



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN November 15, 2023

10:00 am  
Sunday Worship  
[Firstprescf.org](http://Firstprescf.org)



**"...God's mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning."**

Lamentations 3:22-23

**SUNDAY, November 19 A Thanksgiving Service of Readings and Songs**

Gifts: A Service of Thanksgiving by Ann Weems

As the seasons change, we are reminded that the seasons steadily continue even as life feels disrupted. Sunday we will celebrate the steadfast love God shows us in whatever circumstance we find ourselves. We will be led through readings, songs, and prayers celebrating God's faithfulness. Plan to attend in person or on Facebook live.

**Prayer of Preparation**

Generous God,

Your steadfast love never ceases. Your mercies never come to an end.

Through your Son and your holy community,

we are continually reminded that the business and tragedy in this world cannot overcome your love and mercy.

Fashion us to be sharers of this good news. Amen.

**Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner**

As we remember the blessings of this Thanksgiving season, the Mennonite and First Presbyterian congregations will celebrate with a joint Friendsgiving potluck. It will be held on Sunday,

November 19 in the church dining room following our services.



We ask that you bring a dish to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. We look forward to this time of fellowship and celebration of God's blessings.

**Church Birthdays**

Nov. 16-Kelley Galyen, 17-Larry Hays, 18-Joyce Anderson, 25-Sally Lee, 26-Kay Leeper

**For Your Prayers...**

**Gus Hill**

**Jean Boller**

**Dave & Sue Luck's** daughter, Emy Mountain

Lynette Cline's mother, Sylvia McClune, in hospice care.

**Coming Soon...**

*Sunday, Nov. 26*-Hanging of the Greens after worship (no lunch provided.)

**Sign up anytime online:**

**Worship Leader Sign Up:**

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

*Or sign up in the narthex!*

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Worship Leader:** Carol Dotseth

**Computer Operator:** Dave Luck

**Videographer:** Neal Leeper

**Time for Wonder:** Rhonda Braley

**Fellowship:** Jim & Jane Seeley, Judy Burfeind

**Wednesday Meal:** Tom & Jeverna Mulligan, Shirley Hill, Dot Clausen, Patti Humpal & Sue Luck

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful cards and kind wishes sent my way following my surgery. Your encouragement and prayers meant so much during my recovery.

Kay Leeper

## Second Sunday Coffee/Fellowship

Deacons are hosting fellowship time following worship on the second Sunday of January, March and May. Congregational support is being requested to add to the enjoyment of our shared time.

One or two Deacons will prepare beverages, do set up, serve, and clean up. We are asking one or two congregational members sign up to assist the Deacons by providing a simple treat, serve, and help with clean up.

Please consider being a part of Second Sunday Fellowship time. A sign up sheet is in the narthex. Thank You from the Deacons

## Upcoming schedule

### Wednesday, November 15

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

### Sunday, November 19

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

- SHINE breakout sessions

11:00 am Friendsgiving Potluck, dining room

### Monday, November 20

6:30 pm Worship Team, Zoom

### Wednesday, November 22

--- **NO** Choir Rehearsal

### Thu. & Fri, Nov. 23-24

--- office closed for Thanksgiving

## In Sympathy



Condolences to the family of **Robert Beach** upon his death on Saturday, November 4. A celebration of Bob's life will be held in the spring. You may read his obituary on Richardson's website: [Bob Beach](#).



## Stewardship Response for 2024

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their "Estimate of Giving" and "Time & Talents" pledge. If you haven't done so yet, please return yours to the office or bring them on Sunday.

## - International Student Thanksgiving Meal Appeal

ThreeHouse will be hosting a Thanksgiving meal for International College Students on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6 pm. We need your help! We would like to invite you to provide a dish that makes "Thanksgiving Dinner" to you. ThreeHouse will provide the turkey.

Please sign up if you are able to bring something. *FYI* - after you sign up you will be able to see what others are bringing and you WILL be able to edit your entry. Leftovers will be sent home with students.

To sign up call 319-266-4071 or use the sign-up sheet here:

[ThreeHouse International Students Thanksgiving](#)

## Community Ministries - Eye of the Needle

With the weather turning colder, Eye of the Needle is in need of coats and blankets.

If you have gently used items that you no longer need, they can be brought to the church and left on the children's tables in the classroom across from the office (left side.) The Community Ministries team will deliver all donated items to Eye of the Needle.



*Coats for all sizes and ages are gratefully accepted.*

## Adopt A Family

Our annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family gift giving opportunity is here once again!

***\*You do not need to create an account or enter in any payment information! You are only signing up to bring a gift.***

All you need to do is follow these directions....

In order to choose one or more gifts from our "Four Trees," click on the links below. You can select from any or all of the four choices. After you have shopped for your gift, please wrap it and put a tag on the gift that tells who it is for and what it is. We will change the tag to the name only before we deliver the gift. Your gifts should be taken **to the church library** in the basement. The **deadline to return gifts is Sunday, December 10**. Please do not leave gifts in the entryway for security reasons. A cart is available if needed.

Click on the link/s below, click the 'sign up' button on the right by the item/s you wish to shop for, then click 'save and continue' at the bottom of the screen. You'll be directed to the next page; enter in your name, email and phone number then click 'Sign Up Now' at the bottom. Your information is confidential; only the church office will see it. You will then receive a confirmation email.

Or, please consider sending a check to First Presbyterian Church and put Adopt-A-Family in the memo. We would be happy to do your shopping for you.

If you have any questions please contact Jan Thedens, Julie Rokes, Sue Weinberg or call the church office 319-277-3930.



**12 yr old girl:** [Adopt-a-Family 12 yr old girl](#)



**8 yr old boy:** [Adopt-a-Family 8 yr old boy](#)



**Mother:** [Adopt-a-Family Mother](#)



**Household:** [Adopt-a-Family Household items](#)