



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



October 2023

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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October Preaching Schedule:

1st - Jane and communion
8th - Rev. Henry Suche
15th - Jane
22nd - Jimmy preaching, congregation meeting and session meeting
29th - lessons & hymns

Notice of Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been called for October 22 following worship to elect church officers for the class of 2024. The decision was made to skip the step of electing a nominating committee due to the fact that we have become so small in membership/attendance. Nominations will be taken from the floor to fill at least 2 and up to 3 positions on the Session and one position for Trustee. If you wish to nominate someone, please confirm in advance of the meeting with that person if they are willing to serve. (Ronny and Alice will be rolling off Session and Beaven Els off Trustee.)

In October, our Fellowship lunch will be on Sunday October 29th after the service. Come join us for a good meal and a chance to visit with friends. Details on the menu will be decided soon.

October 2023 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Sunday, October 1 (Proper 21)

Semicontinuous

Exodus 17:1–7

Psalms 78:1–4, 12–16

Philippians 2:1–13

Matthew 21:23–32

Complementary

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

Psalms 25:1–9

Philippians 2:1–13

Matthew 21:23–32

Sunday, October 8 (Proper 22)

Semicontinuous

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b–14

Matthew 21:33–46

Complementary

Isaiah 5:1–7

Psalms 80:7–15

Philippians 3:4b–14

Matthew 21:33–46

Sunday, October 15 (Proper 23)

Semicontinuous

Exodus 32:1–14

Psalms 106:1–6, 19–23

Philippians 4:1–9

Matthew 22:1–14

Complementary

Isaiah 25:1–9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1–9

Matthew 22:1–14

Sunday, October 22 (Proper 24)

Semicontinuous

Exodus 33:12–23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Matthew 22:15–22

Complementary

Isaiah 45:1–7

Psalms 96:1–9 [10–13]

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Matthew 22:15–22

Sunday, October 29 (Proper 25)

Semicontinuous

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

Psalms 90:1–6, 13–17

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

Matthew 22:34–46

Complementary

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

Psalms 1

Thessalonians 2:1–8

Matthew 22:34–46

ATTENDANCE:

August 27—18

September 3—15

September 10—12

September 17—12

September 24—7

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES

1 Olivia Holloman

13 Beaven Els

21 Hannah Horstman



Jane's Journey

I am an expert at apologies. I think that's because I have so much experience messing up and needing to ask different people to forgive me.

I took a required two-day class on boundaries through the Presbytery over the last two days. It was online through a video conference call. I realized about an hour into the class that as we had been making our introductions and getting to know each other, I might have offended one of the men I had just met. A little while later, I mentioned the incident and it turned out that I had made him feel awkward through the

comment I made. The nature of the class gave the two of us an opportunity to set the record straight and it became a learning experience for everyone. We cleared the air and I was able to make a heart-felt and honest apology. He was able to see my sincerity and accept my apology.

Our exercise had all the elements of what I have come to realize are the hallmarks of the best kind of apologies. A good apology should:

1. be made as soon after the offense as possible.
2. It should be made directly to the person offended by the person committing the offense
3. It should be simple, sincere and direct.
4. A good apology includes Repentance. Try not to repeat the offense again. Learn from your mistakes, if possible.

In my vast experience of mistake-making, I like to think I have learned through the years.

Jews have a whole Day of Atonement called Yom Kippur for a 25-hour period and this year it was on September 24. During this time they focus on asking for forgiveness from each other and from God.

Christians do this on a weekly basis as part of our worship.

I used to think I was the only one who messed up until I started noticing how quiet it got in the sanctuary during the prayer of Confession of Sins.

One of my favorite authors is Anne Lamotte and she is famous for saying that there is really only two prayers: "Help me! Help Me! Help me!" and "Thank You! Thank You! Thank!" Prayer isn't really any more complicated than that. "I'm sorry." Is probably a variation of those.

October

First Presbyterian, Birthdays, Holidays in United States

Oct 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Olivia Holloman	2 2pm - Bible Study	3	4 9am - Bible Study	5	6	7 12pm - Al-Anon
8	9 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day 2pm - Bible Study	10	11 9am - Bible Study	12	13 Beaven Els	14 12pm - Al-Anon
15	16 2pm - Bible Study	17	18 9am - Bible Study	19	20	21 Debbi Elmer Hannah Horstman 12pm - Al-Anon
22 Congregation meeting Session meeting	23 Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study	24	25 9am - Bible Study	26	27	28 12pm - Al-Anon
29 Fellowship lunch	30 2pm - Bible Study	31 Halloween	1 First Day of American 9am - Bible Study	2 Patricia Fields	3	4 12pm - Al-Anon