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POST-ELECTION ANGST

It's November 4. Election Day has come and gone. What are we supposed to do with our political fervor now? Our phones, text messages and email are no longer clamoring for our attention. The special interests and party affiliates of our choice have stopped pleading and begging for our votes and our support. The ads on the evening news are once again palatable. Our votes have been cast. Our part is done.

May we not forget what we have learned! All of this passion and energy was not for nothing. Each and every one of us CARES deeply about the future of our nation. All of us are invested in getting the best quality health care. All of us want a leader who will cut through the bologna and get the job done. Lead this nation onward and upward.

But if we drop all of our fervor on November 4 as if none of it matters at all on the day after, we aren't being true to ourselves. Take a day or two and allow yourself to celebrate or mourn the way the ballots fell. Then, take inventory. Reassess your goals. Separate them from the candidate. Your values still count. The needs you see that exist in your community still need tending. Find a partner or an organization and work together to mend what is broken. Each one of us has the ability to DO something.

Every four years we become so caught up in the drama on the presidential stage that it overshadows the small choices we can make to improve our society week in and week out. There are other opportunities to vote in municipal and state elections. There are local and regional organizations that work to influence our society and stand up for human dignity. There are places and forums where people talk and ideas are given flesh and society is improved by ordinary people just like us.

Our fervor for the Presidential election can be harnessed for the good of our community. We just have to connect and engage with others. We have to look past the election and focus on the future that we were voting for in the first place.

Rev Michele

PRAYER AT THE TIME OF AN ELECTION

Under your law we live, great God,
and by your will we govern ourselves.
Help us as good citizens
to respect neighbors whose views differ from ours,
so that without partisan anger,
we may work out issues that divide us,
and elect candidates to serve the common welfare;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

from the Book of Common Worship

Prayer for Elections

Merciful and loving God,
As we prepare for the November 3rd Elections,
Send the light of your Spirit into the hearts of all in our nation.
Bring peace and hope wherever there is confusion, discord and apathy.
Awaken in us a strong desire to work for the common good of all peoples,
especially the most vulnerable in our world.
Enable us to differ and to dialogue with reverence and respect for one another.
Pour out on us a spirit of wisdom and discernment to help us choose government
officials who will lead our country in the path of truth, justice, and peace.
We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ, who is always with us.
Amen

Memorials were received during the month of October in memory of:



Ludean Adams

Eloise Bennet

Betty Lue Moore



**HELP US TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WE ARE HERE!
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON, TX.**



November – we're so thankful for you. The air is cooling, the colors are changing as we move into the season of comfort. While our world is still a wee bit hectic, take time to breathe deep and be thankful for all that is and for all that is yet to be.

The Building & Grounds Team Plus with a little help from others in our congregation has been busy doing some minor and some major projects around the church.

The Team Plus had a full work day on Saturday, October 24th. We began the Steps Improvement Project and hope that to be completed as you read this article. We secured the railings and sanded them to a smooth surface and gave them a fresh coat of paint. What a difference it makes. We cleaned and power washed all three sets of steps and did some "fixing" to areas that had broken away. And hopefully, the new coat of paint will be on before Sunday, November 1.

While all this was going on – some of the Team moved inside to begin the clearing out of the parlor. To begin the redo of the parlor, our Team provided the clean up and out necessary to give us a blank canvas. If you'd like to participate, you are more than welcome. Stay tuned as the project progresses.

Continue to hold each other, our church and our community in your hearts and prayers and let's remember to live in color!

Through helping hands of your Building & Grounds Committee

Claudia, Steve, John T, Michael, Scott, Kathy, Weldon and Rev. Michele.



First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, Texas carries on amid all the chaos of this world. Thanks to all the workers who diligently keep the office running, the lights on, the air conditioners running, cleaning, keeping in touch with the homebound, the mailings, the bills paid, the pledges kept, music, sermons, postings online, phone calls, meetings, new ideas, planning, enhancing curb appeal (Did you notice the steps and hand railings?) There is so much going on behind the scene that likely goes unnoticed, but it keeps our church alive and vibrant.

We celebrate All Saint’s Sunday on November 1st! During service on October 25th, those in attendance selected 3 pieces of yarn to represent and honor those (Saint’s) (1) who have influenced our faith lives in the past, (2) who are continually shaping our faith, and (3) the ones whose faith we will shape in the future. Rev. Goff will prepare an All Saint’s Banner with this yarn representing how God has worked and will work in our lives and in the world. Weave us together, Lord!

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1st. Remember to turn clocks back one hour on Saturday night to prepare for Sunday morning worship on time.

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated the Thursday following the first Sunday (Thursday, November 5) online (our website or Face Book) at 5:30 pm. The liturgy will be mailed and emailed out as last month, and the elements will be shared with our congregation for use in their homes. If you have questions, please call Lynn (903) 836-2418.

The Season of Advent begins Sunday, November 29th. Prior to that date, we will be preparing the Sanctuary for the Season. I hope you will be available to assist. Maybe your family will be available to light the Advent candle one Sunday.

Stay safe! See you in worship!

The Worship Committee

With OUTREACHed hands & hearts

With your generous hearts, our third special offering – Peace & Global Witness collected \$381.35. Our church gets to keep 25% (\$95.34) of this collected offering to help in our local area. The mission of the Peace & Global Witness offering is to help us embrace God’s mission of reconciliation to those around the world and with those around the corner. Much thanks to those that helped us reach this generous amount.

As we move into the season of Thanksgiving, we are providing our congregation and friends with another helping hand opportunity. Through our support of the HIM ministry, during this holiday time, our members purchase “holiday baskets” either in honor or in memory of someone special. This traditional event at FPC-Henderson provides needed financial support for the HIM Thanksgiving project and allows our membership and friends a way to honor loved ones and special folks. The baskets this year are \$10.00. You can complete the form included in this Pipeline and send it with your check to the church or you can contact the church office and give Stefen your donation information or contact Claudia. We would appreciate receiving your donations by November 20th to allow HIM to plan accordingly. Thank you.

And, just as a little teaser for you, the Outreach Team is partnering with the Fellowship Team and the Stewardship Team to provide our members with a little memento of thankfulness and grace for each of you. Throughout the year, you make such a big difference in the lives of others – we just wanted to remind you that you also make a big difference in the life of our church.

And they know we are Christians by our love

To all of you with Peace & Grace,
Outreach Team



Stewardship

We all are doing our best to protect ourselves and those around us from the current health risk. We need to be careful, but not fearful. Our faith gives us more than enough reason for courage - for we worship the One who created life and conquered death. We are God's people.

COVID-19 does not discriminate who it infects, but it can be especially severe to those that are more mature; those with heart, lung and immune conditions. We have many members who fall into these categories. It is for this reason we will not be having our traditional Thanksgiving and Stewardship Luncheon this year. We want to do our part to protect our most vulnerable.

This luncheon has always been a special time for us to gather. We give thanks for all of God's blessings, begin the Stewardship Drive, present information on activities from the committees, present the budget and the Pastor's Terms of Call. It is with great sadness that we cancel for this year but we will find other ways to get this information to you. Please know that the work of FPC Henderson continues.

Your Finance/Stewardship Committee

Council Actions

October 15, 2020

- ◆ Prayed and worshiped together
- ◆ Shared joys and concerns
- ◆ Reviewed the church's finances
- ◆ Reviewed sessional actions to be taken by year's end
- ◆ Approved use of Fellowship Hall for a women's group
- ◆ Reviewed upcoming Stewardship season
- ◆ Set Annual Congregational Meeting for December 13
- ◆ Approved request for use of a church recycle bin

Did You Know?

During this year, we have seen manifestations of climate change in all the hurricanes, droughts, fires, floods, and this pandemic. It is time to hear once again the words of Rev. Dr. R. Scott Colglazier which we shared here in July 2017.

Rev. Dr. R. Scott Colglazier, past Senior Pastor of University Christian Church in Ft. Worth as well as Riverside Church in New York City and former Trustee of T.C.U., as well as Brite Divinity School, in his blog "Take a Breath" had this to say about Climate Change:

"Climate change is the moral issue of our time. If the planet doesn't survive, no other issue matters....If we cannot inhabit the planet, nothing else matters. If the planet cannot renew itself and sustain the human family, nothing else matters...I see the earth as the body of God, and therefore how I treat the earth is how I treat God, just as how I treat human beings is how I treat God...the earth can either experience a slow crucifixion or a slow resurrection...it is in our hands...This is not merely a political issue. This is the moral issue of our time."

Let us continue to do what we can to care for our planet earth and one another.

The Christian Education Green Team

WHY I WEAR A MASK

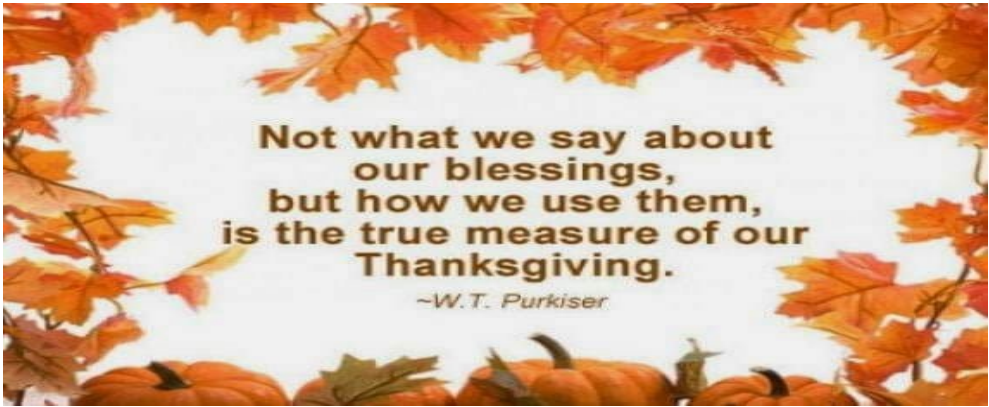
Jesus has called me to love my neighbor. There are vulnerable people in my congregation. The virus is real, and it is dangerous. If I wear a mask and I'm wrong, there's no harm. If I choose not to wear a mask, people could get sick and possibly die. So, I choose to wear a mask as a way to serve, as a way to love, and as a way to do my part to protect the most vulnerable.

Rev. Ken Braddy

Collegiate
Youth Group
Caring
Network



Pastor's new shirt from the Session



AS WE PREPARE FOR THANKSGIVING....We are at the end of October and approaching November- the Thanksgiving Season. Our church’s generosity is not a secret ~ in fact, it is a way of life with our congregation. While Thanksgiving holiday is a month away, we wanted to bring this request to you for consideration and to hopefully make it easy for our members to participate. If you would like to participate but do not want to shop for traditional Thanksgiving food elements, we got you covered. You can purchase a Giving Basket for \$10.00 either in Honor or in Memory of someone. If this is your way, please complete the information below and return it to the church with your check- with HIM Thanksgiving in memo line

<u>Your Name</u>	<u>In Honor/In Memory</u>	<u>Amount</u>

If you would like to participate by purchasing items for the Henderson Interchurch Ministry Thanksgiving boxes, the donations of these items will be greatly appreciated:

Chicken Broth	Green Beans	Canned Yams	Stuffing Mix
Corn Bread Mix	Canned Milk	Instant Potato Mix	Cranberry Sauce
Poultry gravy Mix	Cream of Mushroom Soup		

You can either bring your items to the church over the next three-four weeks, or you can contact Claudia at 903-646-0506 or John Tieken at 903-738-1346 and we’ll come pick them up.

Thanksgiving is on November 26th. We would like to have our items/donations to HIM by November 20th. Thank you and I’m thankful to gather together with this group to share the Lord’s blessings.

The Outreach Team



Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

- ⇒ *For our home bound members:
Sue W. and Kay W.*
- ⇒ *For Judy A.*
- ⇒ *For Bob & Cindy R.*
- ⇒ *For those who are ill and at risk for the Flu and Coronavirus*
- ⇒ *For healthcare and essential workers who are working during this pandemic*

Liturgists

November

- Nov 1:** Kelly W.
- Nov 8:** Kathy P.
- Nov 15:** John H.
- Nov 22:** John T.
- Nov 29:** Steve L

Notes from Fellowship:

The Fellowship Committee met in October to discuss ideas for the holiday season. With the health and safety of our members in our minds, we decided to host a Zoom social on November 22 after church at 4pm. After the service, we will hand out homemade spice breads (pumpkin, apple, banana) for each member to take home, and we will all join together at 4pm to enjoy our desserts via video call.

We know everyone is anxious to gather in person for fellowships, and we hope to be able to do so soon. While we may not be able to meet together in the church building to share food, we hope all of you will join us for the Zoom social.

Please contact Katie if you need help setting up the Zoom app on your phone or computer. We are happy to assist you. We will share the link for the event via email later this month.

The Fellowship Team
Katie, Claudia, Weldon, and Kathy

Save the Dates

November 4:
CE Meeting 10 AM

November 5:
Virtual Communion 5:30 PM

November 19:
Session 6 PM

November 22:
Zoom Fellowship 4 PM




November 23:
Pipeline Deadline



- 4, Suzanne Cross
- 14, Kelly Weaver
- 18, Mary Ann Chapman
- 19, Debbie Wasson
- 23, Patricia Price
- 25, Bob Ratliff
- 29, Delbert Gray

NOVEMBER 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Facebook Virtual & Sanctuary Service 11 AM <i>All Saints' Day</i>	2 Meals on Wheels Book Study 6:30PM	3  <i>Election Day</i>	4 Music in the Middle Facebook 6 PM CE Meeting 10 AM	5 Virtual Communion Facebook 5:30 PM	6 Meals on Wheels	7
8 Facebook Virtual & Sanctuary Service 11 AM	9 Meals on Wheels Book Study 6:30PM	10	11 Music in the Middle Facebook 6 PM  <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13 Meals on Wheels	14
15 Facebook Virtual & Sanctuary Service 11 AM	16 Meals on Wheels	17	18 Music in the Middle Facebook 6 PM	19 Session 6 PM	20 Meals on Wheels	21
22 Facebook Virtual & Sanctuary Service 11 AM Zoom Fellowship 4PM	23 Meals on Wheels <i>Pipeline Deadline</i>	24	25 Music in the Middle Facebook 6 PM	26  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> Office Closed	27 Meals on Wheels Office Closed	28
29 Facebook Virtual & Sanctuary Service 11 AM <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	30 Meals on Wheels			~ ~ ~ Reminder ~ ~ ~ First Monday, bring HIM donations to office between 9 AM and 2 PM		