

Lectionary for October

October 3: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:1-16

October 10: Job 23:1-9; 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-21

October 17: Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 24: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8(19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

October 31: Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Arlene Besner, Stephanie Bennett, Jim Berden, Patty Burnside, Dick Brown, Don and Sally Day, Vera Dice, Esther Egbert, Carole Fowler, Nancy Huegel, Heather Kleen, Pat Perea, Heather Rousseau, and Vickie VonBerg

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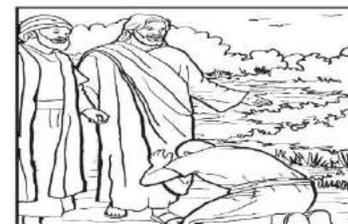
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Seeking and Serving Christ we are a Place for Growing Christians



Jumping for God's Grace with Gratitude:

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (Psalm 107:1)

Fall Season is all about harvesting for farmers and on the church calendar, it is about the New Sunday School year, Discipleship and Stewardship, while growing in our faith with God. "To Grow in God's Grace and Give Gratitude to God," one thing we all need to do more is to grow in the love of God and in God's grace and knowledge. What is learning how to let these rivers of love in the grace of living water, flow out of our innermost being. This means adding on to what we already have in our faith, in a way of watering daily so that it does not become dry.

To Grow in grace is to produce a stability in our walk with God. The situations around us keep changing all the time. We are often caught in the midst of a storm of changes in values and principles and we are tempted to compromise and abandon our commitment. In these situations, we need to be strong in grace to be stable in our spiritual life.

What about the gratitude? The gratitude is allowing God to do the work and for us to be thankful at all times.

In the story from Luke 17:15, about the ten lepers who were healed by God but only one returned to give praise to God. Showing us that gratitude can be learned through studying the word of God. There is much we can learn from one man who returned to give thanks to the Lord for His blessing.

First, the leper came loudly. He couldn't contain his gratitude. This occasion called for an unrestrained, extreme, public display of thanks. Second, he came close. The ten lepers "stood at a distance" from Jesus—lepers in those times were ritually contaminated and weren't allowed to come close to those who were "clean." The healed leper, however, "fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks" (Luke 17:16); he was the only one of the ten who ever got close to Jesus. Gratitude places us in close proximity to Christ, where we experience the fullness of His redeeming power and enjoy the blessing of His presence. God values an attitude of gratitude.

During the Fall Season, we will take a walk through how to Grow in Grace and Gratitude in God and with God. Stay tuned to next month to explore the three G's journey together in the Lord.

Prayer: May the gracious God pour into our hearts the desire to understand, the grace of God, and the love of God through Jesus Christ, Amen!

Happy Fall and Harvest Season!

Peace in Christ!

Pastor Philomena

Live-Stream Ministry



Live-Stream ministry is looking for volunteers who are interested in assisting and helping with our Livestream. This would be assisting with the camera recording of the service on Sunday mornings. No formal education required, and your help is greatly appreciated. Anyone interested can contact the church office or Kristin Fowler at 989-301-0133.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS



Calling All Walkers!

Mark your Calendars for Sunday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m. for the annual CROP Walk for Hunger in Saginaw County. We still need more walkers & sponsors. There is a sign-up table in the front hallway. We also have a choice this year -- we can walk with others, starting at the YMCA **OR** we can walk on our own somewhere else. Either way, we are still raising money for hunger and having fun too! There is also a Youth Incentive again this year. Any group of 3 or more youths, ages 21 & under, that raise at least \$250 will receive an additional \$125 from an unknown donor. WOW!

If anyone has any questions, please talk to someone from the Missions Committee: Linda Mattson, Rebecca LaLonde, Gerry Brown, Kitty Myers, Barbara Easton, or Kristine Smith.



On October 17th, we will begin our annual Stockings for the Troops. The Christmas stockings will be on a table in the front hallway with the list of items needed. Being in the armed service is challenging enough, especially around the holidays, so let's show them how much we care. Watch for the announcements to come.

Matthew 25:35-36

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Financial Update

To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church the Finance Committee has a chart on display in the main hallway with information regarding the church finances. We hope this will give everyone a greater understanding of our finances. We thank you for your commitment to the ministry and your ongoing support for the programs here at Second Presbyterian Church.

Financial Report as of 08/31/2021	
Income	135,806.48
Expense	157,070.85
Deficit	(21,264.37)

2nd @ Second Adult Education



Join us every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the library as we continue to study "The Story of the Bible". It is one of the Great Courses of Religion and Theology by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. After watching a short video, we will enjoy a time of discussion, sharing and reflection.

Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, **October 13th** at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. We will enjoy fellowship and friendship as we explore what topic/book we would like to discuss during our monthly meetings.



White Elephant Sale Update



Thank You to everyone who helped make the White Elephant Sale a success! By donating your items, helping set-up, during the sale or cleaning up, we made a profit of \$2400.00 to be used by Presbyterian Women to support charities throughout the community and abroad.



Sunday School Volunteers

We are looking for a few people who would be willing to lead the children in their Sunday school class. Pastor Philomena presents the lesson during worship through the children's sermon. Then the children go to class where the lesson is emphasized with crafts, songs and/or activities. You do not have to prepare a children's sermon. Working with the kids is truly a joy and we hope you will consider sharing your time. If you are interested, please call Genie Herter @ 791-1589 or the church office @ 792-1023. Thank You!

Welcome To Our Staff



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Nancy Ellis our new interim custodian who has been working for us since mid-August. We sincerely appreciate the great job she has done so far.

Nancy is a Saginaw native born and raised and moved away after high school. She returned to the area approximately 8 years ago to help take care of her ailing mother. She has helped our church at the Fish Frys and has attended services when able. She lives in Edgewood Village in Thomas Township and enjoys traveling, reading and listening to music and taking care of her Yorkie named Carmi.



Fill The Trailer Food Drive

On Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 321 will be collecting non-perishable food and sundries here at Second Presbyterian Church. The Scouts will be on hand to help carry and stock the trailer. If you want to donate, but cannot make it on that

day, you may bring your donations to the church on any Sunday or when you come to pick up your fish dinner on Friday, October 15.

All donations will be given to area food pantries.

Boy Scouts Wreath Sale

The Boy Scout Troop 321 from Second Presbyterian Church will be in front of the church following service **each Sunday in October** to take orders for Christmas greens. The profits from these items support the Scouts going to camps and events all year long. Delivery to the church, or locally to your home, will be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Additional information and orders forms are available in the church office. Please support our Boy Scouts.



Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been working weekly on the Ministry Information Form (MIF) required to begin the search for a permanent pastor. Once the form is completed, it will need to be approved by the Session and then by the Presbytery. The following people are your representatives on the PNC:

Billie Bauer, Marsha Bennett, Pete Brucker, Barb Easton, Adam Engel, Sonia Hoepfner and DJ Sova.

8 Reasons to Bring Your Kids to Sunday School

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child? Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family.

1. Age Targeted Teaching: Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?

2. Friends: In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.

3. It's Fun: Sunday School is not Disney Land, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.

4. Spiritual Mentors: A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.

5. Systematic Bible Learning: Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.

6. Praying Teachers: Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.

7. Send the Right Message: Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.

8. Sunday Worship Fellowship: While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in our uplifting worship service.



Second Presbyterian Church

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	1	2 
3 9:30 a.m. Worship	4	5	6	7 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	8	9
10 9:30 a.m. Worship CROP Walk	11	12 	13 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m.	14 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	15 Drive Thru Fish Fry 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	16 Boy Scout's Food Drive 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
17 9:30 a.m. Worship	18	19	20	21 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	22 	23
24 9:30 a.m. Worship	25	26 Session 7:00 p.m.	27	28 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	29	30
31 9:30 a.m. Worship 						



DRIVE THRU ONLY

Friday, October 15, 2021

4:30 - 6:30 PM

\$10.00

Fried Fish (Alaskan Pollock), Potatoes, Coleslaw,
Bread, and Dessert

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