

Lectionary for November

November 5: Joshua 3:7–17; Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13; Matthew 23:1–12.

November 12: Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25; Psalm 78:1–7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13

November 19: Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Matthew 25:14–30 Reign of

November 26: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1–7a; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Ruth Anne Rye
Helen Gross
Elizabeth Rousseau
Jim Neumann
Myrtle Zietz

Reg Rye
Pete Brucker
Alice Briggs
Scott Rousseau
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Time Change November 5

Remember to set your clocks back on Sunday, November 5 as we end Daylight Savings time!



Stewardship

During worship on Stewardship Sunday we brought forward our Estimate of Giving Cards for 2018. Please prayerfully consider your giving to Second Presbyterian Church. Turn in your bright green **Estimate of Giving** slip to the office so that we may set our 2018 budget. Together we can meet the challenges of funding ministry programs here.

Generosity focuses on the spiritual qualities of the giver, derived from the generosity of God, rather than on the church's need for money. During this stewardship season what would happen if we focused not so much on the church's need for money, which is always there, but on our need to give, our need to be generous - which is always there as well.

Special Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a special meeting of the congregation for Sunday, November 12, following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect elders to the Session. The slate of nominees from the Nominating Committee is as follows: For the class of 2020: Doug Byron, Kim Byron, Brian McNalley, Natalie Martinez and Patty Robertson.





Fall Bazaar November 4

Come shop at the Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 4, from 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. There are many new artists, vendors and crafters this year! We have Wreaths, Beach Glass and Vintage Jewelry, T-Shirts, LuLaRoe, Tupperware, Origami Owl, Wood Items, Norwex Products, Goats Milk Soap, Handmade Baskets, Stained Glass Ornaments, Pearls for a Purpose, Door and Window Hangings, SERRV merchandise, a bake sale and many more vendors. It's a great time to start your Christmas shopping!

Christmas Drama – December 10

We hope that you will plan to join us on Sunday, December 10 for our Christmas Drama. The drama always “takes a village” to put together, so we need your help! If you are willing to help out, on stage or off stage, please let Laurel know.



Harvest Potluck

Enjoy some wonderful fall fellowship at the Harvest Potluck on Sunday, November 12, at 5:00pm. We supply turkey, rolls, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, & cranberry sauce 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 20lb. turkey, please let us know on the signup sheet.



Harvest Sunday – November 19

We invite you to bring non-perishable food items to worship on Sunday, November 19. Please place it on the table in the main hallway by the office. This will combine our Harvest Sunday and F.I.S.H. donations for Food Pantry. At this Thanksgiving season let's share some of our abundance to help feed others. Please check expiration dates on food as the food banks will not accept expired items.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

Second mile giving is an opportunity to contribute to a mission of the church in a specific way. Every month we have opportunities to provide assistance to a variety of missions. Our missions for November are Christmas Stockings for the Troops, Angel Tree and SERRV

Send Santa to the Troops

We are again sending filled Christmas Stockings to our military overseas. We have purchased the stockings and they are on the table in the main hallway. They must be returned no later than November 17 so they can be packed and shipped. When you pick up your stocking also grab a list of suggested items to send.



Angel Tree

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 are must be back to church by December 10 so that they can be delivered to the children by our members in December.



HELP WANTED

SERRV

This is the time of year when we need volunteers to help with a large SERRV sale at another church. A portion of the profits at these sales will go to our church's mission projects. Please volunteer to help at these sales that benefit our Missions program and the artisans that work to make a decent living. The signup sheets will be available very soon for work dates of Wednesday and Thursday, November 29 & 30.





Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to join in on Saturday, November 12, for breakfast, study and fellowship (**this is the second Saturday**). We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church, as we continue our study of Acts of the Apostles and this month's study begins at Acts 7:1. Come and join us for breakfast, study and fellowship!

Florence Gilmour Circle



All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, November 8, at 9:30am for study and discussion of the book, *The Grand Weaver* by Ravi Zacharias. We'll look at Chapter 3 this month.

Busy Hands and Hearts



Busy Hands ministry group reaches out to our community by making lap quilts, hats, mittens and other items for local shelters. You do not have to sew or knit to join in. We will meet on Monday, November 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you need more information please see Ruth Anderson.



Sunday School Workshop Leaders Needed

We are still in need of volunteers for our Sunday school workshops. Each workshop runs for just 3 Sundays. Please get in touch with Peggy and she will match you with one of the workshops. Please consider working with our children of Second Presbyterian Church!

We have put the Biblical background of the current workshop that the kids are learning on our website. You can now go there to see what they will be learning about each Sunday.

Fish Fry, Bake Sale and White Elephant Sale

Our October Fish Fry netted \$2,425 for the Presbyterian Men's group to use for our building and grounds projects and other major purchases. The White Elephant sale brought almost \$5,000 and the bake sale brought \$480 both used for Presbyterian Women mission related projects.



2nd @ Second Adult Education

We are continuing our study of Islam from a series called "Great World Religions". How familiar are you with the world's second largest and fastest-growing religion? Many of us know little about the faith and are familiar only with the actions of a minority of radical extremists. This course will help you better understand Islam's role as both a religion and a way of life, and its deep impact on world affairs both historically and today. Grab your coffee and donut and join us on Sunday mornings at 10:45am in the library. There is no class on November 12.

Nursery Position



Second Presbyterian Church is looking for a part time Nursery worker. The position is about 3 hours per week most Sunday mornings and other times during the year as needed. Applications are available in the church office. If you would like more information please see Peggy.



Capital Improvement Fund Update

As of the end of September we have \$52,500 in the Capital Improvement Fund. There is more basement excavation to do and then finally the new carpeting throughout the building. We are still about \$17,000 away from our original goal to finish the work. If you haven't contributed to the Capital Improvement Fund maybe this is a good time to consider doing so. It doesn't matter if your gift is big or small.... together all gifts help us make our goal. This three year commitment ends on June 1, 2018.



Gifts Given to the Church

We have been the beneficiary of a generous gift of two spaces/crypts at Oakwood Mausoleum in a highly desirable area of the mausoleum. These include the opening and closing costs and lettering of the crypts. We are letting our congregation members have the first opportunity to purchase them. If you are interested, please stop into the office for more details.

Reach Workcamp Meeting



There will be an informational meeting for the 2018 Youth Reach Workcamp on Sunday, November 19 after worship in the Youth Room. This is only for folks who are interested in the trip but who have not yet committed to the trip. **If you have already committed to the trip and paid your first deposit you do not need to attend this meeting!** We will have information about the trip available and can answer any questions anyone may have.



Annual Turkey Bowl

Everyone is welcome to join in on Thanksgiving morning before the big meal for some football - rain, snow or sunshine! Game starts at 10:00am on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. We will play at the open field next to White Pine Middle School, across Seidel from McDonald's Nursery. Everyone is welcome, young and old(er) boys and girls, (12 years old and above). If you can't play, just come out and cheer on the team. It's a lot of laughs!

Youth Events



Sunday, November 5 – Progressive Dinner. We leave church at 5:00pm. Please sign up so we can plan transportation.

Sunday, November 12 – Harvest Potluck! Bring your family for an amazing meal. If you come solo, you can sit with us!

Sunday November 19 – REACH meeting, PYG until noon

Thursday, November 23 – Turkey Bowl! Join us for some fun before dinner! See the newsletter and emails for details.

Sunday, November 26 – PYG, Hanging of the Greens. Stay after worship to help decorate for the Christmas Season!

Youth Progressive Dinner

The Youth Group will visit a few houses for a Progressive Dinner on Sunday, November 5. We will leave church at 5:00pm and call parents when we are on our way back. Please sign-up so we can plan transportation!

Hanging of the Greens



We will get busy immediately after worship on November 26 to decorate the church. When we're done, we'll enjoy lunch together. We will supply the subs, and you bring chips or a beverage. All families are invited to help!

Scrip for Christmas



Start your Christmas shopping early (and finish early, too!) by buying Scrip gift cards. We will place our Scrip order on Sunday, November 5. You can place an order for almost any retailer in the area or you can purchase these cards available in the office:

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| Applebee's \$25 | Logan's Roadhouse \$25 |
| Goodrich Cinema \$10 | Meijer \$25/\$50/\$100 |
| Kohl's \$25 | Speedway \$25/\$100 |
| Red Lobster/Olive Garden \$25 | Taco Bell \$10 |
| Walmart/Sam's Club \$25/\$100 | |

Our next Scrip order will be on Sunday, November 19. We will order Scrip every two weeks now through December 17.

Choir Schedules

Both the Chancel Choir and JuBELLation Choir will NOT rehearse on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22. Have a happy Thanksgiving!



“Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get shampoo in your mouth, then it just becomes a soap opera.”



If you sing in the shower, why not sing in the choir? We promise you will not get shampoo in your mouth!

Christmas music is always a special, so it's a great time to sing with the Chancel Choir. If you are not able to sing all the time but are able to sing for Christmas season, we would love to have you join us. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:00 pm every Wednesday. Music is a fabulous way to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Second Presbyterian Church November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 SET YOUR CLOCKS Back!			1 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	2 8:30am Prayer Group	3 11am Exercise	4 9:00am-3:00pm Holiday Bazaar 
5 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 nd @ Second Scrip Order PYG Progressive Dinner	6  1:00pm Busy Hands	7 2pm Exercise	8 9:30am Florence Gilmour Circle 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	9 8:30am Prayer Group	10 11am Exercise	11 8:00am Men's Breakfast Veterans Day 
12 9:30am Worship & Nursery Congregational Mtg. 5:30pm Harvest Potluck 	13 	14 2pm Exercise Committee Night	15  6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	16 8:30am Prayer Group	17 11am Exercise Christmas stockings for the Troops due back!	18 
19 Harvest Sunday 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 nd @ Second 10:45a Reach Mtg. PYG to follow	20 	21 2pm Exercise 	22	23 Turkey Bowl 10am 	24	25 
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