



The **RED**bud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas



NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service

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Office hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday– Thursday



Christ Reigns Supreme

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 151)

The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time.

The day centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. The celebration of the lordship of Christ thus looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Christ reigns supreme. Christ's truth judges falsehood. As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began, and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. In the end, Christ will triumph over the forces of evil.

Such concepts as these cluster around the affirmation that Christ is King or Christ reigns! As sovereign ruler, Christ calls us to a loyalty that transcends every earthly claim on the human heart. To Christ alone belongs the supreme allegiance in our lives. Christ calls us to stand with those who in every age confessed, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" In every generation, demagogues emerge to claim an allegiance that belongs only to God. But Christ alone has the right to claim our highest loyalty. The blood of martyrs, past and present, witnesses to this truth.

Special Dates in NOVEMBER

Birthdays

3-Michele Wells

6-Robert Kearns

7-Pete Wells

16-Beverly Preble

19-Mary Smith

23-Nancy Priest

30-Elliott Ruegsegger

Anniversary

11-Doug & Michele Wells

Special dates

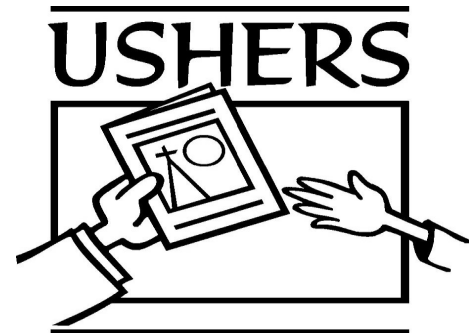
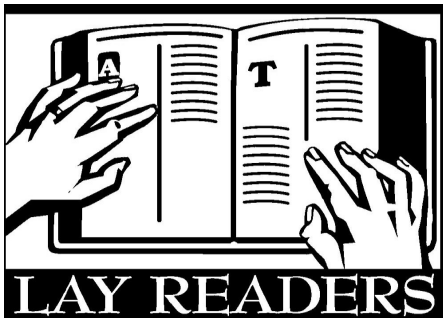
- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2023*
- Daylight saving time ends, *November 5, 2023*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2023*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 23, 2023*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 26, 2023*



Q-Why did the turkey decline dessert?

A-Because it was stuffed.

Serving in Worship



NOV. Lay Readers

05th-Mary S

12th-Doug W

19th-Kay K

26th-Marty H

November Fellowship

Don't forget to volunteer to host fellowship by signing up on the bulletin board on the way to the fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet for November and December currently hanging on the board.

NOV. Ushers

Nov. 5-Eleanore W

Nov. 12-Kay K

Nov. 19-Marty H

Nov. 26-Nancy P

Church Leadership Meetings

SEPTEMBER SESSION UPDATE

All committees in good stead. Building committee projects have all been completed; Finance committee reports the Texas Presbytery Fund investment is \$300,653 as of 2nd quarter report. Deacons will be looking for a new member for next year. Mission committee will be working on Christmas Shoeboxes until November 13th, 2023. Verbal waivers have been received from the Presbytery to allow John Bates and Mike Clark to serve as substitutes at the pulpit. **Next Session meeting is scheduled for November 19th, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

OCTOBER DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons did not meet October 17 at 10 am. The Deacon fund was reported with a balance of \$2,359.16.

The next meeting will be **November 21 at 10 am**

Marty Hasty– Moderator



Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2023:

Donations/Deposits	\$ 3,839.50
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 7,036.24
Bank Balance	\$ 53,996.24

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer





SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

We are still collecting items for “Samaritans Purse Operation Shoe Boxes” through November 12. Turning in the boxes between November 14 and November 21. We can make the boxes ourselves or order off the internet for \$25 each.

*If you would like to order online, please go to <https://build-a-shoebbox.samaritanspurse.org/view/ca71a5e5-1ab0-46a2-aaaa-83e5fe39b61c>

The link is posted on our website if you wish to use that to go directly to our page to fill shoe boxes from our church. www.fpcmh.net Please use the Events tab.

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child.

For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

November 15 starts our next project to collect Full Size, Queen Size and King Sized Blankets and Sleeping Bags for the Ozark Center of Hope.

Missions committee will meet on Wednesday, November 1 at 1:00 pm.

Mary Smith– Moderator



Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met October 10, at 1:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Hostess was Pat Wise and assisted by Eleanore Wheeler and Mary Smith. Nine members and one guest, Loni Sue Engleder attended. Nancy Priest brought us the lesson on what Mary Magdalene said. "I have seen the Lord". What a witness!

Next month, **November 14**, Marty Hasty will have the lesson on what Lydia said. Come join us and find out what she said and bring a friend to Fellowship Hall. **Best Choice labels** will be collected this day, so please bring them too! Best Choice pays us a small stipend which we put in our love offering fund and it is presented to a local charity at the end of the year.



On Sunday, November 5, we will be honoring our Saints that have left us this year.

November 05-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches (Communion)

Mary Smith is Lay Reader

November 12-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches

Marty Hasty is Lay Reader

November 19-Rev. Stewart Smith

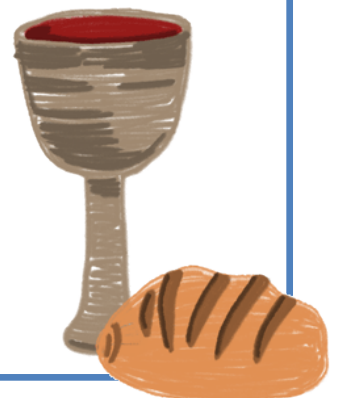
Kay Kunkel is Lay Reader

November 26-Rev. Mike Clark Preaches

Marty Hasty is Lay Reader

In Christ,

Mary Smith, Worship Committee Moderator



All Saints' Day

THIS POOR SOUL CRIED,
AND WAS **HEARD BY THE LORD,**
AND WAS SAVED FROM
EVERY TROUBLE.

PSALM 34:6, NRSV



November 1 is All Saints Day, and on Sunday the 5th of November, we will be honoring our Saints that have entered Church Triumphant this year.

Louella Strong	3/13/23
Eugene "Bud" Hough	3/25/23
Shirley J. "Sissy" Wells	6/22/23

I THANK MY GOD IN ALL MY REMEMBRANCE OF YOU.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3

SCRIPTURES FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday November 05

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Micah 3:5-12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday November 12

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24 *Psalm 70*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday November 19

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday November 26

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24




Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46



NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 Missions 1 pm ALL SAINTS DAY	2	3	4 SET CLOCKS BACK!
5 COMMUNION ALL SAINTS SUNDAY End of Daylight Saving time	6	7	8	9 	11 Veterans Day	
12	13	14 WOC 1 pm	15	16	17 <div>Office closed</div>	18
19	20	21 Deacons 10 am	22	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed	24 <div>Office closed</div>	25
26 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 	27	28	29	30	<div>Office closed</div>	
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