

# *Grace Presbyterian News*

## November 2021

### **Sunday Worship Continues, In Person and Livestream**

We continue Sunday worship in person under the protocols we have used since we resumed on March 7. You are welcome to attend, masked and distanced. We do sing. We do not pass the offering plates nor friendship pads. Please arrive no sooner than 10:45 and no later than 10:55. Enter the sanctuary by the doors on the east or west side that lead directly into the sanctuary, rather than using the hallways. We want to make worship in person possible for those who want to attend, but we are also practicing due caution in light of COVID-19. Please remember to wear your mask over your mouth and nose at all times inside the church. We continue to live stream the service as an alternative to in person worship.

Pastor Mike Krech

### **Sunday School for Adults, Children, and Youth Meet on Zoom**

The adult Sunday School class meets on Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. John Price is leading the class, studying Genesis. Send Mike an email at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com) to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link. Children and youth are also meeting online Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Contact Cristaldawn Smith for more details at [revmiss2002@yahoo.com](mailto:revmiss2002@yahoo.com). Both classes end at 10:00 a.m. to give time to get to church.

### **Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom**

Morning prayer on Zoom continues most Wednesdays. Email Mike at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com) to receive the link to join us. You will get an email by Tuesday noon with the link to join the Zoom chat and a list of the Scripture readings and hymn for the meeting. We pray for each person by name at morning prayer. I warmly invite those who find it meaningful to be remembered on the prayer list to also be among those who pray for those on the prayer list in this service. We try to open the room by 9:20 a.m. so we can chat and visit, start at 9:30, and conclude by 10:00.

### **Thursday Night Study Group at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

Our Thursday night study group on Zoom has proved quite meaningful to several folks across our first few months of meeting, and we would be glad to welcome others. Our current book is *Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers*, written by “our own” Dr. Don McKim. Don has led us in the study of his book throughout October now and into November, as we learn more about leaders of the Protestant Reformation and beliefs and issues that have characterized our Protestant and Presbyterian ways of being Christian. Send Mike an email at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com) to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link.

### **Game Nights on Zoom – Fridays, November 5 and 19, at 7:00 p.m.**

We meet on Zoom for fellowship, word games, trivia, and many laughs. If you would like to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link, email Mike at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com).

### **All Saints Sunday – November 7**

The observance of All Saints Day has been reclaimed by many Protestants in the past few decades because in the New Testament the word “saint” means every Christian. We also have the deepening awareness that however intimately God may speak to each of us personally, our faith in Christ is also due to the witness of other people. Parents, grandparents, pastors, teachers, musicians, godly friends, maybe even strangers, have had their roles in our journey of faith, helping us come to know the love of God in Christ. On Sunday, November 7, we thank God for all the saints.

## Pictures of Veterans of the Military for November 7

We will again acknowledge Veterans Day by showing pictures of veterans affiliated with the church before and after worship on Sunday, November 7. If you have a picture to add to our existing collection, please get that picture to Bob Vawter at [bvawter@bellsouth.net](mailto:bvawter@bellsouth.net) by November 6.

## Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings on Zoom

Evening Circle meets Monday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Day Circle meets Tuesday, November 9, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.

If you received emails with the Zoom links in September or October, you will receive emails for the Zoom links to these meetings. If you have not participated, but wish to do so, email [patsykrech@gmail.com](mailto:patsykrech@gmail.com)

## Presbytery of the Mid-South – Tuesday, November 9, at Idlewild and on Zoom

Presbytery of the Mid-South, our regional council, which covers PCUSA churches in West Tennessee and beyond, meets on Nov. 9. Sharon Ragghianti is our commissioner.

**Community Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Fullview Church**  
A community Thanksgiving service involving the seven congregations of the Bartlett-Ellendale Association of Churches will be held in person this year on Sunday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Fullview Missionary Baptist Church, 7100 Memphis-Arlington Road. Fullview's protocols require masks to be worn.

## Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent – Friday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m.

We will meet on Friday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. Please plan to wear a mask as we set up the Chrismon tree, Advent wreath and other wreaths and garlands to enhance our worship for Advent and Christmas.

## Pastoral Patio Visits

Pastor Mike Krech is happy to visit on your patio, deck, or yard if you are comfortable with it. These outdoor visits of 30-60 minutes can be planned with an eye to the weather. Invite Mike via an email to [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com)

## Commitments for 2022

The initial response for financial commitments for 2022, received on Commitment Sunday, October 24, was very encouraging. Thank you for your faithfulness. If you have not had a chance to return a commitment card for 2022 and need any assistance in the matter, please call Betsy Lewis at the church on Mondays or Fridays, or email Commitment Committee chair Rickie Cooke at [rkocooke@bellsouth.net](mailto:rkocooke@bellsouth.net).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Names in <i>italics</i> indicate that the date is that person's birthday	<i>Alex Fry</i> <i>Cristaldawn Smith</i>		9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom  <i>Alaina Hurley</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers</i> Study on Zoom <i>Rosemary Gordon</i>	7:00 p.m. Game Night on Zoom	
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
9:00/9:30 Adult/Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person masked & Live-streamed All Saints Sunday	7:00 p.m. Night Circle of Presbyterian Women on Zoom	10:00 a.m. Day Circle of Presbyterian Women On Zoom 10:00 a.m. Presbytery on Zoom	No Morning Prayer today	Veterans Day 7:00 p.m. <i>Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers</i> Study on Zoom	<i>Ruth Ellen Cox</i> <i>Susan Pickren</i>	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
9:00/9:30 Adult/Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person masked & Live-streamed	5:30 p.m. Session Mtg  <i>Akwi Aseh</i>	<i>Mary Tolley</i>	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom 7:00 p.m. <i>Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers</i> Son Zoom		7:00 p.m. Game Night on Zoom  <i>Cole Price</i>	
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
9:00/9:30 Adult/Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person masked & Live-streamed Communion Christ the King 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service, Fullview			9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thanksgiving Day  <i>Whit Sloane</i>	10:00 a.m. Decorate Sanctuary for Advent	
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
9:00/9:30 Adult/Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person masked & Live-streamed 1st Sunday in Advent <i>Donald Hicks</i>	<i>Kevin Bopp</i>					

**Lectionary Readings for Worship:**

**Nov. 7 (All Saints Sunday):**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 27;  
Hebrews 9:24-28; Matthew 5:1-12

**Nov. 14:**

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10; Psalm 16;  
Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

**Nov. 21: (Christ the King Sunday):**

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 100;  
Revelation 1:4-6; John 18:33-37

**Nov. 28: (First Sunday in Advent)**

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

**A Prayer for All Saints Sunday**

God of all grace, we thank you that you sent your Son Jesus to break the power of death and bring life and immortality to light through the Gospel. He shared our life, took upon himself our death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Look not on us, but on us as found in him, and bring us safely through the judgment to the joy and peace of your presence. Amen.

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