



November 2021



*For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter  
under heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Fall is in the air. There is one tree in our backyard that has leaves which are already changing. That single tree is leading the pack because the rest seem to be holding their breath and waiting a little longer! But we know it is fall.

The air is crisper, the days are getting shorter, pumpkin spice is everywhere.

As fall and autumn are upon us, it makes me think of the leaves falling and the seasons changing in the year and also in our lives.

Leaves on the trees are often taken for granted when they are green. As winter approaches, we notice the beautiful leaves as God paints them with vivid colors. Then, as they die for the year they fall off - filling the gutters. But with the death of the leaves, they make room for rebirth and growth. The trees need for the leaves to fall to make room for the opportunity to grow, change and once again be full of life.

As one door closes we struggle and mourn the loss of the future we expected and the need for forced change. But, with a door closing it often ushers in an opportunity for growth and rebirth in our own lives. Sometimes, it also allows us to move past a negative situation into one far brighter than we ever thought possible.

This season is a gift from God. It is a gift not only because of the gorgeous landscapes that God provides in this time of year. It is also a time in which we can count our blessings and look at how the Lord paints a vibrant future for us.

God blesses us in so many ways – both material and spiritual. As you reflect upon the gifts of the season, what are you particularly grateful for during this time in your life? How does God use the changes in our lives to bless us with new perspectives or opportunities? For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. May this time be one of reflection and gratitude.

*Pastor Leigh*

## **November Dare to Serve Project Nov. 14th!**

Thank you to everyone who donated food and showed up to help pack meals for the hungry in October. We fed so many hungry in this community. You are invited to join us for another time to serve: **Sunday, Nov. 14th**, immediately after worship we will share a meal and then divide into groups to go do yard work and other projects for some of our congregation. We ask that you sign up to let us know you are coming so that we can know how many projects we can undertake. All ages and abilities are welcome to be a part of this opportunity to serve.

[Click here to >> Sign up for a site today](#) or call the church office 770-382-3511.



### **Join us for Hanging of the Green!**

All members are invited to be a part of this interactive worship service which is on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 6:00 p.m. Music, lights, greenery, and the symbols of Christmas will all be an important part of our worship as we welcome the holy season of Advent and Christmas.

**Everyone is welcome to attend, but sign-ups are required to participate.**

During the worship service, participants will be given Chrismon ornaments to take up and hang on the sanctuary Christmas tree. Youth are invited to participate as readers and/or as those who hang greenery and light candles.

Sign up to participate as decorators or readers >> [Hanging of the Green Sign Up](#)

### **Lighting the Advent wreath**

as part of worship is an important symbolic act during the season of Advent. As we light each candle we can see that we are growing closer to the birth of Christ. If you and your family would like to participate as wreath lighters during Advent this year, please use the link below to sign up for a date and service time. We will need Advent wreath lighters at the 9:00 and 11:00 services each Sunday in Advent, as well as for our Christmas Eve services. Lighting the wreath also includes doing a short reading for the Call to Worship. Families of all sizes and ages are encouraged to participate as wreath lighters. [Sign up to light the Advent wreath](#)



### **Advent Sermon Series**

This year, in our Advent worship services, we will be reflecting on parts of Adam Hamilton's study, *The Journey*. *The Journey* combines historical information and archaeology to offer a new perspective on the story of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We will also consider our own journeys to encounter our Savior. I invite anyone who would like to be a part of some in depth contemplation on this study to purchase the study guide for your reading and reflection in this holy season. It is the 10th anniversary of this timeless work, so new editions are available, but the previous edition is also an excellent resource. If you would like a book, but are unable to purchase one for yourself, contact the church office and we will provide one for you.

## *From the Session:*

### **The following are the minutes from the 10/19/2021 Session meeting:**

1. Membership transfers to Sam Jones UMC were approved for Mike and Miranda Hailey.
2. The 2020 Necrology (Member Deaths) Report was submitted to Cherokee Presbytery.
3. Troy Eggersman was approved as the new Facilities Manager with conditions.
4. Jimmy Cline reported that Hands of Christ is short-staffed with 3 positions available.
5. Janet Martin reported that employee reviews are being conducted.
6. Paul Green reported that our budget is in the black through 9/30/2021.
7. Janet Martin attended the 10/9/2021 Cherokee Presbytery Zoom meeting which she reported was very well organized.
8. Dennis Collier reported that the Hotel Wing, Fellowship Hall, and Side Entrance Architectural Shingle Roof Replacement has been completed.
9. Katie Godfrey reported that 55 showed up for the recent Feed the Homeless local Mission Project on 10/17/2021.
10. The Friendship Table re-start will be postponed until after 1/1/2022.
11. Fall Festival aka Trunk or Treat is planned for 10/24/2021.
12. Faith Development will request funding to offset Montreat Expenses in 2021 from the Endowment Committee.
13. Beth Gaines reported that attendance at the 9:00 AM Service seems to be averaging 25-35 attendees.
14. Hanging of the Greens will be 12/1/2021 at 6:30 PM and the first Sunday of Advent will be 11/28/2021.

### **Meet our new Dell Howell Choral Scholar Madi Patrick**

Madi is a Freshman Vocal Performance Major at Reinhardt University. She is an alumna of the Georgia Governors Honors Program and was an active member in her high school (Southeast Bulloch) and community choirs growing up. Her most notable achievements include 1st Place Musical Theatre and 2nd Place Classical at the GANATS solo competition in high school. She was also a semi finalist for the SERNATS competition in high school. You will hear Madi's beautiful voice Sunday. She will be singing the solo in the anthem ***The Lord is My Shepherd***. Welcome, Madi!!



### **Troy Eggersman Facilities Manager**

Troy was born in Columbus, IN and attended Lutheran schools from the first grade through his junior year of high school. He graduated from Wheeler High School in Marietta and is a graduate of Kennesaw State University with a BA in Management and Marketing. He is a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Marietta.

Troy has operational experience in commercial and residential project management. He also has more than 40 years experience in the operations of church properties programs, improvements and structural maintenance. He is mechanical minded and gifted in repair and maintenance field.

He enjoys classic cars, the outdoors, music, and product development.



### Giving Thanks to God

As we look toward a time of giving Thanks at the end of November, I would like to give thanks for our leaders in this congregation. I am especially thankful for those Elders and Deacons who have fulfilled their term and are rotating off, as well as for those who have said yes to God’s call to serve this congregation for the coming years.

Our Elders who are rotating off are: Marilyn Devine, Paul Green, Megan Johnson, Janet Martin, Kyle Russell, and Jackson Cline. Our Deacons who are rotating off are: Rebecca Carr, Molly Collins, Jean Robinson, Karen Russell, Gracie Pruitt. They have given much to serve Christ and this congregation. Join me as we give thanks for their service.

Coming onto the Session as Elders are: Suzanne Collins, Peter Olson, Jean Gilliland, Scott Panter, and Mason Cline. Coming onto the Board of Deacons are: Rebecca Carr, Rick Shireman, Molly Collins, Sonya Noble, and Elizabeth Bowen. Pray with me in the coming weeks for those who have answered God’s call and for our Session and Board of Deacons as we renew our commitment to serve Christ and to seek God’s will for our lives together.

Our Session will gather Saturday morning, Nov. 6, to reflect on and pray about all that God is doing in and through this congregation for the coming year and will welcome our newest leaders. On Sunday, Nov. 7, our leaders will be ordained and installed in worship.

I give thanks to God for all our leaders and the for exciting ways God is at work in this community.



**Blessing of the Animals**

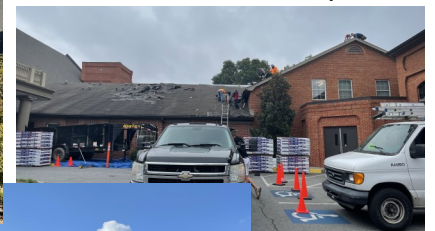
We had a wonderful turn-out for our Blessing of the Animals, as we gave thanks to God for all creation and especially for our faithful four-legged friends.



### Happenings at FPC...

#### Celebrating our New Roof!

It is very exciting to walk around our building these days. We have new carpet and gorgeous paint in the office areas and hallways and now most of our roof replacement project has been completed! While the roof on the Christian Education building was finished this summer, roofing over the remaining buildings other than the sanctuary was a part of our Fall work. We are thankful for our roof committee and properties committee for their work and dedication to seeing this needed work completed.



#### Dare to Serve Feeding the hungry





**THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL FALL FESTIVAL!**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fall Festival a huge success! The families that came enjoyed Trunk-or-Treating, crafts, face painting, the bounce house, the Cake Walk, and so many more fun activities.



Thank you to all who decorated a car and handed out candy, to those who volunteered their time to help out during the festival, and to all who donated baked goods for our Cake Walk!

The whole community had a wonderful time in fun and fellowship!

**November Youth Group Calendar**



Link to the Full Youth Calendar can be found here>> [FPC Fall 2021 Youth Calendar](#)

**Nov. 7** – Youth Group + Dinner – 4-6:30 – College Care Package Packing

**Nov. 14** – [FPC Yard Clean Up](#)

**Dec 1** – Hanging of the Green Service Sign up

If you are not receiving our Youth Group emails or texts, please contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org) to be added to the lists.



**November Dare to Serve Project Nov. 14th!**

Click here to >> [Sign up for a site today](#)

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 14 to help some of

our church members clean up their yards and homes. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall right after the 11 a.m. worship service, eat lunch, and then travel to the homes. This service project is open to people of ALL ages. If any youth want to sign up, but won't have a parent/guardian present to drive them to a site, we can provide transportation. Just let us know in the comments or email [Andrea Roche](#), Director of Children & Youth.

Garden tools/yard tools are needed. Please let us know in the comment section what you can bring from your own home to use during our clean up.

If you have limited abilities or time, contact our Mission Chair, Katie Godfrey, or Pastor Leigh and we can make accommodations.

**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](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org). The youth are going to put together Care Packages in early November.

If you would like to donate to the packages, please check out our [Amazon Wish List](#) or send in donations or gift cards.







# November 2021



## First Presbyterian Pre-School

Lindsay Scoggins ~ Director

April Paulk ~ Assistant Director

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November Bible Verse:

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Phillippians 4:13

*The preschool had a wonderful time in October! We met real heroes and learned firemen are our friends when the Cartersville City firemen came to visit. We spent a beautiful day playing at Creekside Farms, and we finished the month with our costume parade and parties! We have another exciting month ahead! (See Events)*

## Events for November

- ♥ Fall pictures with Tonsmeire Studios will take place Nov. 2 and 3
- ♥ PreK and Kindergarten Field Trip to Pettit Preserve November 12
- ♥ 3s/Prek/and Kindergarten to see Frozen Jr. at the Grand Theater November 18
- ♥ Thanksgiving Celebrations will take place Friday, November 19
- ♥ Thanksgiving Break ~ November 22-26



*Above: Myles Wilson and Lilliah Dover giving fireman thank you cards.*

*Below: Vanessa Lindahl making angels in corn box at Creekside Farms*



# Hands of Christ After School Program



November  
2021



Get a jump on your  
Holiday Shopping!

Please remember the children of the Afterschool Program this Christmas. **Angel Trees will be displayed beginning Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**. Pick an angel from the tree and make a child's Christmas wish come true. We have 175 children looking forward to this special tradition this year! 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. 6<sup>th</sup>**.

 Find us on:  
**facebook®**

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

### Upcoming Holidays:

**Nov. 22-26 Thanksgiving Break**



**Dec. 2 Christmas Parade**



### 2021 Hot Toy List

\*some items may retail for more than \$35 but can be purchased with a coupon or on sale at Thanksgiving

#### Ages 5-7

#### Ages 8-11

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| • Hatchimals                  | • Pixie Flyers | • Nerf Blasters                |
| • Slime Making Kit            |                | • Slime Making Kit             |
| • Foam Alive                  |                | • Air Hogs o-gravity Laser Car |
| • Little Live Pets            |                | • Nerf Nitro Rapid Rally       |
| • L.O.L Surprise! OMG!        |                | • Treasure X Alien Hunters     |
| • Squigz                      |                | • Magnatiles                   |
| • Barbie Dreamtopia Unicorn   |                | • Karaoke Microphone           |
| • Coding Critters             |                | • Go Glam Nail Stamper         |
| • Rad Robots                  |                | • Scooter                      |
| • Pomsies                     |                | • Beyblade toys                |
| • Movin & Chat Max            |                | • Circuit maze                 |
| • Crayola Light Board         |                | • Air Hogs Supernova           |
| • Blume Dolls                 |                | • Lego Gear bots               |
| • Spiderman Super Web Slinger |                | • Solar bots                   |
| • Monster Trucks              |                | • Flipside                     |

## *November Birthdays*

1	Debbie King	27	Jackie Thompson
2	Jeanne Whatley	28	Donna Bridges
3	Jackson Cline	29	Charlotte Whatley
3	Walker Clark	29	Brooke Bowen
4	Jim Ireland	30	Mina Harper
4	Megan Gregory	30	Eric Dunlap
5	Emmanuel Mukete		
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		



## *In November We Pray for Our Church:*

**Staff:** Lindsay Scoggins, Linda Ferguson (ASP), Rhonda Gilliam (ASP), Peyton Miller (Preschool), April Paulk (Preschool)

**Officers:** Jimmy Cline (Session), Anne Marie Benton (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Stewardship & Finance Committee

**Families: November 1-7:** Lynne Tilley, Mike and Cindy Tobin (Derek, Adam, Corey), Harry and JoAnne Treadaway, Kyle and Jamie Tucker, Paul and Rhonda Wachsmuth (Luke, Hallie)

**November 8-14:** Cathy Wall, Chip and Lauren Warlick (Scarlett), John and Penny Waters, Kenzie Waters, Frank and Beth Weathersby

**November 15-21:** Jared Whatley (Olivia), Jeanne Whatley, Ross and Charlotte Whatley, Floy White, Peggy White

**November 22-31:** LaRue Whitehead, David and Jeannette Wilkins, Lewey Williamson (Aaron), Earl and Marie Williamson, Hannah and Taylor Wilson (Jackson)



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## *November Calendar*

### **November 1**

6:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

### **November 2**

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

### **November 3**

7:30pm - Zoom Bible Study

### **November 4**

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study Group

### **November 6**

9:00am - Session Retreat

### **November 7**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

### **November 8**

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

### **November 9**

7:30pm - Faith Development Meeting

### **November 10**

2:00pm - American Red Cross Blood Drive

7:30pm - Zoom Bible Study

### **November 14**

12:00pm - Dare To Serve Project

### **November 15**

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

### **November 16**

7:00pm - Session Meeting

### **November 19**

9:00am - Preschool Thanksgiving Parties

### **November 22 - 26**

Preschool & Hands of Christ ASP Holidays

### **November 22**

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

### **November 24 - 26**

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving



### **FPC Book Club**

No meetings in November and December.

Book Club meetings will resume in

January 2022.

**Wednesday Evening Zoom**

**Bible Study**

**Wednesday's at 7:30 PM**

**Continues thru November 10**