

Grace Presbyterian News

November 2020

All Saints Sunday – November 1

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 1, we thank God for all the saints.

Sunday Worship Continues, In Person and Livestream

We returned to Sunday in person worship at 11:00 a.m. on September 20. About half the members of the congregation have indicated they plan to attend regularly, and this works out well in maintaining social distancing without requiring those who wish to attend to alternate Sundays. If you wish to change your status from non-attending to attending, or vice versa, please send me an email at jmkrech@yahoo.com. The 11:00 service is live streamed, so you can watch it as it happens. The link to the live stream is at the church website: www.grace-pres.org. By early Sunday afternoon that morning’s service is also available at the website and should be so indefinitely for on demand viewing. A large thanks to our tech team of Kevin Bopp, Emily Mayne, and Bob Vawter for their work since March in making the worship services and other resources available online, as well as to organist Susan Steppe, the frequent brass accompaniment from Bob Vawter and Rickie Cooke, and worship committee chair Rosemary Gordon, who takes care of so many details so ably.

Pastor Mike Krech

Welcome New Members

The session was happy on October 11, 2020, to welcome Martina and Oki Tafah into membership by transfer of membership from the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon.

Sunday School Meets on Zoom

The adult Sunday School class meets on Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. John Price is leading the class, studying Matthew. Send Mike an email at jmkrech@yahoo.com to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link. Children are also meeting online most Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Check in with Cristaldawn Smith for more details at 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 each Wednesday. Email Mike to be given the link to join us. You will get an email by Tuesday evening with the link to join the Zoom chat and a list of the Scripture readings and hymn for the meeting. We open the room by 9:10 a.m. so we can chat and visit, start the service at 9:30, and conclude by 10:00.

Game Nights on Zoom – Fridays November 6 and 20, at 7:00 p.m.

We meet on Zoom for fellowship, word games, some trivia, and many laughs. If you would like to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link, email Mike at jmkrech@yahoo.com. Future game nights on Zoom are set for December 4 and 18, to steer clear of the holidays.

Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders – Sunday, November 8

Congregational Meeting to elect elders, class of 2023, is called for Sunday, November 8. The nominees are: Rosemary Gordon, Sharon Ragghianti, and Becky Stirling. At the meeting, members of the church may nominate other members of the church who are willing to serve. Also, for those members not attending in person worship, you may email a proposed nomination to Pastor Mike Krech at jmkrech@yahoo.com. Emailed nominations must be in by Saturday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m.

Pictures of Veterans of the Military for November 8

We will again acknowledge Veterans Day by showing pictures of veterans affiliated with the church before and after worship on Sunday, November 8. If you have a picture to add to our existing collection, please get that picture to Bob Vawter at bvawter@bellsouth.net by November 7.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings on Zoom

Evening Circle meets Monday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Day Circle meets Tuesday, November 10, 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

Presbytery of the Mid-South – Thursday, November 12, on Zoom

Presbytery of the Mid-South, our regional council, which covers PCUSA churches in West Tennessee and beyond, meets on Nov. 12. Janet Vawter is our commissioner.

No Community Thanksgiving Service This Year

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the pastors of the churches of our Bartlett-Ellendale association of churches have determined that we will not hold a union Thanksgiving service this year.

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

Commitments for 2021

The initial response for financial commitments for 2021, received on Commitment Sunday, October 25, was very encouraging. Thank you for your faithfulness. If you have not had a chance to return a commitment card for 2021 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 and 9:30 Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In person if you have signed up or Live streamed/ All Saints Day <i>Alex Fry</i> <i>Cristaldawn Smith</i>	2	3 <i>Alaina Hurley</i>	4 <i>Rosemary Gordon</i>	5	6 7:00 pm Game Night on Zoom	7
8 9:00 and 9:30 Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In person if you have signed up or Live streamed/ Congregational Meeting	9 7:00 p.m. Night Circle of Presbyterian Women on Zoom	10 10:00 a.m. Day Circle of Presbyterian Women On Zoom	11 Veterans Day	12 10:00 a.m. Presbytery on Zoom <i>Ruth Ellen Cox</i> <i>Susan Pickren</i>	13	14
15 9:00 and 9:30 Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In person if you have signed up or Live streamed <i>Akwi Aseh</i>	16 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg <i>Mary Tolley</i>	17	18	19 <i>Cole Price</i>	20 7:00 pm Game Night on Zoom	21
22 9:00 and 9:30 Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In person if you have signed up or Live streamed Communion Christ the King	23	24	25 <i>Whit Sloane</i>	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 <i>Donald Hicks</i>
29 9:00 and 9:30 Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In person if you have signed up or Live streamed First Sunday in Advent <i>Kevin Bopp</i>	30					

Lectionary Readings for Worship:

Nov. 1 (All Saints Sunday):

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 34:1-10,22;

Hebrews 11:23-12:2; Matthew 5:1-12

Nov. 8: Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25; Psalm 78:1-7;

1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 15: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;

1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 22: (Christ the King Sunday):

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24; Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Nov. 29: (First Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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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