



November 2020

“We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Paul was writing on behalf of himself, Silvanus and Timothy to the church in Thessalonica, but his words echo my thoughts to this congregation in this season of stewardship and gratitude. I give thanks to God for all of you for your joyful participation in stewardship and for the commitment you all have made to the work of Christ for 2021. Your work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ are an inspiration.

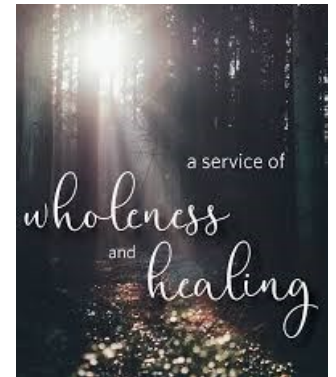
As we look toward Thanksgiving, we all have so much for which to be thankful. I am especially thankful for our officers, both elders and deacons. As I write these words, we are in the midst of transition season. We are welcoming our elders and deacons who are rotating on for active service and saying thank you to the elders and deacons who are rotating off after 3+ years of faithful service.

If you have a moment, please say a special prayer of thanksgiving and encouragement for those who said yes as well as those who are currently serving. Also, please say a prayer of thanksgiving for those who are rotating off.

Elders and Deacons who are rotating off are: Phil Bridges, Tinsley Cline, Brad Hughes, Nancy Kelly, Scott Panter, Margaret Gaines, Suzanne Collins, Rhonda Gaffoglio, Denise Manning, Ellie Johnson. Those who have accepted the call to serve as the Class of 2023 are: Beth Gaines, Jimmy Cline, Mary Gilreath, Kathy Farnon, Robert Sims, Jackson Cline (Class of 2021), Molly Collins (Class of 2021), Gary Boulier, AnneMarie Benton, David Steinken, Kyle Tucker, Gracie Pruitt (Class of 2021).

Please join me as we all give thanks for these leaders as well as those who currently serve. Join me, too, as we give thanks to God for the plans God has made for this congregation and the ways we will all be living into those plans for the coming year.

Pastor Leigh



*Service of
Wholeness &
Healing*

Wednesday

November 18th

6:00 PM

Upper Room

COVID precautions will be observed during this service. Nursery and childcare for 2nd grade and under will be provided.

Christmas at First Presbyterian

There is amazing joy in celebrating the coming of our Savior to be God with us. While things will look different this year, the joy that comes from welcoming Christ never changes. Our Worship Committee, Faith Development Committee and Session have been hard at work planning opportunities to celebrate. Here are some important dates and times to note. Stay tuned for updates and revised information.

- **Hangings of the Green: Dec. 2, 6:00 PM**

This interactive worship service celebrates the season and helps us to focus our hearts and lives on this holy time. Families with children from infant through college age are invited to sign-up to hang some of our Chrismon ornaments during the service. Our youth are invited to act as leaders through reading and hanging greenery, lighting candles, and more. Covid precautions will be observed during this service. Sign-ups to participate or attend will be available mid-November.

- **Ornament Making, Dec. 6th, 4:00 PM**, Nursery provided.

- **Tentative Christmas Eve Services**,

3:00 PM, Interactive Outdoor Nativity, 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM

Sign-ups will be available the first of December. Nursery provided. Covid precautions will be observed.

New Officers

Recently, our Elders and Deacons have given evenings and a Saturday to participate in a time of prayer and reflection and growing in Christ as our Session and Board of Deacons rotate. Ordination and Installation of our new officers will be Nov. 8 during the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Whether you join us in person or online, be a part of this special time as we ask God’s blessing to be upon our leaders for the coming year.



Reaching out to the community: Feeding the Cartersville High Football players
Thank you to our team of volunteers who did an outstanding job reaching out with Christ’s love and welcome to the Cartersville High Football team.

Corn Maze

Our youth had a wonderful time of fun and fellowship at the Corn Maze in Rockmart.



Acolyte Training

Worship is an opportunity for all ages to offer their gifts to lead us in worship. Our youth recently spent time learning about the symbolism, meaning, and importance of this part of worship.



Ladies Night Out
Thursday,
November 19

6:00pm at Maine Street Coastal
 Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship!



The Book Club will be discussing Kristin Harmel's *The Room on Rue Amelie* on Thursday, December 3rd at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Thank you A big **THANK YOU** to my church family for all the cards, texts, calls, food, visits, words of encouragement, and especially your prayers. God is good and so are all of you!!! Love from me to each of you. Susan Ingram



If you are interested in volunteering to be an usher at either the 9:00 or 11:00 worship service, please contact Suzanne Collins (suzannelc80@gmail.com) or Dennis Collier (dwc1945@gmail.com). Duties include reminding worshippers to use hand sanitizer and pick up a bulletin as well as checking their temperature. Occasionally, guiding a worshipper to an appropriate seat is required. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!



Christmas Ornament Class

Learn how to make beautiful quilted ornaments. We'll have a workshop on Sunday afternoon, **December 6 at 4:00 pm.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Supplies you will need to bring are:

- 32 - rectangles MAIN fabric, 2 x 3"
- 24 - rectangles ACCENT fabric, 2 x 3" each
- 3" foam ball (8 segments recommended)
- 230 - 250 pins, Size #17 recommended
- 1 - band MAIN fabric, 2-1/2" x 10-1/2"

You Will Also Need These Tools...

- sharp scissors
- tape measure (flexible)
- pen or pencil
- approx. 2 yards of narrow ribbon (about 3/8" recommended)
- 1 - decorative pearl pin

Masks and socially distancing protocols will be observed. A Nursery will be provided. If you have questions contact Pam Radford at pam@cartersvillepres.org



**AMERICAN RED CROSS
 BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday, November 11th
 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Upper Room

Due to increased concerns about blood shortages this winter, the American Red Cross has decided to continue testing every donor for the COVID anti-body.

To schedule an appointment, and to do your RAPIDPASS - go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: firstprescartersville

From the Session

The Session met on October 20, 2020 for its regular Stated Meeting. The following are the highlights from that meeting:

1. Our new deacons were examined and approved.
 2. We received Chris Jones, Amelia Jones, and Ben Jones as new members.
 3. Our new elders will be examined and received on 11/7/2020.
 4. Andrea Roche was empowered to interview and recommend for hire two nursery workers.
 5. Funds donated in memory of Allen Weirick will be designated for the Deacons Fund.
 6. A Service of Wholeness & Healing on 11/18/2020 at 6:00 PM was approved.
 7. A Hanging of the Green Service on 12/2/2020 at 6:00 PM was approved.
 8. Christmas Eve Services at 3:00 PM (Walk-Through Nativity), 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM were tentatively approved with advance sign-up required.
 9. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer on 11/3/2020 (Election Day) from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
 10. A significant gift has been received by Preschool.
 11. A Report from the Endowment Committee dated 10/1/2020 was received.
 12. A Ministry Team is being planned to study and make recommendations regarding a contemporary service.
 13. Brad Hughes provided a Mission Report regarding the Tuesday Friendship Table, the second Saturday Lunch of Love, and the New Frontier Thanksgiving Meal plan.
 14. Public Adjusters are being considered to address our Educational Building Roof Claim.
 15. Paul Green provided very positive Financial Reports through 9/30/2020.
 16. Weddings were approved for Hannah Bridges, Georgie Russell, and Denise Manning.
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From Stewardship & Finance

Year to Date Total Giving is slightly below budget (-\$31,538) but slightly ahead of last year by \$37,691. Given the circumstances, we are very pleased with our YTD results.

Expenses are slightly below budget as well (-\$42,642) so we are actually running a slight surplus year to date (+\$11,104) on current year expenses. Please keep up the good work and thank you for your faithful giving.

And just a reminder: Dedication Sunday was October 25th. Thank you to everyone who has made a concrete commitment to the work of Christ for the coming year. If you haven't had a chance to turn in your pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience. You can bring it by the church office and leave it in the mailbox or drop it in the collection plate Sunday. We can't complete the 2021 budgeting process until we have everyone's card so please get them in as soon as you can. Thank you.



acolyte
ministry

Acolyte Sign Up

On Sunday, Oct. 18, we had a refresher course with our youth about what our Acolytes do, why they do it, and why it is important to serve in worship. If you missed that class or if you are interested in getting your child/youth on the Acolyte sign up list, please contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org

There is now a Sign-Up Genius posting for acolyte positions for Sunday worship at 11:00. Please visit the Acolyte Sign Up page to volunteer for candlelighter or water bearer. Your service is appreciated! [Click here>>](#) to sign up to be an Acolyte.

Sunday School for ALL Ages

Sunday school for all children & youth began in October. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Room.

We are all excited to get back to growing in our faith together, and we have even added in a Musical element to our Sunday School Hour.

Come join us!

NO Sunday School on Nov. 29 (after Thanksgiving), and our last Sunday school of 2020 will be Dec. 13.

To register your child for Sunday School [click here>>](#)

If you have any questions about Sunday School please contact Andrea Roche at andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We still need some Sunday School Teachers for Elementary aged children and Middle School. If you feel called to work with children or youth, please reach out to andrea@cartersvillepres.org for more information.



College/Young Adult Care Packages

If you have a college student, young adult, or a child in the military please send their address to andrea@cartersvillepres.org. The youth are going to put together Care Packages on Nov. 1st.

Youth Group Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ FAB Wednesdays at FPC—11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, & 12/9
- ◆ Nov. 1 - Youth Group at the church 4-5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 8 – Youth Group at the church 4-5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 13 (Friday the 13th) – Youth Group Lock in – Adult Chaperones needed
- ◆ Dec. 6 - Advent Crafting 4 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 13 – Youth Group Christmas Party

Most of our youth communication comes from our Constant Contact Weekly Youth Emails & Flocknote Texting Service. If you are not on our Youth Group Email distribution lists, email andrea@cartersvillepres.org



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Thankful Hearts

The preschool was given a donation of \$10,000 from a very generous grandmother. Out of appreciation for allowing her grandson to attend the school for a short period of time, she wanted to offer this gift. She specifically asked that the money be used to help parents who struggle to pay tuition, especially during the pandemic. We are so grateful for this contribution. It will assist families who have asked for registration refunds and tuition this fall. Thanks be to God and our special friend.

Our current enrollment is 70.

2 day students = 4

3 day students = 21

5 day students = 45

First Presbyterian Pre-School

Lindsay Scoggins and Beth Weathersby

Co-Directors

April Paulk ~ Assistant Director

Events for November

- *NOTE CHANGE* ~ Fall pictures with Tonsmeire Studios will take place Nov. 3 and 4 in one of our classrooms.
- Thanksgiving Celebrations will take place Friday, November 20
- Thanksgiving Break ~
November 23-27



Hands of Christ

After School Program

November
2020



Get a jump on your Holiday Shopping!

Are you a bucket filler
or a bucket dipper?

Fill someone's bucket today!

Please remember the children of the Afterschool Program this Christmas. **Angel Trees will be displayed beginning Nov. 1st**. Pick an angel from the tree and make a child's Christmas wish come true. While we can't have our annual large party, the children will be treated within their classrooms. It's more important than ever to keep this special tradition alive! You will find the angel trees in the children's education area, in the Fellowship Hall, and in the front vestibule Sunday morning. Please remove an angel from the tree, sign the gift list, and return one wrapped gift of around \$35.00-\$45.00 to the ASP office. Please attach the angel tag to the gift. **All gifts need to be turned in to the office by Monday, Dec. 7th**.

 Find us on:
facebook®

FPC Hands of Christ to
view photos from all the
fun going on at HOC.

- 2020 Hot Toy List**
- *some items may retail for more than \$35 but can be purchased with a coupon or on sale at Thanksgiving
- | <u>Ages 5-7</u> | <u>Ages 8-11</u> |
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| • Hatchimals | • Nerf Fortnite Blasters |
| • Pixie Flyers | • Slime Making Kit |
| • Slime Making Kit | • Air Hogs o-gravity Laser Car |
| • Foam Alive | • Nerf Nitro Rapid Rally |
| • Hello Kitty Doll | • Treasure X Alien Hunters |
| • L.O.L Surprise! OMG! | • Lego Minecraft |
| • Squigz | • Karyoke Microphone |
| • Barbie Dreamtopia Unicorn | • Go Glam Nail Stamper |
| • Coding Critters | • Scooter |
| • Ultimate Buzz Lightyear | • Beyblade toys |
| • Pomsies | • Circuit maze |
| • Movin + Chat Max | • Air Hogs Supernova |
| • Crayola Light Board | • Lego Gear bots |
| • Blume Dolls | • Solar bots |
| • Spiderman Super Web Slinger | |

Upcoming Holidays:

Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Break



Dec. 3 Christmas Parade



November Birthdays

1	Debbie King	28	Rob Forbes
2	Jeanne Whatley	29	Charlotte Whatley
3	Jackson Cline	29	Brooke Bowen
4	Lloyd Collins	30	Mina Harper
4	Megan Gregory	30	Eric Dunlap
5	Emmanuel Mukete		
5	David Morris		
5	Scarlett Warlick		
7	Eliza Johnson		
8	Ross Whatley		
9	Alice Baker		
10	Cailyn Campbell		
12	Ann Cummings		
12	Katie Mullinax		
14	Lane Baker		
19	Ed Thomasson		
19	Harris Pressley		
23	John Zierer		
25	Cindy Tobin		
27	Jackie Thompson		
28	Donna Bridges		



In November We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Leigh Jones, Julie Mazariegos (ASP), Carol McDaniel (ASP), April Paulk (Preschool), Louisa Thacker (Preschool)

Officers: Marilyn Devine (Session), Becky Carr (Diaconate)

Ministries: Faith Development Ministry

Families: November 1-7: Denice Rouse (Matthew, James), Georgie Russell, Paxton Russell, Kyle and Karen Russell, Margaretta Shaw

November 8-14: Chris and Renee Shields (Grace, Mya, Christopher), Rick Shireman and Sarah Craighead, Betty Sime, Jerry Simmons, Matt and Sheilah Simons

November 15-21: Robert and Cindy Sims (Erin, Elise), Joyce Smith, Nona Smith, Wyley and Judy Steed, David Steinken and Nancy Kelly (Katie, Owen, Will, Gracie)

November 22-30: Mike and Barrie Stodgell, Chad and Kerry Stough, Terry and Janet Strange, Charlotte Sullins, Jeanie Tarver

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November Calendar

November 3

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

November 7

9:00am - Church Officer Training

November 11

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive Upper Room

November 13

Youth Group Lock-In

November 16

5:30pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting

November 17

6:15pm Worship Committee Meeting

6:30pm Mission Committee Meeting

7:00pm Session Meeting

November 18

6:00pm - Service of Wholeness & Healing Service

November 19

6:00pm - Ladies Night Out @ Maine Street Coastal

November 23 - 27

Preschool & HOC Afterschool Thanksgiving Break

November 23

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

November 25 - 27

Church Office Closed

November 29

11:00am - One Worship Service No Sunday School

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

- The Preschool and Hands of Christ ASP Thanksgiving Break November 23 – 27.
- The church office will be closed November 25, 26, and 27.

