



# First Presbyterian Church

## The Cross and Crown



November 2023

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast

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Slade Weaver and Kathy Winn  
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### November Preaching Schedule:

**5th - Jane preaching, communion**  
**12th - Rev. Sam Steele**  
**19th - Jane**  
**26th - Rev. Sam Steele**

### Session Highlights

The Session met on October 22. Here are highlights from that meeting:

- A congregational meeting was held to elect officers for the class of 2026. Elected to Session were Patricia Fields and John Clark. Elected as trustee was Ronny Knight. In addition to the above, your session members and trustees respectively for the new year will be Class of 2025 - Slade Weaver and Kathy Winn and trustee Sandy Corder; Class of 2024 - Patricia Clark and trustee John Clark.
- Treasurer, Ronny Knight has asked the session committees to review and help prepare the budget for 2024. We are looking at making any needed cuts to the budget to try to come closer to living within the pledged income.
- From Admin: A new copier/printer has been installed and the hard drive from the computer has been replaced.
- From Building and Grounds: Yet again, there has been damage to the church grounds/property by trees or branches falling. Ronny and John Clark have cleaned that up and contracted with tree service to

remove dead branches and trees. The flea problem has persisted and the church is being exterminated. John has repaired the playground equipment.

- From Worship: Patricia Fields has taken on the job of preparing for worship. She has been blessed with help in both music and at the pulpit from many of you. A big thank you to all who see to the needs of our Sunday morning worship.
- From Inreach/Outreach: Several after church lunches have been enjoyed. One is planned for October 29. And a soup and bread meal along with Advent decorating is planned for November 26 after worship.
- Session made a year-end review of all the church policies.

It's time to start getting ready for Advent and the Christmas season. Please join us **Sunday November 26** after church for a fellowship meal of soups and bread. After that, we will decorate the church for Advent and Christmas, and put up the big tree!

## November 2023 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

**Sunday, November 5 (Proper 26)**

**Semicontinuous**

**Joshua 3:7–17**

**Psalms 107:1–7, 33–37**

**1 Thessalonians 2:9–13**

**Matthew 23:1–12**

**Complementary**

**Micah 3:5–12**

**Psalms 43**

**1 Thessalonians 2:9–13**

**Matthew 23:1–12**

**Sunday, November 12 (Proper 27)**

**Semicontinuous**

**Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25**

**Psalms 78:1–7**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

**Matthew 25:1–13**

**Complementary**

**Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16 or Amos 5:18–24**

**Wisdom of Solomon 6:17–20 or Psalm 70**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

**Matthew 25:1–13**

**Sunday, November 19 (Proper 28)**

**Semicontinuous**

**Judges 4:1–7**

**Psalms 123**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**

**Matthew 25:14–30**

**Complementary**

**Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18**

**Psalms 90:1–8 [9–11] 12**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**

**Matthew 25:14–30**

**Reign of Christ / Christ the King—November 26**

**Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24**

**Psalms 100 or Psalm 95:1–7a**

**Ephesians 1:15–23**

**Matthew 25:31–46**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**October 1—9**

**October 8—13**

**October 15—12**

**October 22—11**

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES**

**2 Patricia Fields**

**6 Dan Wilson**

**12 Beth Knight**

**22 Nyla Kettleson**

**26 Jane Els**



# Jane's Journey

All Saints Day gets me to thinking about my first cruise.

The first really big vacation Beaven and I took was a 12-day cruise to Alaska. We kept adding and adding options until the trip was far more complicated than it needed to be. We were thrown together with 1,200 strangers who were, to put it mildly, pretty strange. By the time the trip was over we had been on a crowded bus over 20 times as well as a train, trolley, tram, ocean liner, kayak, raft, motor boat, canoe, and a helicopter. No. It was not necessarily a relaxing vacation.

The first day I was ready to throw Beaven overboard. The second day I wanted to sink the ship and all 1,200 people I was travelling with. By the last day, I was ready to jump into the ocean myself.

Part of our trip was two days on the train. Beaven loves trains. We were looking forward to this being the highlight of the trip; a quiet and peaceful ride through beautiful scenery. Wrong. A woman we later dubbed the "Moose Lady" sat eight rows back. But her voice projected so well that we could have sworn she was directly behind us. Not only was she loud; she had a grating accent that was part screech and part nasal and a whole lot New York City. Moose Lady carried on a four-hour non-stop monologue of moose jokes. In between the jokes, she would call out the window "Here, moosie, moosie, moosie!"

We knew that the following day we would get back on the train for not four, but eight hours. The thought of repeating another day with the Moose Lady sent us into earnest prayer. Knowing what a sense of humor God has, I was not surprised to see the Moose Lady gone the next day and replaced by the Cackler.

The Cackler had a laugh that was even louder than the Moose Lady. Where the Moose Lady depended on projection, the Cackler went for sheer volume. Instead of dumb moose jokes we were treated to every detail of every member of her family's life. The conductor finally asked her to hush.

Another one of my prayers that God apparently got a laugh out of was that we would have quiet dinner partners assigned to us. So, we ended up at a tiny table for four with probably the most boring couple in the world. The most interesting conversation we had was the husband's story about installing gutters. I almost fell asleep in my Baked Alaska several times.

The last day of the cruise was a Sunday and there was a worship service on board the ship. I figured there might be maybe 12 people, thinking that the idea of going to church on vacation wouldn't appeal to most people. I was surprised to see the room filled to its 200 capacity.

As we stood and sang the first hymn, I became aware of the gentle motion of the ship beneath my feet. I was reminded of how vast and powerful the ocean is compared to even a huge boat like ours. This ship was over 10 stories high-a regular floating hotel. Yet the ocean was bobbing it around like a cork. Then I looked around at the people in the room with me and realized, ***"We are all in the same boat together."***

This included the couple at dinner who didn't meet my standards for conversation; it included the Cackler and yes, even the Moose Lady. We are all in the same boat together. Even on dry land.



**Obituary: Rev. HP Hosey**  
***August 8, 1934 - October 10, 2023***

HP Hosey died at 89 of heart complications on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in the hospital at Sulphur Springs, Texas, surrounded by family and friends. He was a man of rare intellect and warmth who loved others without reservation.

HP survived his wife Mindy by six years after a full life together of over 62 years. After the two graduated Austin College in 1956, HP spent twelve years as aviator for the US Navy, with his four children born along the way – William, Marshall, Henry, and Natalie, who survive with seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

HP left the Navy to fulfill his teenage promise to God to serve as a Presbyterian minister. He did so at the end of three years of seminary in Austin, with churches in Sibley, Louisiana, Sulphur Springs, Texas and First Presbyterian Church-Winnsboro, Texas. Retirement to Sulphur Springs did not slow him as he served numerous temporary stints at various churches and he rarely refused requests for other additional service. He also lovingly and energetically gave himself to helping establish the Sulphur Springs Heritage Park and Museum, even after he and Mindy moved to the Wesley House Retirement community over eight years ago, with HP in assisted living for the last few.

A great many will miss his wit and compassion. A memorial service and reception lunch is tentatively set for 10:30 AM, Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Heritage Park Memorial, 416 North Jackson Street, Sulphur Springs, Texas, 75482. Donations in his honor can be made to the National Child Healthcare Association.

# November

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED Nov 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
Fellowship lunch	● 2pm Bible Study	Halloween	First Day of American Indian Heritage M ● 9am Bible Study	Patricia Fields		Memorial: H.P. Hoesy ● 12pm Al-Anon
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Daylight Saving Time ends	Daniel Wilson ● 2pm Bible Study	Election Day	● 9am Bible Study		Veterans Day (substitute)	Veterans Day ● 12pm Al-Anon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Beth Knight	● 2pm Bible Study		● 9am Bible Study			● 12pm Al-Anon
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Cross & Crown due ● 2pm Bible Study		Nyla Kettlerson	Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	Native American Heritage Day	● 12pm Al-Anon
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
Decorate church Fellowship lunch Jane De	● 2pm Bible Study					● 12pm Al-Anon