THE UPDATE

November 2026

Rooted In Christ, Growing In Faith, Loving Our Neighbor



November 3rd the Fellowship Hall will be used for ELECTION DAY

Women's Circle News For November

Circle #1 will meet on **Monday, November 2nd at 6:15 pm in the Parlor.** We will do 2 lessons

Circle #2 will meet on **Tuesday, November 10th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Hope to see you there!

Circle #3 will meet **Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:00 pm at Parlor**. Hope to see you there!



Our Music Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of the church's music ministry please speak with Sarah Rogers Griffith, Brad Rashley, or any choir member. We work hard in rehearsals but have fun doing so. May the Lord be glorified in our music. Amen!

November Volunteer Duties

November Children's Message
November 1 - Scott Jeffreys
November 8 - Phil Lail
November 15 - Doug Griffith
November 22 - John Downs
November 29 - Scott Jeffreys



November Children's Church
November 1 - Dot Ingram
November 8 - Dot Ingram
November 15 - Amanda Chipman
November 22 -Elizabeth Rashley
November 29 - Matt Tomlin

November Elder Duty
November 1 -Phil Lail and Jim Staples
November 8 - Deena Chambers and Deborah Chipman
November 15 - Rob Crawford and JD Dotson
November 22 - John Downs and Doug Griffith
November 29 - Steve Ingram and Scott Kennedy

November Nursery Schedule
November 1- Jan Gantt and Amanda Chipman
November 8 - Kathy Hoover
November 15 - Caroline and Kyle Wigley
November 22 - Jan Gantt and Rachel Guin
November 29 - Lexie and Parker Jeffreys

Bob and Sally Andrews have finally moved to their mountain home. **Their new address is 1797 Greenstreet Drive, Traphill, NC 28685.**

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Communion - Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary

Girl Scouts Friendsgiving - Sunday, November 15th after church service

Joy Lunch - Wednesday, November 18th at 12:30 pm - Potluck lunch - bring your favorite dish. Dessert and drinks will be provided

Wild West Wednesday for children - November 18th from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Cancer Companions Support Bible Study Group - Thursday, November 19th - Parlor

Thanksgiving Service and meal - Wednesday, November 25th 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Greening of the Church - weekend of November 29th

Good News Club







God has blessed us with an outstanding volunteer team, a growing partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, and a safe meeting place at the Salvation Army. Please continue to pray for this ministry!



Circle 3 Yoga in October!



Happy November Birthday to You!

2. Joy Steele
3. Doug Griffith
3. Sebastian Rashley
7. JD Dotson
7. Jeff Porter
7. Lexie Jeffreys
8. Mary Crawford
9. Robin Harpe
9. Kellye Lackey
14. Kathy Cook
15. Steve Wilson
24. Bethany Guin
25. John Moore
29. Howard Clary

A Message from the Finance Committee

Gifting appreciated assets like **stocks, mutual funds, or real estate** directly to **First Presbyterian Church** is one of the most tax-efficient ways to support our ministries and faith community. If you have held an asset for more than one year, donating it directly offers significant financial advantages over giving cash.

First, you maximize your kingdom impact. When you sell an appreciated asset, you are typically subject to **capital gains tax**. By transferring the asset directly to the church, you eliminate this tax entirely. Because the church is a registered non-profit, it can sell the asset tax-free. This ensures 100% of the value goes directly toward funding our worship, local community outreach, and global mission partnerships.

Second, you may receive a significant tax deduction. You can generally deduct the **full fair market value** of the asset on the date of the transfer up to your adjusted gross income (AGI) limits. This double tax benefit—avoiding capital gains tax while securing a deduction—substantially lowers your overall tax liability.

Ultimately, this strategy allows you to rebalance your investment portfolio without triggering tax penalties, while simultaneously providing greater financial support to our church than you could by donating the post-tax proceeds of a sale. It is a powerful way to align your financial stewardship with your personal faith.

If you are interested in pursuing the gift of an appreciated asset to the church, please contact Laura Thompson or a member of the Finance committee.

Laura Thompson 704-880-8005; Phil Lail 704-232-1079; Rick Rhyne 704-437-3346; Jim Staples 704-657-9558

Thank you!

The Property and Grounds Committee would like to acknowledge and thank Jan Gantt and Roger Caudill, Johnny and Kathy Hoover, Ray Wilhelm, Bill Thoel, and Jeff Porter for all their help in sprucing up the doors of our church buildings, power washing the sidewalks, cleaning up the Boiler Room, applying the edges of the steps with safety yellow paint, and for moving the mulch from the trees that were cut down. Thank you for all of your hard work!



It's time for OCC! Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse that delivers gift-filled shoeboxes to children around the world in Jesus' Name. Since 1993, more than 232 million children in over 170 countries and territories have received a shoebox gift. There are two ways to pack a shoebox.

First, if you pack a box in person, OCC has gift suggestions and other information inside the free shoeboxes in the church narthex.

The second way to pack a shoebox is to Build A Shoebox online. To build shoeboxes online, please start at our church's Goal Page so we can keep track of how many FPPC builds! https://bit.ly/46X6bwO

- Forest Park has a goal this year of 40 online boxes and 30 in-person boxes, but of course we want to exceed both of those goals.

Please have in-person shoeboxes fully completed and in the church narthex by Sunday, November 16th. If you would like to volunteer to help with Shoebox collection at the fellowship hall during the week of November 17-23, please contact Doug Griffith at 704.785.6935 or sign up on the volunteer spreadsheet at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1n97iPWkgFci3bnLLrhoilg3TtB8jxQe-TkpJwwtQ3H0/edit?usp=sharing

Thank you!

Joy Lunch



Thomas Dotson from Hear Again America came to speak at our October Joy Lunch. Around 20 people attended and Thomas and his assistant, Marjorie Kennedy did a great job sharing instructive information and new technologies to combat hearing loss. They also catered a delicious lunch for our group. Our next Joy Lunch is planned for November 18th at 12:30 pm. Covered Dish. Bring your favorite dish.

Forest Park Day





Cancer Companions Bible Study

The study guide "Seeing God in Your Cancer Journey" is used in Christian cancer support groups and one-to-one peer counseling sessions to encourage cancer family members to discover all that Christ hungers to give them in the midst of their cancer struggle. Beyond their salvation, many Christians seek peace and comfort from Christ during difficult times. But Jesus wants to give guidance, strength, discernment, power and courage. Seeing God in Your Cancer Journey encourages cancer family members to pray big, love big, and live big because the Lord God Almighty is big enough for all that and more. **We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm in the parlor. If you or someone you know would like to know more, you can contact Sarah Kivett. We will meet on November 19th .**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Circle 1 – 6:15 pm PARLOR	3 VOTING DAY Circle 3 – 6:00 pm Parlor	4 11:00 am Prayer Group 12:15 Communion Service 7:00 pm Choir Practice	5 10:00 Women's Bible Study	6	7
8 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship Communion Sunday	9	10 Circle 2 – 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall	11 11:00 am Prayer Group 12:15 Communion Service 7:00 pm Choir Practice	12 10:00 Women's Bible Study	13	14
15 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship Girl Scouts Friendsgiving	16	17	18 11:00 am Prayer Group 12:15 Communion Service 12:30 JOY LUNCH 4-6 pm Wacky Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Practice	19 10:00 Women's Bible Study	20	21
22 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship	23	24	25 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service and Meal	26 Thanksgiving 10-5 Fellowship Hall RESERVED	27	28
29 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship	30	31				