas Card Making Class

Friday December 3rd
4pm or 6pm

Danna Bone is going to be teaching a card making class during Creative Expressions again. This time Christmas cards. For \$10 you will make four cards. There will be two sessions that evening, one at 4:00 pm and again at 6:00 pm. Class size is limited.

Reserve your spot by contacting Danna Bone. Call or text: 714-343-8420
Email: dboned@pacbell.net.



Social Justice Book Club

Our next book will be *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. This is a great novel that tells the story of sisters whose lives take a very different path based on how they racially identify.

We will meet on Dec. 14th at 4pm on zoom.

Contact Kate for more information or for the link to join the discussion.

Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Adult Education on Zoom 10:30 AM Worship	29 Pastor Matt at a Retreat 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club 2:00 PM Staff Meeting on Zoom	30 Pastor Matt at a Retreat 9:30 AM WITW Leadership	1 Pastor Matt at a Retreat 8:30 AM Wednesday Morning Shelter (take out only) 1:00 PM Membership Exploration Class 5:00 PM Stewardship, Budget & Finance Team on Zoom 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM Women's AA Group 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 9:30 AM Women in the Word 3:30 PM Mission Team on Zoom	3 Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath Day 4:00 PM Creative Expressions	4 10:00 AM Family Christmas Celebration 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)
5 2nd Sunday of Advent Communion Pop-up Harvest Sale 9:00 AM Adult Education on Zoom 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM MYC Middle School Youth 6:00 PM MYC High School Youth	6 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club 4:00 PM Creative Arts Team	7 8:30 AM Earth Care Committee 9:30 AM WITW Leadership 1:00 PM Quilt Group 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Team	8 8:30 AM Wednesday Morning Shelter (take out only) 10:00 AM Bible Study on Zoom 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM Sarah Circle 5:30 PM Women's AA Group 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30 AM Women in the Word	10 Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath Day	11 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)
12 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Adult Education on Zoom 10:30 AM Connectional Worship 5:00 PM MYC Middle School Youth 6:00 PM MYC High School Youth	13 Portfolio articles due 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club 2:00 PM Staff Meeting on Zoom	14 9:30 AM WITW Leadership 4:00 PM Social Justice Book Club on Zoom 6:00 PM Kidventure	15 Portfolio 8:30 AM Wednesday Morning Shelter (take out only) 10:00 AM Bible Study on Zoom 1:30 PM Portfolio Crew 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM Women's AA Group 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Session	16 9:30 AM Women in the Word	17 Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath Day	18 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)
19 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Joy Offering Communion Music Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Education on Zoom 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM MYC Middle School Youth 6:00 PM MYC High School Youth	20 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club 2:00 PM Staff Meeting on Zoom 6:30 PM Priscilla Circle	21 7:00 PM The Longest Night Service	22 Nancy on vacation Pastor Matt on vacation 8:30 AM Wednesday Morning Shelter (take out only) 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM Women's AA Group 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	23 Nancy on vacation Pastor Matt on vacation	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)
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Advent



1st Sunday of Advent
November 28th

9:00am Adult Education Class
10:30 am Worship
Children's Time

Saturday, December 4th
10:00 am Family Christmas Celebration



2nd Sunday of Advent
December 5th

Communion
Pop-up Harvest Sale
9:00 am Adult Education Class
10:30 am Worship
5:00 pm MYC Middle School Youth
6:00 pm MYC High School Youth



3rd Sunday of Advent
December 12th

9:00 am Adult Education Class
10:30 am Connectional Worship
Children's Time
5:00 pm MYC Middle School Youth
6:00 pm MYC High School Youth



4th Sunday of Advent
December 19th

Music Sunday
Christmas Joy Offering
Communion
9:00 am Adult Education Class
10:30 am Worship
Children's Time
5:00 pm MYC Middle School Youth
6:00 pm MYC High School Youth

Tuesday, December 21st
7:00 pm Longest Night Service



Christmas Eve
December 24th

7:00 pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service



Christmas Day
December 25th

Merry Christmas!

Mission

For we are laborers together with God

"For we are laborers together with God" This is the verse from 1Cor 3:9 that Pastor Santiago Flores called to our attention during a Zoom call between the Reformed Calvinist Church in El Salvador (IRCES) and members of FPC's Mission Team. The meeting included sharing our prayer concerns and hearing more about the project FPC is funding - the Psychosocial Care Project. FPC is contributing \$5,320 to train ten pastors and deacons in El Salvador to reach out to 55 people in two communities. The trainings will strengthen resilience for people affected by the isolation of Covid 19, violent events and other disasters to restore hope, dignity and well-being.

To further strengthen our partnership, IRCES invited us to join them at two events. One is a forum in March on immigration in Los Angeles, CA with the Presbytery of the Pacific and other denominations. The Vice President of El Salvador will also be in attendance. This event will be looking at the high-level factors of immigration. The second event will take place in El Salvador later in March. There will be opportunities to worship together and to visit a community where the Psychosocial Care Project was implemented and another model development recently implemented by the Vice President of El Salvador. It will be a time of celebration around the martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero and a study by the PC(USA) General Assembly may also be presented at this gathering.

Other mission updates:

- Afghan family - The Mission Team, in cooperation with Reedwood Friends Church, has been working hard to find the best way to move the family's immigration status forward. We appreciate your prayers for their safety while they wait on a very long list for refugee status in Pakistan.
- IMCK, in DR Congo - The Mission team received updates on Rev. Jacky Ntumba's work as chaplain at the Good Shepherd Hospital. Her work supporting the spiritual life of workers, patients, students and families is inspiring.
- Mission Inter-Senegal - We recently sent funds to lay the foundation for a new church building in Senegal. Praise the Lord!

You can join us as we "labor with God" - please reach out to any member of the Mission Team. We'd love to talk to you more about how you can be a part of this work. There is a way for every person to take part and feel the closeness with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world!



ANGEL TREE 2021 REMAINS VIRTUAL!

In our current Covid environment, Angel Tree continues to offer a virtual option for churches to use. Our FPC Angel Tree secure website should be available for Congregational use within the next few days. We expect to sponsor 40 Children (Angels), the same number as in 2020. The sponsorship level this year is \$25 per child. Once we receive the final details from the National Prison Fellowship (Angel Tree) Organization, we will update the Congregation through the weekly FPC e-Newsletter, which will include the FPC unique Angel Tree Website link, instructions, and website access code.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Pam Jackson (pjackson@aol.com) or John Bush (johnbush@aol.com).

All in the Family continued



December

Anneke Van Uchelen	1st
Matie Hendrix	9th
Mary McBride	9th
Cathy Haugeberg	10th
Min Coburn	11th
Roger Krug	12th
Phillip Thompson-Aue	12th
BJ Barlow	13th
Katie Moss	19th
Bob Irish	20th
Gudie Pfendler	20th
Kalea Garrettson	23rd
Shawna Garrettson	25th
Kennedy Bushart	26th
Marj Howard	28th
Marin Sterling	28th
Bill Wittenberg	28th
Carol Qualey	30th
John Sagers	30th
Shirley Crenshaw	31st
Lee Niederer	31st



December Prayer Calendar

"Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2
Please lift each household name or group listed below in prayer on that day of the month.

1. Mike & Lori Burton
2. John Bush & Pam Jackson
3. Curtis & Carley Bushart
4. Community Dinner
5. Kennedy Bushart
6. Kinsey Bushart
7. Colin & Candice Cameron
8. Gus Carstensen
9. Agnes Chegwyn
10. Pete Christensen
11. Eric Chroust-Masin
12. Martin & Monika Chroust-Masin
13. Dee Clevenger
14. Kidventure
15. Session
16. Jeff & Sharie Clevenger
17. Kaylyn Clevenger
18. Nathan Clevenger
19. Min Coburn
20. Greg & Leslie Copeland
21. The Longest Night
22. Wednesday Breakfast
23. Alice Craven
24. Shirley Crenshaw
25. Peace on Earth
26. Mike Curry
27. Shirley Cushing
28. Maggie Custer, Jackson & Maddy
29. Rich & Ann Custer
30. Brian Dailey & Denise Hill
31. Ron & Linda Davison



With Deepest Sympathy

Our church family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Chuck Ruebel

Chuck passed away on October 31, 2021.
A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, November 19th at 10am and will be livestreamed.

May God grant comfort and peace to his loved ones.

Nuts & Bolts

Session Highlights

Action taken and information items are summarized for the Portfolio monthly. With the Thanksgiving holiday, the Portfolio is being published a week early, so there are no Session Highlights as Session has not yet met.

Commitment Cards

If you have not turned in your Commitment Card for 2022, please do so as soon as possible. Session is in the budgeting process and this information is very helpful in planning for next year. You can go online to the website to submit your commitment information.

Opportunity to Serve

Would you be interested in making coffee and tea for the Unitarian Universalist Church that provides lunches for our houseless neighbors on Sundays? It would require being made in the church kitchen after worship and waiting for it to be picked up. We are wanting to see if there are enough volunteers to make this happen. Please contact the church office if you are

Books Needed

Our Little Free Library in the courtyard is in need of more books. If you have some to donate, you can drop them off in the church office. Thank you.

Membership Exploration Class

A Membership Exploration Class will meet on Wednesdays, Nov. 17th, 24th, and Dec. 1st at 1:00 pm at the church.

If you are interested in finding out more about First Presbyterian or interested in joining, please contact Pastor Matt or the church office.

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

FINANCIAL REPORT (Operating Fund)

October	Actual	Budget
Receipts:	\$ 27,562 7.7%	\$ 29,791 8.3%
Expenses:	30,458 7.7%	32,617 8.3%

Year to Date:

Receipts:	\$ 287,935 80.5%	\$ 297,798 83.3 %
Expenses:	294,644 75.3%	326,040 83.3 %

Receipts were down slightly and expenses under budget in October but we added some to the YTD deficit.

Thank you for your continued support.

Staff Out of the Office

Pastor Matt will be on retreat Monday, Nov. 27th- Wednesday, Dec. 1st. He will be on vacation Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 22nd & 23rd, & Sunday, Dec. 26th through Thursday, Dec. 30th.

Kate Satterstrom will be on vacation Monday, Dec. 27th through Friday, Jan. 7th.

Phillip Thompson-Aue will be on vacation Sunday, Dec. 26th through Friday, Dec. 31st.

Nancy MacDonald will be on vacation Monday, Nov. 22nd through Wednesday, Nov. 24th, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 22nd & 23rd, and Monday, Dec. 27th through Wednesday, December 29th.



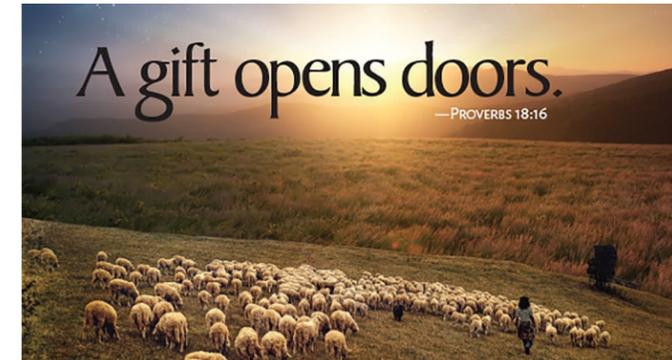
The office will be closed on **Thursday & Friday
November 25th & 26th**

The office will be closed **Monday - Wednesday
December 27th-29th**

Mission



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



Christmas Joy Offering December 19th

The Christmas Joy Offering opens doors of opportunity for the leaders who are shaped and supported through our gifts - doors that lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Our gifts open doors that lead to relief for church workers and their families when emergency needs arise.

Proverbs, a book of wisdom sayings, states that it's a person's gift that opens doors. As we give generously to the Christmas Joy Offering, we seek to not only meet needs, but to meet people, to come through the door that generosity opens. We open the door to celebrate "God with us!" We open the door with each and every student who will soon inspire and lead the world. We open the door with each and every church worker who helps us share God's story with the world.

Please give generously to the Christmas Joy Offering, for when we all do a little - it adds up to a lot.

Checks can be made to FPC and note for Christmas Joy Offering or you can go online through the website to give.



Fair Trade Market Cart

The cart will be open the 2nd and 4th Sundays following the worship service.

Coffee is \$7 to \$8.50 per bag,
Tea is \$3.50 per box and
Chocolate Bar is \$3.00 per bar.

We have added baking chocolate items:

Organic Semi-sweet Chocolate Chips, \$4 per bag
Organic Bittersweet Chocolate Chips, \$4 per bag
Organic Baking Cocoa, \$6 per can

Stop by and support the small farmer.

Earth Care Corner

After years of doing things one way, how do we change?

Janice Jones mentioned that she didn't buy a clothes dryer when she moved into her home. She hangs clothes outside (between showers, now!) or on a wooden rack in the house. "I remember my mom hanging the clothes on the line and the smell of fresh, clean laundry," she said.



Janice shared quotes from two Wall Street Journal articles:

"A clothesline adds curb appeal. I realized this recently while traveling in Italy, where laundry lines are ubiquitous and where shirts and pants sway like gauzy, floating dancers over balconies and terraces." - Michelle Slatalla

"Hang-drying your laundry is one of the easiest and cheapest ways to save energy, carbon emissions and money," says Joe Wachunas, who works for a nonprofit Forth which promotes electric transportation in Portland, OR.

"In the United States, some 80% of all households use a clothes dryer, an electricity hog of an appliance, second only to a refrigerator." - Malia Wollan

Taking care of God's creation can mean "taking a step back into the past".

A seedling of hope!



After a year of constructive conversation between representatives of the forest sector and environmental organizations, on Oct. 29, 2021, an agreement was signed on proposed changes to Oregon's Forest Practice Laws. This includes providing cold, clean water; fish and wildlife habitat; recreation opportunities, renewable wood products, and supporting tens of thousands of family wage jobs in Oregon. Timber companies and environmentalists working together to manage our forests! Will our "seedling of hope" grow to maturity?

(Update from the Oregon Small Woodlands Association)



Children, Youth, & Family

CHILDREN'S TIME

SUNDAY 10:30AM
Children are invited to worship & will be excused to Children's Time

DECEMBER 5: Communion,
No Children's Time
DECEMBER 12: Advent
DECEMBER 19: Advent
DECEMBER 26: Christmas Break,
No Children's Time

DECEMBER KIDVENTURE

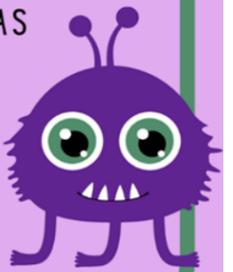
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DECEMBER 14
THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28
NO KIDVENTURE

First Presbyterian Church
Labyrinth Entrance
6:00-7:00pm

we will not currently be serving dinner, but are hopeful it can be added back in soon



an excerpt from **A Prayer for Advent** by Kayla Craig

O come Emmanuel
We enter this time of Advent
With holy anticipation
We enter this sacred season with bated breath

O come Emmanuel
Ignite in us the awe of a child
Looking into a manger scene
As we wait on the promise
Of the coming infant King
In a humble stable.

O come Emmanuel
Help us light the candles
And illuminate the darkness within us
O Light of the world
Be with us as we recite these stories
With our children — of shepherds
And angels and peace for all people
Ring the bells
Of righteousness of justice of hope.

O come, O come, Emmanuel

McMinnville Youth Collective December

Dec 5: Youth Group
Dec 12: Youth Group
Dec 19: Youth Group
Dec 26: No Youth Group

First Presbyterian Church Youth Room
Middle School: 5-6:30pm
High School: 6-7:30pm



FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 4TH
10 - 11:30 AM

Gather your family and friends.
Join us for a morning of celebration with
Christmas art, cookie decorating, caroling,
advent wreaths, and fellowship.

ALL AGES WELCOME