

Join the Office of Public Witness as polls begin to close for a time of prayer centered on peace, hope, and unity for our nation this election day. This service of prayer will offer an opportunity to come together as a denomination—regardless of hoped for outcomes—to reflect upon our shared values of faith, democracy, and social justice. Through scripture readings, prayer, song, and silent reflection, we aim to inspire peace, hope, and unity for our nation led by Christ example. 6:00 pm -6:30 pm ET will be streamed live on Zoom (please register below) and a recording will be posted as soon as possible for viewing as polls continue to close across the United States.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Office of Public Witness

LIVE

Faith, Democracy and Justice:
Prayers for Our Nation on Election Night

<p>When: Nov. 5, 2024 at 6 p.m. (ET) (with recording to air later)</p> <p>Where: Zoom (register in advance)</p>	<p>Worship Leadership Provided by: The Stated Clerk: Rev. Jihyun Oh Co-Moderator: Rev. Tony Larson Co-Moderator: Rev. CeCe Armstrong Advocacy Director: Rev. Jimmie Hawkins Domestic Policy Representative: Rev. Christina Cosby</p>
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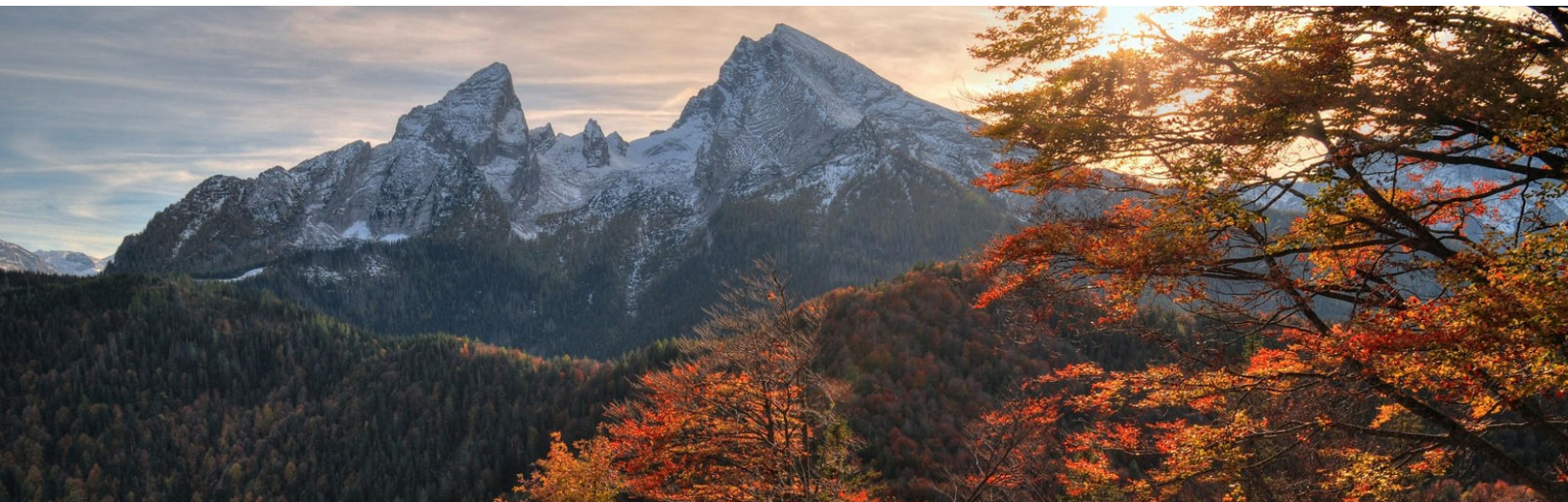
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Are You Interested in the Future of First Presbyterian?

Due to my military and church background, I have lived in many places. Being a person of faith, that means I have been to many churches. You might think, “Well, that’s normal for a pastor.” But since my ordination in 1998, I have had at least five years where I was just doing military work and didn’t even have a chapel congregation. During that time, my family and I visited churches.

The number one thing that determined whether we would return wasn’t the sermon. It wasn’t the music. It wasn’t the order of service or if what we heard lined up with our theology. The number one item is whether the people worshiping welcomed us or not. Did it matter to anyone that we were there? Even if they welcomed Lesley and me, what about our kids? Did they feel welcomed? Do they like that we are there? Did anyone welcome them?

Few activities are more important to gathering around worship than welcoming people, especially if they are newcomers. We don’t know their situation or why they have come. Perhaps they are new to the area, seeking a church, or maybe it has been a hard week and they are seeking comfort and connection. The way we make people feel might very much change their day. I was very glad recently to see an embarrassed parent being affirmed by our worshipers that it is okay that their child was dancing in the sanctuary. The child’s dancing brought joy, not judgment. I also know the only reason they come up for communion is that they were encouraged to by their fellow worshipers to Christ’s Table, open to all.

This welcoming extends to our fellowship time as well. I encourage you to learn about visitors who come to fellowship. Get to know them and invite them back. I was pleased to see this last Sunday, when we had visitors. A table of our members sat with them. It should always be like that.

Hebrews 10:24-25 NRSV And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The very future of our church rests on this being a place where people come and encounter God and find people who are interested in God’s children. Jesus taught that loving God and neighbor are intertwined. Sadly, not all churches practice this. Many come to church to interact with their friends. That’s fine, but it can’t be limited to that.

I hope we at First Presbyterian Church are always known, before all else, as a welcoming congregation.

Scriptures for November

November 3rd
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Ruth 1:1-18
Mark 12:28-34

November 10th
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Mark 12:38-44

November 17
26th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10
Mark 13:1-8

November 24
Christ the King/ Reign of Christ
2 Samuel 23: 1-7
John 18:33-37

Faith in Action 2024 Report

Faith In Action Weekend was a wonderful success. With the help of all of you and the volunteers from the other churches, we filled 250 Bags of Grace, and divided them between the 5 participating churches. This group of ecumenical volunteers also helped remodel the volunteer restrooms at New Hope Resource Center, put together furniture at Northwest Furniture Bank, packed home delivery boxes at Emergency Food Network, made cookies for first responders, tied fleece blankets for people in need, filled preschool activity bags, made personal care kits, and helped with many other projects as well. We celebrated on Sunday evening with dinner and worship.

Thank you to all the folks who participated, and all those who donated items for the various ministries. We were truly the hands and feet of Jesus.



Personnel, Stewardship and Finance

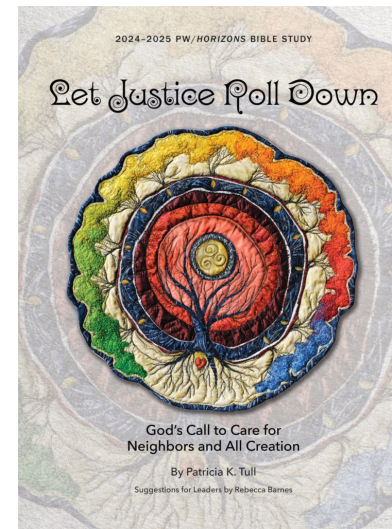
It is hard to believe the 2024 calendar year is 75% over. The pledges received are 62.4%. We encourage you to be up to date as the year is quickly closing.

Thank you to those who have returned their pledge cards for 2025. If you are one who needed more time to discern your commitment, please return your monetary and time pledge soon. The information will help set a balanced budget for 2025.

Thank you!

Walking in the Light (Adult Sunday School)

On Sundays from 9 to 10 AM, join us in the FPCP parlor for a continuing Bible discussion and learning group for adults. Guided by the excellent Feasting On The Word curriculum, using the same lectionary calendar our congregation follows when planning weekly scripture readings, our group seeks to provide a welcoming, casual space where folks can learn and share while we reach deeper into scripture and act upon what we find there. We seek to walk alongside and learn from Jesus, and we invite anyone who would like to be in fellowship, exploring how to live more thoughtful, Gospel-centered and Holy Spirit led lives



Our Presbyterian Women have begun their in-person circle meetings, but some of you may not be available to attend. This means that you are missing out on a wonderful Bible study!

All are invited to join Presbyterians for Earth Care for a virtual monthly study of Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation by Patricia K. Tull with suggestions for leaders by Rebecca Barnes

Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment. Further, readers will explore theological questions that point us to act and engage, in small and large ways.

Order the study for \$10 <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/product/let-justice-roll-down-english-edition/>

Please join Presbyterians for Earth Care for this unique monthly opportunity for meaningful community study! This virtual gathering is made available especially for those who do not have local access to this PW study opportunity. Come as you are able. All are welcome.

Study Leaders: Rev. M. Courtenay Willcox and Rev. Lucy Youngblood

ZOOM information for all sessions:
Scan QR Code to Access from your Phone:
Meeting ID: 856 4486 1027 Passcode: 932940



All Circle Options:

Eve Circle— Third Tuesday of the month in the evening
Hoff-Nicholson Circle—Third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm
Chase-MacInnes Circle— Third Thursday of the month at 12:00 pm
Online Circle— Fourth Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm

Presbyterian Women "Living History" Luncheon

Join PW for their monthly luncheon on **November 1, 2024**. The Presbyterian Women Luncheon is a lively gathering that fosters fellowship, inspiration, and service among community members. Attendees bring their own lunch to enjoy while discussing faith, social justice, and outreach initiatives. Featuring guest speakers who share empowering stories, the event encourages connections among women of all ages,

Hanging of the Greens!!!

November 30 @ 10am

Donuts and Coffee Provided

Come together for Fellowship as we prepare for the Advent Season