



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas

NOVEMBER 2024



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

Simple But Lifesaving

In early 2024, Beatrice Johnson became deathly ill in hours. An upset stomach became dangerously low blood pressure; it turned out flesh-eating bacteria had attacked her entire body. When Johnson's kidneys started failing, she was put on life support. In a last-ditch effort, doctors added sodium bicarbonate — baking soda — to her IV.

Within hours Johnson was noticeably improved, and she left the hospital a month later. “I never thought something so simple would save my life,” she said.

Another lifesaver many people find too simple is God's grace. We quip, “If something seems too good to be true, it probably is,” and “Nothing in life is free.” We're used to payments or paybacks. We balk if a friend offers to buy our lunch. When a neighbor brings us homemade cookies, we don't dare return the plate empty.

So how can something as huge and holy as salvation be a free gift from God? Don't we need to do something to earn it: follow the 10 Commandments? go to church? live a “godly” life?

All those things are good to do, but the key is to do them as thanks for God's gift of salvation, not to earn it. Jesus loves you and assures you of eternal life. Just accept the gift! If that seems simple, it's because it is — but it will also save your life.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

All Saints' Day

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

PSALM 34:6, NRSV



*We remember our Saints of the Church who have entered the
Church Triumphant this year.*

Joyce Hove 12/10/2023

Margie Williamson 03/18/2024

Betty Preyer 03/29/2024

Lillian Euers 5/19/2024

Patty Gamelin 8/6/2024

George Hove 10/17/2024

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. Philippians 1:3

Special Dates in **NOVEMBER**

Birthdays and Anniversary

03-Michele Wells
06-Robert Kearns
07-Pete Wells
16-Beverly Preble
19-Mary Smith
23-Nancy Priest
30-Elliott Ruegsegger



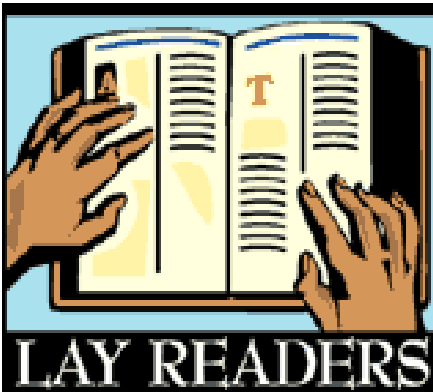
Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2024
- Daylight saving time ends, November 3, 2024
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2024
- Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 2024
- Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024

11-Doug and Michele Wells



Serving in Worship



November Lay Readers

03-Mary S
10-Doug W
17-Kay K
24-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 currently hanging on the board.

November Ushers

03-Ellen J
10-Marty H
17-Marilyn W
24-Doug W

Church Leadership Meetings

SEPTEMBER SESSION UPDATE

The Session met on 22 September 2024 with all elders in attendance; Rev. Mike Clark, moderator. Session met to discuss changes in Pastoral Supply and Personnel changes. A copy of the approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the mail-room. Next meeting set for November 17, with Rev. Lila DeMoss as moderator.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

OCTOBER DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons met on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 led by Moderator Marilyn Wheat. The meeting was opened with prayer and the list of each Deacon was reviewed and discussed, updating and adjusting the lists as needed. Deacon Jackie Hoff has resigned from her duties a few months early and is concentrating on her recovery from surgery. We thank her for her service and wish her the best. The Deacons accepted a gift of a number of handmade cards from Jan Lawson and we thank her for that special gift for our use as we serve.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Wheat, Moderator

“The fullness of joy is to behold God in all.”

—Julian of Norwich

TREASURER’S REPORT as of SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| Donations/Deposits | \$ 5, 206.00 |
| Uncleared Checks/Expenses | \$ 3, 496.37 |
| Bank Balance | \$ 45, 300.52 |

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer





The Mission committee is participating in the Good Samaritans Shoe Boxes this month ending on the 13th.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Every year, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1993, more than 220 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

The web address to use is:

<https://sampur.se/3YqTdmr>

November 16 will begin the collection of Blankets and Space Heaters until December 15.

The next meeting for the Mission Committee will be Wednesday, November 6 at 1:00 pm.

Mary Smith– Moderator



Women of the Church

The leader on October 8 was Nancy Priest and the hostess was Marty Hasty. The lesson was about Advent. Nancy Priest will be giving the lesson on November 12 at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. Hostess will be Mary Smith. All women are invited to attend. Mark your calendars and bring a friend! Enjoy the fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, Eleanore Wheeler

Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas

November 03-Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals (Members:26 Est:1953)

First, Arkadelphia

(Members:78 Est:1858)

November 10-Campus Ministries

Hospital Chaplains & Counselors

November 17-Church Nursery Workers

First, Rogers

(Members:100 Est:1911)

November 24-First, Harrison

(Members:164 Est:1870)

Westminster, Hot Springs

(Members:152 Est:1903)



SCRIPTURES FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday November 03

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalm 119:1-8

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

Sunday November 10

25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Sunday November 17

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Sunday November 24

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8


John 18:33-37

I love you, God, with all my heart and soul and might. Help me keep your words in my heart always.

All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.
(Complementary)



November

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
|---|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| | | | | | 1 All Saints Day | 2 <i>Turn back your clocks!</i> |
| | | | | | Office Closed | |
| 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Celebrated  HOLY COMMUNION | 4 | 5 | 6 Mission Mtg 1 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | | | | Office Closed | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 WOC 1 pm | 13 | 14 Master Gardeners 12 pm | 15 | 16 |
| | | | | | Office Closed | |
| 17 Session Meeting | 18 | 19 Deacons 10 am | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | | | | | Office Closed | |
| 24 Christ the King Sunday | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed | 29 | 30 Hanging of the Greens 10 am |
| | | | | | Office Closed | |



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. /Monday -Thursday

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