

OCTOBER 2025

# The Chimes

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PUYALLUP  
412 W PIONEER, PUYALLUP, WA 98371

Peace I leave with you; my  
peace I give you. I do not give to  
you as the world gives. Do not let  
your hearts be troubled and do  
not be afraid.

JOHN 14:27

## Shining the Light in the Darkness

By Pastor Tom Paine

Jesus said, in part, “You are the light of the world” and “let your light  
shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify  
your Father in heaven.”

So often we want to say that Jesus is the light. We want to just point to  
Jesus. We want to fall back on Jesus being the answer. And, in the end,  
we want Jesus to fix what is wrong in the world around us. But Jesus  
didn't say, “Point to me as the light.” He called on us to be the light.

That might mean going to places that don't seem to have much  
“illumination.”



Who is suffering today? Who is having a hard time? Who might feel lonely? What might we do to change  
that? There are hospital wards, assisted living facilities, and homeless non-profits that rarely get visits. There are  
detention centers and penitentiaries that get infrequent visitors. We have an epidemic of loneliness. Many  
people could use a friendly call. As a church, I hope we can continue to focus on how we help, and who we help.  
Our tendency is to stay with people we know. But maybe reaching out to people can be one of our best ways to  
shine a light.

Let's not hide our light. May it shine.



# AS FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

REACH UP TO GOD

REACH INTO HIS WORD

REACH OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE

## OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 7am Fellowship Hall Lighting Project 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book SAA	<b>2</b> 10:00am South Hill Artist 6:00 AA , ALAnon , and ALA Teen 6:00 pm TOPS 6:00pm Trudging the Road AA 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 Choir	<b>3</b> 12noon Presbyterian Women's Lunch All are Welcome at this monthly event. Bring your lunch and dessert is provided	<b>4</b> 8:00am A.A. <b>FAITH IN ACTION WEEKEND</b>
<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Living Free (AA) <b>FAITH IN ACTION WEEKEND</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9am PVC Meeting FH 9:00 am Christian Ed Commission 1:30pm PW Coordinating Team 6:30 pm Committee Meetings	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book SAA	<b>9</b> 9:30am Bagging for Kids 6:00 AA , ALAnon , and ALA Teen 6:00 pm TOPS 6:00pm Trudging the Road AA 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30pm Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00 am A.A.
<b>12</b> Laundry Soap Sunday  9am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team /Choir 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Living Free (AA)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:30am New Hope Meal Prep Team  6:30pm Deacon Meeting	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book SAA	<b>16</b> 12 noon P W Circle 6:00 AA , ALAnon , and ALA Teen 6:00 pm TOPS 6:00pm Trudging the Road AA 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30pm Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8am Men's Breakfast @ Crockett's on Main with guest speaker Chaplain Davis Aaron Johnson 8:00 am A.A.
<b>19</b> 9am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team /Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30am Committees Fare 1:30pm PVC Recital 6:00 pm Living Free (AA)	<b>20</b> 6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Session Meeting	<b>22</b> 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book SAA	<b>23</b> 6:00 AA , ALAnon , and ALA Teen 6:00 pm TOPS 6:00pm Trudging the Road AA 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30pm Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00 am A.A.
<b>26</b> Pledge Dedications 9am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team /Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30am Church Pot Luck 6:00 pm Living Free (AA)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:30am New Hope Meal Prep Team 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 AA , ALAnon , and ALA Teen 6:00 pm TOPS 6:00pm Trudging the Road AA 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30pm Eve Circle Study 6:30pm Choir	<b>31</b> 	<b>VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES</b> <b>ELDERS DEACONS &amp; COMMITTEES</b> <b>PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GROUP</b> <b>MEN'S GROUP</b>

## SCRIPTURE FOR OCTOBER

October 5th  
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6  
Lamentations 3:19-26  
Psalm 137  
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

October 12  
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7  
Psalm 66:1-12  
2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c  
Psalm 111  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

October 19  
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119:97-104  
Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

October 26  
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:22-32  
Psalm 65  
Jerimiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
Psalm 84:1-7  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14



## Men's Breakfast

Join the men of First Pres every Third Saturday of the month for a time of fellowship. Featuring a new guest speaker each month.. The next meeting is October 18th at 8 am. Our guest speaker is David Aaron Johnson

Each guest pays their own check. We hope to see you there!

## Personnel, Stewardship, and Finance Committee

It is October and our Stewardship Campaign is in full swing. Watch our bulletin board for the 4 week theme of **OUR SEASON OF CHANGE**. We will be considering what to keep, toss, recycle and renew in our ministry here in Puyallup. The scripture focuses are Matthew 6:31-32, Luke 12:18-21, Jeremiah 18:1-6, and Hebrews 13:5. As Pastor Tom Paine says, "May this season remind us all of God's constant faithfulness, and may our stewardship reflect our trust in the One who makes all things new."

It is a pleasure to announce Katie Wolfe's continued employment as our Christian Education Director. Thank you Katie for sharing your energy, enthusiasm and direction with us.

Our expected income for this time of year is 67%. At this time we have received 61% income and our expenses are currently 57%. Please continue to keep your giving current as year end approaches.



## Project Regeneration

It is time for an update on Regeneration and the accomplishments over the past year. The Regeneration Committee and the Session began working on this project in September 2023. It all began by reading the book, *The Sailboat Church* by Joan S. Gray and deciding what would be the future of Puyallup First Presbyterian Church. From November 2023-March 2024, there was much research, study, discussion and evaluation about the future of FPC. It was decided to continue our presence in downtown Puyallup, by Reinvention of Ministry. Members and friends were asked to join the brainstorming of new ministry possibilities in June of 2024. From the meeting, over 100 ministry ideas were generated and the regeneration committee studied and ranked the new ministry ideas for implementation. The top seven new ideas were: 1) A ministry involving young adults in how we worship, outings, and outreach, 2) advocate more on homelessness, hunger and medical care issues, 3) outreach to our seniors, 4) tutoring for Meeker Elementary School, 5) helping young people who have aged out of foster care, 6) seeking more outreach opportunities for seniors in the community, and 7) an after school place for students to gather for fellowship. These ideas were then assigned to the appropriate committee on the session or deacons to explore and implement. Through this committee work, new ministries have been set in place. There is now a Food Pantry, a community potluck was held, a phone tree has developed for those living alone, Eileen and Callie's place has been adopted to help those aging out of foster care, and opportunities to support the police and fire departments are being explored. Much has been accomplished during the last year. How can you join others in these important ministries?



## Faith In Action

We will be doing service projects for the people in our community, and beyond.

There are five churches participating this year: First Presbyterian, Shepherd of the Hill, Peace Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran and United Methodist church.

Some of the activities being planned are cleaning up parking lots of area non-profit organizations, putting together furniture, making personal care kits, and making Bags of Grace.

On Sunday, October 5, remember that we at First Presbyterian will not have a worship service. Instead, we invite you to join us at 10:30 am here, to put together the small item and first aid bags. These will be included in the larger bags, that we will put together at 1:00 pm. Our goal is a total of 250 Bags, 50 for each of the participating churches.

On Sunday evening we will have worship and dinner together at Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church. This will be a great time to help our community and get to know our sisters and brothers in Christ. Questions? Concerns? Ask Phyllis or Pat.

Sign up through Sign-Up Genius Here:  
Sign up for activities and dinner.



Donate items through Amazon Here:  
We need to make up 250 Bags of Grace,  
this lists the items we need for the bags.



## Congregation and Worship Life

October 19 Committee Fair! Committees are invited to set up a showcase of things they do that serve the FPC community and beyond. You may also offer sign up sheets to volunteer with specific projects.

Save the Date for October 26 Church Potluck! Bring your favorite dish to share.

As always, you are invited to sign up to bring snacks for Fellowship Hour! Are you interested? Check out the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or ask one of the members of Congregation and Worship Life.

## Soapy Sundays

Reminder to bring Laundry Soap on Communion Sundays to donate to the Puyallup Food Bank! The food bank serves many individuals and families in need. Household items such as laundry detergent can be an essential that is difficult to find.

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