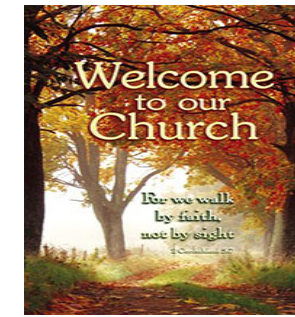


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Time Change November 6th
Remember to set your clocks **back** on Sunday, November 6th as we end Daylight Savings time!

Back!

Stewardship

Please prayerfully consider your giving to Second Presbyterian Church. Turn in your yellow **Estimate of Giving** slip to the office so that we may set our 2023 budget. Together we can meet the challenges of funding ministry programs here.



Lectionary for November

November 1 – All Saints’ Day – Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

November 6 – Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5,17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 17-21, 13-17;
Luke 20:27-38

November 13 – Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 20 – Christ the King – Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20;
Luke 23:33-43

November 27 – First Sunday of Advent – Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14;
Matthew 24:36-44

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

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| Stephanie Bennett | Dick Brown | Sally Day | Nancy Huegel |
| Carol Smith | Vickie VonBerg | Pat Perea | Heather Rousseau |
| Samuel Egbert | Mary Jo Mundel | Ed DeWyse | |

*All those affected by both Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian.



PNC Update and Transition Plan

The PNC is in negotiations with a candidate. Additional information will be provided as soon as possible. In the meantime, the timing is now appropriate for the session and congregation to further prepare for a new pastor. As such, the session and Pastor Philomena have agreed that her last day as the Interim Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church will be November 30, 2022. We sincerely appreciate the two and a half years that Pastor Philomena has spent with our congregation to prepare us for this next phase of ministry.

Until we call a new pastor the pulpit will be filled with supply pastors. The schedule for December is below:

Dec. 4th – Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville

Dec. 11th – Rev. Ted McCulloch

Dec. 18th – Rev. Michael Hahn

Dec. 24th – Rev. Ted. McCulloch – at 7:00 PM

Dec. 25th – Combined worship at First Presbyterian – 10:00 AM

The church office will be open Monday – Thursday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm during this transition period. Folks needing congregational care should contact the office at (989) 792-1023 and the appropriate individuals will be contacted. Voicemails and emails will be monitored when the office is closed.

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25.

Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **November 5**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. This will be a recurring event on the **first Saturday of each month**. We will meet at 10:00 A.M. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.

Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, November 7 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



Florence Gilmour Circle



All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, **November 9** at 9:30 a.m. in the church library as we continue our discussion of chapter 6 of **Bad Girls of the Bible**.

Harvest Potluck



Enjoy some wonderful fall fellowship at the Harvest Potluck on **Sunday, November 13th**, at 5:00pm. We supply turkey, rolls, stuffing, potatoes, & gravy and you bring a dish to pass and your table service. Please sign up in the gathering area so we know how many tables to set. If you can cook a turkey, please let us know on the sign-up sheet. Please contact Samantha Engel @ 989-492-8228 if you have any questions.

Hanging of the Greens

We will get busy immediately after worship on **November 20th** to decorate the church. When we're done, we'll enjoy lunch together. We will supply the pizza, and you supply a beverage. All families are invited to help!



Harvest Sunday – November 20th



We invite you to bring non-perishable food items to worship on **Sunday, November 20th**. Please place it on the table in the main hallway by the office. We will collect food items through **Sunday, November 27th**. At this Thanksgiving season let's share some of our abundance to help feed others.

Music and Worship Committee



We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour after worship service on Sundays. Beginning Sunday School kick-off Sunday, we would like to offer coffee, juice, donuts or cookies after worship service. There will be a sign-up sheet available so please look for a Sunday service you would like to host! Thank you for supporting fellowship at Second Presbyterian Church!

Sunday School News



There will be Sunday school this year during church service as always, but just 2 Sundays per month in hopes that more children are able to attend. The following dates are slated for 2022. November 6 & 20, and December 4 & 18. Please mark your calendars! If anyone would like to facilitate in teaching Sunday school this year, please contact Christy Higley, Natalie Martinez or Pam Moran.

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Sunday's @ 10:15 in the library, we will continue our study of **"Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight"** by Carol M. Bechtel. No need to sign up, just grab a refreshment and join in the fun!

Being Thankful!

Be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:18).



We have many blessing for which we can be thankful. In a special way, we give thanks and praise to God, who nourish us through the Scripture, worship, and fellowship with one another. If we were to list some of the things, we are being thankful for, there might a long list, yet it might contain only the good things. Leaving out the things that we may not have been happy with and therefore will not be included in our list of being thankful. Yet the passage from tells us to be "thankful in all circumstance." That is all things, everything, not what we are pleased with but also the things that brought tears to our eyes and sadness to our hearts. Sometimes we may find it had to say thank you to God due to the challenged situation we may find ourselves in. However, it is through being thankful that we fully experience the mercy and the grace of God even when faced with a challenge.

This month as we prepare to celebrate "Thanksgiving Day" may we also be reminded to be thankful for the things that we were not pleased with, for those are also part of who we are as children of God in Christ Jesus.

On this note, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you all at Second Presbyterian Church. In the past two and half years I have walk with you through COVID-19 pandemic and locked down and transition with you in time of healing transition as your interim pastor. You allow me to walk alongside you while you journey of change with much prayer. Thank you for sharing your stories and by so doing allowed us to work together as a team in Christ mission. For the Session members, your dedication to serve the congregation as a team. The prayer support, encouragement and cards received made a difference in serving together. For the staff, thank for you serving the congregation with me during many changes. Kudos and keep up with the excellent work. Praying for you all, as you prepare to welcome your new installed pastor!

Prayer: Almighty God, we are thankful for the many blessings you pour upon us through your Son Jesus Christ. No matter what has happen in our lives, we are thankful to you, for peace within all our hearts. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Philomena

A Blessed Thanksgiving to you!

White Elephant Sale Update

Thank you, thank you, and thank you to everyone who helped with the White Elephant Sale! This was a “ton” of work and we couldn’t have done it without you! We made \$3375.00 profit from White Elephant Sale. All funds will be distributed by the Presbyterian Women’s Group for missions locally and abroad.



Nominating Committee

The nominating committee will meet after church **Sunday, November 6th**. Anyone interested in being on session please let someone on the nominating committee know.

Committee members are:

Natalie Martinez Pam Moran Brian McNally
Ann Schmidt Sue Shepherd

Mission Highlights

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

Help support the Veterans! Early November, we will be collecting stockings for homeless veterans through the I Support the 1% Veterans Food Pantry. Stockings may be filled with basic need/hygiene items, as well as goodies or comfort items (word searches/puzzle books, etc) and Christmas cards or notes of cheer. You can pick up a stocking and a list of suggested items from the front table to fill and return. Since these stockings are distributed to veterans locally, there are no shipping-related restrictions. Collections will run through **November 6th**. Please help us to spread some holiday cheer to those veterans in need!

In mid-November watch the bulletins for the notice that the Angel Tree Project will begin. As a church we purchase Christmas gifts for those children who have a parent or guardian in the jail system. These gifts must be back to church by **December 11** so that they can be delivered to the children by our members in December.

The mission committee is also continuing to collect Meijer, Target, Amazon, and Walmart gift cards (or cash donations) through the month of November to support refugees resettled to Michigan. There is a collection box set up in the front hallway; donations may also be dropped off at the church office (Please label your donation for "Refugee Mission."). Any donations made to this mission project will be matched up to \$500 by the mission committee. The liaison of this collection will be St. Vincent Catholic Charities ("STVCC"), which is working directly with refugee families in the area. Refugees resettling in the area have a desperate need for hands-on resources including housing, furniture, transportation, employment assistance, school orientation, education in the English language, medical services, counseling, and legal aid. STVCC has the infrastructure in place to assist refugees in settling into their new homes. The gift cards will assist refugees in obtaining tangible items: shoes/boots, cleaning supplies, household goods, laundry supplies, linens, some furniture items, kitchen items, etc. If you would like more information on the mission that we are supporting, including the specific needs and the process of resettlement, please visit the St. Vincent Catholic Charities website link, <https://stvcc.org/services/refugee-services/>. The information there includes a breakdown of countries from where refugees arrive, reasons why people become refugees, the specific needs being addressed, and much more.



Eagle Scout Project @ Second Presbyterian Church

Life Scout Ethan Hoepfner has laid the foundation and has been working on the house that will support the 1883 bell for Second Presbyterian Church. The bell house will be installed next to the Second Presbyterian Church sign within the next few weeks. With your generous giving, enough money was collected to pay for the project. Keep an eye out for a Thank You card with a picture of the completed project!



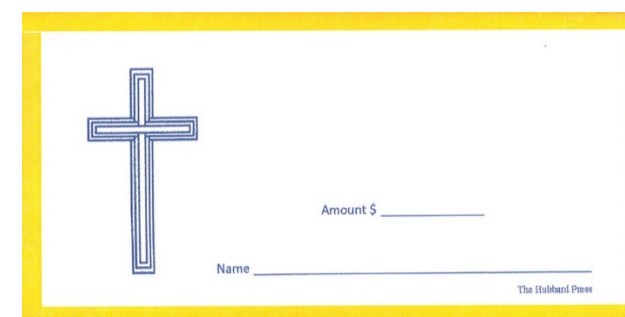
To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church we will continue to update the congregation monthly in the church newsletter. We thank you for your commitment to the ministry and your ongoing support for the programs here at Second Presbyterian Church.

| Financial Report as of 09/30/2022 | |
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| Income | 147,838.50 |
| Expense | 175,441.19 |
| Deficit | (27,602.69) |

Give Online!



We thank those of you who have utilized our new online giving option! As you've heard, we partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation for a new, easy to use, online giving tool! You can scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up online giving. You can also visit our website, www.spcsaginaw.org, and click the "Give Now" button. You can use this for one-time giving, or to set up recurring giving! Thank you for your gifts to Second Presbyterian Church!



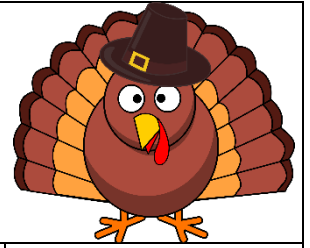
Snow Removal

Each November the "Snow Removal" envelope is in your box. Any contributions given in this envelope are used to help defray costs of our Snow Removal. As you know, each winter we never know what to expect with Snow Removal! Your contributions are always helpful and appreciated.



Second Presbyterian Church

November 2022



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 Prayer Group 8:30am | 4 | 5 Rescue Mission Lunches 10:00 a.m. |
| 6  9:00 a.m. Worship All Saints Sunday Sunday School | 7 Busy Hands & Hearts 1-3 p.m. | 8 | 9 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m. | 10 Prayer Group 8:30am | 11  | 12 |
| 13 9:00 a.m. Worship Harvest Dinner 5:00 p.m. | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Prayer Group 8:30am | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Harvest Sunday & Hanging of the Greens | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24  | 25 Office Closed | 26 |
| 27 9:00 a.m. Worship  | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |