



The MESSENGER

November 2022

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*Items for the combined December/January edition of this newsletter are accepted in the church office **through Monday, November 14, 2022, 9:00AM please.***



Early submissions are joyfully accepted.

Submissions will be edited for clarity, accuracy, and length.



The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Sunday, November 6



at 2:00AM, Sunday, November 6. Many of our digital clocks update automatically, but some do not. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before retiring for the evening Saturday, November 5.

A complete list of our veterans can be found on page 3.



Annual THANKSGIVING Box Outreach

See page 5 for details.

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the buildings and grounds for the homecoming service and to those members who anonymously underwrote the costs for the homecoming luncheon. We had around sixty-two persons in attendance for our homecoming worship service many of whom attended the pig roast served by Vonderhaar's Catering following the service.



From the Minister's Desk

Bruce and Beth Archibald and their daughter were in attendance for worship. The Rev. Archibald's remarks shared memories of his time with the congregation and were enjoyed and well-received by all.

I hope especially that the homecoming worship service was a meaningful experience for those in attendance. Worship is at the heart of Christian life. Over the next two months, we will move through a series of special services as we meet for weekly worship.

On the topic of Sunday worship, Dr. Rodney E. Wilmoth of the St. Paul United Methodist Church, Omaha, Nebraska, relates that, "*A group of 9-and 10-year-olds attended worship one Sunday morning and then each wrote a letter to the minister reflecting on the experience. Here are a few samples of their letters:*

Dear Reverend, I liked your sermon Sunday. Especially when it was finished. --Ralph, 10.

Dear Reverend, I like to go to church on Sunday because I don't have any choice. --Margaret, 10.

Dear Reverend, Thank you for your sermon Sunday. I will write more when my mother explains to me what you said. --Justin, 9.

Dear Reverend, I think more people would come to church if you would move it to Disneyland. --Loreen, 9."

Jane Simpson has outlined the schedule of worship services we anticipate during November in her worship column. I find that each year I look forward to the period running from Reformation Sunday through Christmas Day. In our worship, as we move Sunday to Sunday during the last month or two of the calendar year, we affirm the centrality of grace in the Christian experience, the hope of eternal life, the kingship of Christ over all earthly powers, our gratitude to God for life's blessings, and the birth of Christ as the incarnation of God's love in human life.

Kenneth L. Cuthbertson writes in *The Last Presbyterian: Remembering the Faith of My Forebears*: "Presbyterian worship, at its core, is meant to focus on the Word. It is meant to direct us, through the written word and the enacted word (the sacraments), into an encounter with the Living Word (Christ) and the Living Presence of God."

As we gather in November and December for worship, we bring ourselves, in the midst of a fairly busy time of year, to church to encounter a word of grace, and to offer something of ourselves to God.

From *Children's Letters to God*, we have another selection from that genre.

*Dear God,
If you watch in church on Sunday, I will show you my new shoes.
- Mickey D.*

As we find ourselves gathered to worship in the coming weeks, we may perhaps show God our new shoes, but we will also, and probably more importantly, aim to offer to God our thanksgiving, praise, and awe in response to God's meeting and saving us through Jesus Christ.



Mark B, United States Army Band, Fort Knox and Germany; 1970-1973

Ken C, United States Navy, active duty and reserves; 1964-1968

Addison C, United States Army, Counter Intelligence Corp; 1953-1961

Stu C, United States Air Force

Dave C, United States Marine Corps, Korean Conflict; 1951-1953

Mike F, United States Navy, Cuban Missile Crisis; 1960-1962

Gene M, United States Navy Hospital Corps, WW II; 1944-1946

Dick O, United States Air Force, Korean Conflict; 1951-1955

Tom S, United States Navy, Vietnam; 1966-1973

Rich S, United States Army, Ryukyu Islands; 1969-1971

Craig W, United States Navy, Vietnam



Please contact the church office if you would like to be included on this list.

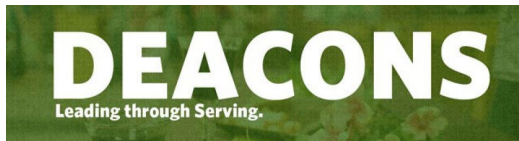
To the veteran who asked for their name to be removed from this list ...



You know you are a hero in my eyes. Welcome home soldier!

~~d





Diane and Mike B
William B
Beverley B
Levi C
Jacquie O

The Deacons offer prayer, companionship, rides, or meals, but don't always know where care is needed. If you know of a need (your own or another's), call the church office or any of our Deacons: Susan A, Marianna B, Jane J, and Susy S, (Moderator).



Worship News

There's little argument that October has been flying by this year. Reformation Sunday, falling on the last Sunday of October, notes our historical acknowledgment and commitment to our reformed and triune faith.

On the first Sunday of November (November 6), we celebrate All Saints Day as we warmly welcome the Rev. Dr. Dawn Vagle to the pulpit.

The Worship Committee would especially like to call your attention to our preparations for Sunday, November 27, which marks the beginning of Advent. We have some inviting plans for this day. Our service will be held in the Church House and will include some pre-selected Christmas carols. We will also invite song requests, so if you have a favorite Christmas carol, this is your chance to request that we sing it together! Immediately after the service, we will enjoy mulled cider and donuts.

Please come to church with us in November. We are looking forward to worshipping and joining in fellowship with you!

This January, we will spend three Sunday evenings discussing several selections from *The Screwtape Letters Study Guide: A Bible Study on the C.S. Lewis*

book *The Screwtape Letters* by Alan Vermilye. The text contains both C.S. Lewis' book *The Screwtape Letters*, as well as commentary and questions provided by Vermilye.

The Screwtape Letters Study Guide is available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Christian Book Distributors, and other booksellers.

The Bible study and book discussion will meet via Zoom on Sunday evenings at 6:00, January 8, 15, and 22.

An Amazon Book Review of *The Screwtape Letters Study Guide*:

"In advising how to keep his patient's life with God ineffective and arbitrary, a senior devil admonishes a junior to, "Keep his mind on the inner life ... For if he ever comes to make the distinction, if ever he consciously directs his prayers 'Not to what I think thou art but what thou knowest thyself to be', our situation is ... desperate." And so C.S. Lewis launches un into a collection of devilish letters from Uncle Screwtape to his "nephew" Wormwood in his classic and widely popular, *The Screwtape Letters*. "



Spotlight on Missions

Questions about Mission opportunities should be directed to Tom S.



The September Food Offering netted 106 pounds of food, personal care items, and cleaning products for Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center (VICRC).

Your Mission committee thanks you for your continued generosity!

It's Grape Jelly Time!

VICRC has announced their 2022 Holiday Sharing Program for those that need some help during the holiday season.



Our part is 350, 18oz jars of grape jelly. We have already purchased and delivered 48 jars ... only 302 more to go!

We are happy to do the shopping for you!
Dave can often find the 18oz jars for under \$2.00, so he's regularly visiting those locations to buy as much as he can. If you would like to make a donation to help with this project, checks and cash are accepted. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church, Glendale. Please note on the memo line, 'Valley grape jelly project'. Cash, should be in an envelope clearly marked 'Valley grape jelly project'. Both can be placed in the offering basket on Sunday or left on the church office desk.

*Donations will be accepted
through Sunday, November 22.*

Thank you for your generosity as we help our neighbors who need a helping hand.

VICRC is again asking for \$25.00 Target gift cards instead of gifts for the children they serve.

You will find a clearly marked basket to accept your donations in the Narthex on Sunday, November 20 and 27, and December 4.

If you would like the Mission committee to purchase a card for you, please drop cash or a clearly marked check in the offering basket any time before December 4.



On Sundays, October 30 and November 6, you are invited to pick up a box from the Narthex. Inside each box you will find a list of items in the quantity needed to provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for a family of 5.

Your Mission committee will tuck a Kroger gift card and a holiday greeting from the church into each box.

Boxes should be returned to the Narthex no later than Sunday, November 13.

Remember to find the number on the box you select and write your name beside the corresponding number on the paper on the table.

NOVEMBER



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mallory C.....	2
Jane J.....	4
<i>Jane and Bob S.....</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Diane and Frank L.....</i>	<i>8</i>
Amy D.....	13
<i>Donna and Dave C.....</i>	<i>17</i>
Maya O.....	18
Susan A.....	19
Alison C.....	22
Susan G.....	23
Jean C.....	24
Donna C.....	26



Tuesday, November 8
6:00PM-8:00PM
The Century Inn,
10675 Springfield Pike

Everyone is invited to food, fun, and fellowship at the Century Inn! We will dine in a private room with an open menu.

*** Reservations are needed ***

A sign-up sheet on the Church House bulletin board will be available through Sunday, November 6, or you may make your reservation through the church office (513.771.6195 or glenpres@fuse.net) until noon, Monday, November 7.



Men's Lunch **Wednesday, November 9**

All men are invited to gather for lunch at Gold Star on Springfield Pike, Springdale. Fellowship begins when you arrive; lunch begins at 12:30PM.



Music Live at **Christ Church!**

Thursday, November 3
 at 12:05PM in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit

Kevin Jones, organ

Mr. Jones has played organ concerts across the U.S. and abroad, and will delight listeners with his impeccable technique and colorful registration on our C.B. Fisk mechanical action organ.

Wednesday, November 9; 10:00AM









All women are invited to gather in the church library for discussion on *The Choice* by Dr. Edith Eva Eger.

Edith Eger is an eminent psychologist and one of the few remaining Holocaust survivors old enough to remember life in the camps. A student of Viktor Frankl, Dr. Edith Eger has worked with veterans, military personnel, and victims of physical and mental trauma.

Questions about this event should be directed to Dawn Vagle.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  All Saints' Day	2	3 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6  10:30AM - Worship 11:15AM - Donuts and Coffee Thanksgiving Boxes <u>available</u>	7 9:00AM- Session reports due 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers 3:00PM- Mission committee meeting	8 Office CLOSED 6:00PM- Fellowship Dinner at The Century Inn	9 10:00AM- Women's Book Club 12:30PM- Men's Lunch at Skyline 6:00PM- Session meeting	10 8:00AM- 5:00PM- City Servants 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	11 8:00AM-noon City Servants 	12
13 10:30AM - Worship <u>return</u> Thanksgiving Boxes	14 9:00AM- Newsletter items due and Monday Class	15 5:00PM - Presbytery Gathering (Zoom)	16 6:00PM - Elemental Churches meeting	17 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	18	19
20  10:30AM - Worship Food Offering Sharing Tree	21 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers	22	23	24 Office CLOSED 	25	26
27  10:30AM - Worship (Church House) Sharing Tree	28	29	30	This calendar is a living document subject to frequent changes. Check the website (firstpresbyterianglendale.org) for the most accurate calendar. Please call the church office with calendar updates.		



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Worship begins at 10:30AM
Sunday, September 11, 2022 through
Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Church Office Hours

Monday, 9AM-3PM, Tuesday, 9AM-1PM
Wednesday, 9AM-1PM, Thursday, 9AM-3PM
The office is *closed* every Friday

Shared with you in Christian love



A veteran's service

American hero Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973) led a life of daring and risk, from racing cars as a teen to piloting warplanes. Throughout his experiences, Rickenbacker grew in faith while discovering that “life had no meaning except in terms of helping others”.



In the first issue of *Guideposts* magazine, Rickenbacker described spending four agonizing months in 1941 in the hospital after an accident. While recovering, he pondered life and death, concluding that he couldn't give up because he still “had work to do, others to serve”.

Less than two years later, that ordeal came in handy. After crashing in the South Pacific, Rickenbacker and “seven other starving men” were adrift on a raft for 21 days. Most were ‘so young they needed the strength and understanding of a man who had been down in the valley of the shadow, who had suffered and made sense out of his suffering’, he said. “It was clear to me that God had a purpose in keeping me alive. ... I had been saved to serve”.