



# First Presbyterian Church

## The Cross and Crown



November 2024

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast

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### Session Highlights

The Session met on October 27 following the congregational meeting. Here are highlights of both of those meetings.

- A congregational meeting to elect officers for 2027 was held. No new session members were elected. It was noted that 4 members meets the requirements of our by-laws. Since only one of the 5 current members is rolling off, we are okay. But next year 2 members will need to be elected. One new trustee was elected - Terry Iverson.

- The issue brought up by Grace Presbytery about our pulpit supply was addressed. Evidently the pulpit cannot be filled more than 6 times a year by someone who is not a commissioned elder. It was noted that John Coleman has initiated the paperwork needed and that the COM will hopefully be able to act quickly on approving him for pulpit supply.

- The session approved the construction of a storage building for housing the yard equipment and other needed storage. This will be built on the already existing concrete pad on the west side of the sanctuary.

- From Bldg/grounds committee - It was noted that the church office building was sold for \$170,000.

Everything was moved to the main building. A garage sale was held earning more than \$500. We also had the buildings and sidewalks power washed.

- It was decided that it is high time for a new website. Kathy Winn, along with Patricia Fields and Tricia Clark will research how to make that happen. The goal of having something up and running in the new year was made.
- Year-end tasks were performed - reviews of our various church policies and the Manual of Operations.
- The Christmas Eve service has been set at 5:00 p.m. on December 24. This will be a service of Lessons and Carols as we have done in the past.
- The annual congregational meeting to hear 2024 year-end reports was set for January 26, 2025, following worship. The Stated Session meeting was also set for that same day.

**November 24th will be the last Sunday before Advent, and we have a lot to be Thankful for! Please plan to stay after the service for a Fellowship Potluck Lunch, and after the lunch we will put up the Christmas Tree and decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season.**

**Pulpit supply for November:**  
3rd - Jane Els, communion  
10th - lessons and hymns  
17th - Jane Els  
24th - Kenny Rigoulot

### November 2024 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

#### Sunday, November 3 (Proper 26)

**Semicontinuous**

Ruth 1:1–18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11–14

Mark 12:28–34

**Complementary**

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

Psalm 119:1–8

Hebrews 9:11–14

Mark 12:28–34

#### Sunday, November 10 (Proper 27)

**Semicontinuous**

Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24–28

Mark 12:38–44

**Complementary**

1 Kings 17:8–16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24–28

Mark 12:38–44

#### Sunday, November 17 (Proper 28)

**Semicontinuous**

1 Samuel 1:4–20

1 Samuel 2:1–10

Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25

Mark 13:1–8

**Complementary**

Daniel 12:1–3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25

Mark 13:1–8

#### Christ the King (or Reign of Christ)—November 24

**Semicontinuous**

2 Samuel 23:1–7

Psalm 132:1–12 (13–18)

Revelation 1:4b–8

John 18:33–37

**Complementary**

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b–8

John 18:33–37

### November BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES

1 Patricia Fields  
6 Dan Wilson  
22 Nyla Kettleison  
26 Jane Els

### ATTENDANCE:

September 29—12  
October 6—12  
October 13—12  
October 20—14  
October 27—13



# Jane's Journey

I love November. It's probably my favorite month. Every Texan I know is ready for cooler weather and November is our first real chance for cooler temperatures. I love rainy mornings and the smell of the wet oak leaves on the ground. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. A whole day built around eating and thanking God for everything: what more could you want from a day? Maybe a walk outside after lunch. I love to take a walk after lunch on Thanksgiving.

Jews have a religious festival similar to Thanksgiving called Sukkoth. (It's pronounced "sue-coat.") It's their commemoration of the harvest time. Most observant Jews built temporary shelters to eat and sleep in during the festival. It's a vivid reminder of their life during the Exodus from Egypt when nothing was permanent. It is a symbolic wilderness for them.

In my younger days (three years ago) I loved to sleep outside in the spring and fall. I set up a tent out in the field about 400 feet from our house. Like so many things I do, I can't explain exactly why I did this other than I enjoyed it and it never hurt anyone. My main parameters were the temperature: I made sure the evening low would be above 55 degrees and the high would be below 70 degrees. I knew from experience anything outside that range would be too uncomfortable.

It's one of the most spiritual things I've done. Tent camping, like the temporary shelters during Sukkoth, make you closer to God. There are no barriers. You feel like you can reach out and touch God. The times you can look out the tent window and see a full moon are especially precious.

We have allowed modern civilization to create a barrier between ourselves and our Creator. Anything we can do to break that barrier down would help us: even a walk after lunch on Thanksgiving, or a walk on any sunny afternoon. Look up at the sky. We don't know where it ends, do we?

And where do we fit into all of this? Just our little section of the roadway.... Sometimes there are cars on the road and sometimes we have the road all to ourselves. Sometimes I see trash on the road and sometimes the road is as pristine as the day the earth was created. Every day and every spot of our planet presents us with a variety of conditions. The best we can do is just take each day as it comes to us and put one foot in front of the other and take it one step at a time. About the only thing we can know for sure is that God will be with us on the whole journey.

# November

First Presbyterian, Holidays in United States, Birthdays

Nov 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Congregation meeting Session Meeting	28 2pm - Bible Study	29	30 2pm - Bible study	31 Halloween	1 First Day of American	2 Patricia Fields 12pm - AA/Anon
3 Communion Daylight Saving Time	4 2pm - Bible Study	5 Election Day (General)	6 Linda Johnson 9am - Bible study	7	8	9 12pm - AA/Anon
10	11 Veterans Day 2pm - Bible Study	12	13 9am - Bible study	14	15	16 12pm - AA/Anon
17	18 2pm - Bible Study	19	20	21	22 Nyla Kottleson	23 12pm - AA/Anon
24	25 Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study	26 Jane Eh	27	28 Office closed Thanksgiving Day	29 Native American Heritage	30 12pm - AA/Anon