



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



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Preaching Schedule for October

Oct. 2 - Jane Els, World Communion

Oct. 9 - Jimmy Chapman, Congregational Meeting, Session Meeting

Oct. 16 - Jane Els

Oct. 23 - Lessons and Hymns

Oct. 30 - TBA

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.

October 2022 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Sunday, October 2 (Proper 22)

Semicontinuous

Lamentations 1:1–6

Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Luke 17:5–10

Complementary

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

Psalm 37:1–9

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Luke 17:5–10

Sunday, October 9 (Proper 23)

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 2

Psalm 66:1–12

2 Timothy 2:8–15

Luke 17:11–19

Complementary

Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8–15

Luke 17:11–19

Sunday, October 16 (Proper 24)

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 31:27–34

Psalm 119:97–104

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Luke 18:1–8 Luke 18:1–8

Complementary

Genesis 32:22–31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Sunday, October 23 (Proper 25)

Semicontinuous

Joel 2:23–32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Luke 18:9–14

Complementary

Jeremiah 14:7–10, 19–22

Psalm 84:1–7

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Luke 18:9–14

Sunday, October 30 (Proper 26)

Semicontinuous

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4

Psalm 119:137–144

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

Luke 19:1–10

Complementary

Isaiah 1:10–18

Psalm 32:1–7

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

Luke 19:1–10

**October birthdays &
anniversaries:**

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

**1 Olivia Holloman
13 Beaven Els
21 Debbi Elmer
21 Hannah Horstman**

Attendance:

**August 28—6
September 4—11
September 11—13
September 18—13**



Jane's Journey

Once in a while I try a new spiritual practice or revive one I haven't used in a while. I have to admit that I'm not the best at keeping up with a routine over the years. Beaven has been reading a devotion every morning since he was a teenager but I don't have the same stick-to-it nature.

But one of my best attempts was praying the office. I first heard about this spiritual practice about 15 years ago. I thought it was a strange term. The only "office" I knew about was the kind with staplers and paper clips. But this one was the habit of praying on a regular basis—at set times of the day. The clergy would pray early in the morning then throughout the day and even sometimes in the middle of the night.

I know that when I became aware of the idea it was before cell phones got as sophisticated as they are now because the only way I could set an alarm on my phone to go off on a regular basis was to use an app set up for Muslims who were the main people who actually did stop everything to pray at set times of the day. So, my first attempt to pray on a regular basis throughout the day was set up on the schedule that Muslims used: Sunrise, mid-morning, noon, mid-day, sunset and 9 pm. I wasn't about to pray at midnight. God didn't want to hear what I had to say at midnight. Actually, I deleted the sunrise alarm early on, too. And the interesting part was that the Muslims were so intent on being accurate that I noticed the sunrise and sunset times would change almost daily by about a minute...following the sun's schedule. And sometimes something written in Arabic would pop up on my screen. However, I got so caught up working on setting the schedule for praying that I forgot to do any actual praying. I spent so much time perfecting the recipe for the frosting that I forgot to bake the cake. My prayer practice fell apart.

It's much easier today. I have an alarm for 9 am, noon, 3 pm, 6 pm and 9 pm. And this time I am using the Jesus Prayer.

Five times a day. I stop and say this simple prayer from the Orthodox church: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." It's so simple it's almost laughable. But there are entire books written on the Jesus Prayer. There are YouTube videos on it.

October

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26 Katelyn Drennan ● 2pm Bible Study	27	28 ● 9am Bible Study	29	30	Oct 1 Olivia Hoffmann ● 10am Al-Anon
2 Communion World Communion Sunday	3 ● 2pm Bible Study	4	5 ● 9am Bible Study	6	7	8 ● 12pm Al-Anon
9 Congregation Meeting Session	10 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day ● 2pm Bible Study	11	12 ● 9am Bible Study	13 Beaven Ets	14	15 ● 12pm Al-Anon
16	17 ● 2pm Bible Study	18	19 ● 9am Bible Study	20	21 Debbie Elmer Hannah Hoffmann	22 ● 12pm Al-Anon
23	24 Cross & Crown articles due ● 2pm Bible Study	25	26 ● 9am Bible Study	27	28	29 ● 12pm Al-Anon
30	31 Halloween ● 2pm Bible Study	Nov 1 First Day of American Indian Heritage	2 Patricia Fields ● 9am Bible Study	3	4	5 ● 12pm Al-Anon