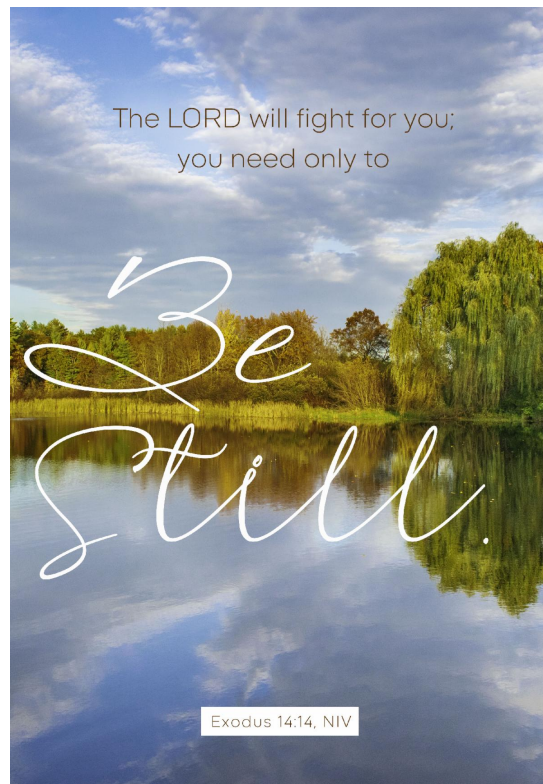




THE WEEKLY FIRST



Remember to change your clocks Saturday night!!



This Sunday, November 3, we will remember and give thanks for those in our church family who have entered the undimmed glory of God's presence. We have lost dear folks this year. In Christ we are confident they are more alive than we can imagine.

Sunday is also a day many Christians pray for the international persecuted church. Globally, millions of Christians face persecution for their loyalty to Jesus Christ. Persecution comes in the forms of martyrdom, arrests, physical and emotional abuse, financial marginalization, just to name a few.

During our celebration of the Lord's Supper you will be asked to pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted.

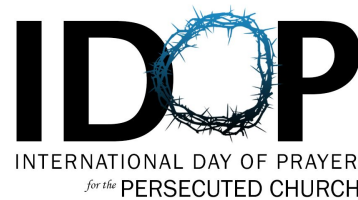
We will end Part 1 of the "Moses Story" this Sunday. I hope to teach Part 2 in 2025. Last Sunday we left God's people near a place called Pi Hahiroth (Ex. 14:2). As a newly freed people, they began their journey to God's destiny. God instructed them to camp at a place surrounded by the sea and the mountain, Baal Zephon. Pharaoh had changed his mind about the Jews' freedom and commissioned his chariots and soldiers on a mission of annihilation. At Pi Hahiroth God's people panicked. All they could see was the mountain, sea and Pharaoh's chariots of death. "They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!'" (Exodus 14:11-12)

They had been freed by God's mighty hand only to be enslaved by their own fear. It is possible to have freedom but still live enslaved. We will continue this theme on Sunday as we prepare to culminate our worship with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!



This Sunday, November 3rd we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. Together we will remember those within our congregation and wider church family who have passed since November 2023 and are now members of the Church Eternal.



This Sunday we will also join Christians around the world in observing the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. When sisters and brothers who face all manner of suffering because of their belief in Christ are asked how we who worship freely can help them, their first response is, "Pray for us!"



We have postponed our trip to Western North Carolina for another Saturday. If you are interested in serving on a one-day Mission Trip with Samaritan's Purse, please contact Sue Maiocchi. We will attempt to find another Saturday that more individuals can travel.

Thank you to our First Pres family for your donations totaling \$4,040 for Samaritan's Purse relief to assist Hurricane Helene victims. We sent a check to Samaritan's Purse this week.

Continue to uphold all the victims, first responders, and relief workers in your prayers.



Our Operation Christmas Child collection continues until Sunday, November 10th.

If you would like to contribute towards items still needed or the cost of shipping our boxes (\$10/box) you can do so online; or mark your donation "Shoeboxes" and place it in the offering plate.

If you would like to pack your own shoebox, shoeboxes are available in the Narthex, also instruction guides. Return your packaged box with the \$10 shipping cost inside, by Sunday, November 10.

If you would like to Build a Shoebox online, go to www.samaritanspurserg/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT OCC DATES:

Wednesday, November 6th - Craft Night

Wednesday, November 13th - Pray for and pack 400 shoeboxes.

Dinner will be provided (on a donation basis) on both nights beginning at 6:00pm.

There's a job for everyone, come join us!!



First Presbyterian will once again serve as an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-Off Center in 2024! During National Collection week, November 18-25th, volunteers will be needed to staff our center and receive

shoeboxes from neighboring churches and community members. We must then transport those boxes to Pitts Baptist on Monday, November 25th. **A sign up board is in the Narthex with the hours for which help is needed. See Sue Maiocchi if you have questions or would like more information!**

Volunteers are needed to greet, unload boxes from parking lot, fill out paperwork, count, pack in cartons and most important PRAY over shoeboxes.

Mon, 11/18 - 11am-1pm

Fri, 11/22 - 10am-Noon

Tue, 11/19 4pm-6pm

Sat, 11/23 10am-Noon

Wed, 11/20 1pm-3pm

Sun, 11/24 1pm-3:30pm

Thu, 11/21 5pm-7pm
Mon, 11/25 10am-Noon



Join us for a Churchwide Game Night hosted by the Friendship Sunday School Class on Saturday, November 9th, 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack food and your own drink. Contact Trish Nixon or Vickie Ellington for questions or if you need a ride.



Join us for a Thanksgiving Day lunch on Thursday, November 28!

The meal starts at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey, gravy, tea and lemonade will be provided. Guests are asked to bring sides and desserts to share. **If you would like to decorate the tables, please see Vickie Ellington.**

Please sign up the Narthex by Sunday, November 24th.



Sweet Potato Fundraiser to support Bible History Classes at Central Cabarrus High and West Rowan Schools.

If you are interested, please pick up a flyer in the Narthex.



Thank you to all who have donated to the First Pres Blessing Fence!

So many items have been gifted to our community through this ministry.

Current needs:

- Small (travel size) empty sealable plastic containers (to hold shampoo and conditioner)
- Ziplock bags: 1 & 2 gallon
- First Aid items: band aids, wipes, vaseline
- Clean/gently used socks, hats, gloves and scarves
- Handwarmers

- Small bottles of water

Please see Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help!



Linda's Closet will resume its regular schedule on November 5th and continue to be open on Tuesdays from 11am-2pm.

As of right now, only fall, winter, and baby clothes donations are being accepted. We do not have room to store spring and summer items. Please see Trish Nixon for information.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked so diligently!

Prayer Concerns

Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates. Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

CHURCH FAMILY

- Michelle Walker - recovery from surgery
- Dave Argabrite - recovery from knee surgery
- John Hammond - growing stronger
- Judy Goodnight - health concerns
- Barbara Boucher - health concerns
- Debra Dandro - continuing treatments

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CHURCH FAMILY

- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - chemo treatments
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon's granddaughter) - Spina Bifida
- Robert Little (Richard's brother) - new treatment for cancer
- Justin Wallace (Melba's grandson) - waiting for heart & kidney transplant
- Barbara Coffey (friend of Judy Hunter) - cancer
- Thomas Dishman (friend of Judy Hunter) - on dialysis and waiting for a kidney
- Jennifer Watson (Frank Gibson's daughter) - treatment for cancer
- Buddy Troutman (friend of Hammonds) - under hospice care

HOMEBOUND

- Linda Bost - Best of Care
 - Barbara Hancock - Home
 - Loretta Young - Five Oaks
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This Week@FIRST PRESB

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday

9:30am - Morning Coffee

- GraceFull Movements

Rehearsal

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Holy

Communion

Tuesday, November 5

11:00am - 2:00pm - Linda's Closet

12:00pm - NA

Wednesday, November 6

6:00pm - Dinner

6:30pm - OCC Craft Night
6:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

10:30am - Ladies' Bible Study
12:00pm - NA

Friday, November 8

5:30pm - Agape Chinese Baptist
Church Stream Fellowship

Saturday, November 9

6:30pm - Game Night in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, November 10

9:30am - Morning Coffee
- GraceFull Movements
Rehearsal
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship Service

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Phil McLain

No Children's Message Today

Children's Message Next Week: Alpha Barger

Children's Church: Vickie Ellington & Debbie McDaniel

Children's Church Next Week: Adam & Tracy Caskey

Acolytes: Cierstyn Lowder & Landon Walker

Acolytes next week: Evie Sechler & Ingrid Townsend

Nursery: Vickie Ellington

Nursery next week: Amelia Caskey

Ushers: Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel Jill & Phil McLain

Ushers next week: Tony Rary, Ryan Walker, Phil Smith, Pam
Hooks

Greeters: Ken Sparks & Tony Rary

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen Dave Ellington Lynn Sechler

Cookie Hamilton Chris Lowder Ken Sparks

Sue Maiocchi Phil McLain

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator

Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk



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