



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



September 2022

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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Preaching Schedule for September

September 4 - Jane Els, communion

September 11 - Lessons and Hymns

September 18 - Jane Els

September 25 - The Rev. Charles Moore

Rev. Charles Moore is a recently retired minister who has moved to Paris, Texas, and is available for *occasional* pulpit supply. We look forward to having him in our pulpit on September 25!

Notice of Congregational Meeting for Oct 2022

- A congregational meeting has been called for October 9, 2022 following worship to elect a Nominating Committee to serve October 2022 - September 2023. This committee will nominate up to two church members to serve on the Session and one member as Trustee all for the class of 2025. As per the Book of Order and our Manual of Operations, the Session appoints Session 2 members, traditionally those who are rolling off, to serve on this committee. Three additional members from the congregation at large will be elected. This is only a one year commitment and after October/November the committee will only meet if a Session member or

Trustee is unable to fulfill his/her term and needs to be replaced. Nominations will be taken from the floor. You may nominate yourself. If you wish to nominate someone else, please discuss this with them prior to the meeting. Please consider serving your congregation in this way.

Notice

The Stated Session meeting for September has been rescheduled for Oct. 9 following the congregational meeting.

September 2022 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Sunday, September 4 (Proper 18)

Semicontinuous
Jeremiah 18:1–11
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18
Philemon 1–21
Luke 14:25–33

Complementary
Deuteronomy 30:15–20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1–21
Luke 14:25–33

Sunday, September 11 (Proper 19)

Semicontinuous
Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12–17
Luke 15:1–10

Complementary
Exodus 32:7–14
Psalm 51:1–10
Timothy 1:12–17
Luke 15:1–10

Sunday, September 18 (Proper 20)

Semicontinuous
Jeremiah 8:18–9:1
Psalm 79:1–9
1 Timothy 2:1–7
Luke 16:1–13

Complementary
Amos 8:4–7
Psalm 113
Timothy 2:1–7
Luke 16:1–13

Sunday, September 25 (Proper 21)

Semicontinuous
Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15
Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16
1 Timothy 6:6–19
Luke 16:19–31

Complementary
Amos 6:1a, 4–7
Psalm 146
Timothy 6:6–19
Luke 16:19–31

September birthdays & anniversaries:

(Please notify the office if I do not have your birthday)

**8 Carolyn Hylton
26 Katelyn Drennan**

Attendance:

**July 31–9
August 7–10
August 14–15
August 21–15**



Jane's Journey

I want to catch our friends in Winnsboro up on wonderful things our brother Armel Crocker is doing. This week he is going back to school. He will be attending Perkins School of Theology on the SMU campus near where he lives in Dallas. He'll take a class in Old Testament two days a week and then another class in Christian Theology the other two days. Down the road he'll decide if this ends up as a path to ordination or just education for fun. On

Sundays, he preaches somewhere each week. He is on two of the most active committees of Grace Presbytery: the Committee on Ministry and the Social Justice Task Force.

The other way Armel shared his talent was at a fantastic camp Gilmont hosted at the end of their summer. I wrote about it on my blog if you want the whole scoop:

<https://janeels.blogspot.com>

You should be able to just click on that link or type it into your browser. Gilmont hosted the first ever faith-based camp for LGBT kids in the nation. It was so newsworthy that Presbyterians Today covered it in their magazine, as did Presbyterian Mission. I have always loved Gilmont's heart for hosting camps for kids who need a place to go and just relax and "be themselves." That's why I've volunteered in the kitchen at the Gluten-Free camp for the past few years. Kids should not have to worry about what they are going to eat at camp. And kids shouldn't have to worry about peer pressure at camp if they are gay or transgender. Kids should be able to just have fun at camp. And Gilmont keeps making it easier for kids to do that.

He and I both spent the week at the camp and were the oldest staff members there. And since we weren't exactly going to coach volleyball they gave us the titles of "Wise Elders." I worked in the kitchen and made myself in charge of hugs. To my astonishment, I had three little girls who told me their own grandmothers would not hug them after they came out of the closet as gay. Armel talked to the kids about what it was like to live through the AIDS crisis in San Francisco in the 1980's.

God is revealing our vocations to us. As Buechner said, "Where our deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet, we hear a further call."

September

(Sorry if it is hard to read—it's a photo of the calendar from web-site)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 2pm - Bible Study	30	31 9am - Bible Study	1	2	3
4 Communion	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7 9am - Bible Study	8 Carolyn Hyton	9	10
11	12 2pm - Bible Study	13	14 9am - Bible Study	15 First Day of Hispanic	16	17
18	19 Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study	20	21 9am - Bible Study	22	23	24
25	26 Katalyn Drevnan 2pm - Bible Study	27	28 9am - Bible Study	29	30	1 Olivia Holoman