

Lectionary for November

November 7: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 14: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 21: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

November 28: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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, Ginny Rusch and Vickie VonBerg

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Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians



Back!

Time Change November 7th

Remember to set your clocks **back** on Sunday, November 7th as we end Daylight Savings time!

From The Pastor's Desk

Peace and Grace!

Growing in Grace and Gratitude:

"I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;

I will tell of all the wonderful things you have done." Psalm 9:1

What are you thankful for? Is it Gratitude or graciousness? To be thankful to God is our attitude of gratitude! As our faith grows so are we ever gracious to God through Jesus Christ who keep us connected to God. The journey to grow in grace is part of the relationship we have with Christ who give us free grace. This grace is priceless, yet we forget sometimes to show our gratitude. It is by the Grace we are enabled to believe... it is by the Grace that our hearts are instructed in the ways of godliness... and it is by Grace that we are enabled to walk in newness of life.

What about Gratitude? Being thankful for the grace of God is the gratitude given to God. This is a way we show our appreciation to God who has given us more than we need to grow. As faithful disciples of God, there is no limit to being grateful to God as we strive to grow.

By responding to God's grace there is an act of gratitude rather than out of a sense of our duty. To give gratitude, we continue to grow in the grace of God.

As the Psalms encourage us to “I will give thanks to you, Lord with all my heart...” Through our practice of giving thanks, we not only show our appreciation for God’s love and mercy to us, but as a continue relationship between a parent and child who is grateful for a gift received.

Moreover, to nurture a life of Growing in Grace and Gratitude, we do so through prayer of thanksgiving each day and not just during the season of Thanksgiving! Let us keep our attitude of gratitude!

May these words be our prayer of Gratitude to God, as we continue to Grow in Grace!

Thanks be to God for God’s love and Mercy,
Thanks be to God for God’s boundless Grace,
Thanks be to God for the hearts that Love us.
Thanks be to God for each friendly face,
Thanks be to God for the strength in suffering,
Thanks be to God for the joy’s we have known,
Thanks be to God for the Hope God give us, in
gratitude to the love of Jesus Christ! Amen!

Happy and A Blessed Thanksgiving!

Peace in Christ!
Pastor Philomena

Stewardship



Please prayerfully consider your giving to Second Presbyterian Church. Turn in your blue **Estimate of Giving** slip to the office so that we may set our 2022 budget. Together we can meet the challenges of funding ministry programs here.

Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, **November 10** 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.



Harvest Sunday – November 14th



We invite you to bring non-perishable food items to worship on Sunday, November 14th. Please place it on the table in the main hallway by the office. At this Thanksgiving season let’s share some of our abundance to help feed others.

Hanging of the Greens

We will get busy immediately after worship on November 21st to decorate the church. All are invited to help!



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.

CROP Walk Update

THANK YOU to everyone who supported this year’s CROP WALK. Our church personally raised \$810, and the youth group qualified for an additional \$125 from an anonymous CROP donor, for a total of \$935!!

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

Stockings for Veteran's and Families: The Mission Committee has been notified that our previous partner in sending stockings to troops overseas is no longer operating in the Saginaw area. However, in the spirit of giving and supporting those who have protected our country, we are partnering with the "I Support the 1%" Veterans Food Pantry to collect stockings for local veterans and their families in need through the holidays. Stockings are available in the church hallway - can be stuffed with any Christmas items, candy, or personal items for either an adult veteran or the child of a veteran. Please return filled stockings to the church by November 7th.



Beginning November 14th, we will begin collecting gifts for the Angel Tree - providing Christmas gifts to children who have a parent or guardian that is incarcerated. Gift Tags will be available in the front hallway. Please return gifts by 12/12 so they may be delivered by members of the church in December.

Looking Ahead - The Mission Committee is planning some hands-on mission opportunities through Old Town Soup Kitchen - If you are interested in rolling up your sleeves and helping to serve a hot meal to those in the community, please talk to someone from the Missions Committee: Linda Mattson, Rebecca LaLonde, Gerry Brown, Kitty Myers, Barbara Easton, or Kristine Smith. We are currently trying to gauge interest and coordinate a schedule - we'd love to hear from you if you're interested in participating!!

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!

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.

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 09/30/2021	
Income	149,247.10
Expense	172,571.25
Deficit	(23,324.15)



Estimate of Giving

If you have not already done so, please turn in your blue **2022 Estimate of Giving** slip by either mailing it to the church or dropping it in the donation box.

We are working on our budget for 2022 and many programs of the church depend upon your Estimate of Giving. Thank you for your faithfulness!



A HUGE note of thanks to each and every one of you who worked tirelessly at our first-ever Drive-Thru Fish Fry and during the many hours of prep!

We served 470 meals to 198 vehicles and netted around \$3,000.00! For comparison, that is our 5th largest number of meals sold and 5th highest profit. The money raised from the fish fry goes to the Presbyterian Men, for various maintenance project around the church.

We couldn't have accomplished this event without each of you. We certainly hope that you had fun, it was nice to work together again! We received nothing but great compliments! Stay tuned for information on our Spring 2022 Fish Fry.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has submitted the Ministry Information Form (MIF) that is required to begin the search for a permanent pastor to our Session for their approval. Once approved, it will be forwarded to the Presbytery for a final approval. The following people are your representatives on the PNC: Billie Bauer, Marsha Bennett, Pete Brucker, Barb Easton, Adam Engel, Sonia Hoepfner and DJ Sova.

Suggestions to the Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee invites you to participate in the nominating process by carefully considering the qualifications for office of Elder, and then suggesting names of persons who could serve. Please use the following form for this purpose. You can even nominate yourself! Fold/secure, or place in an envelope addressed to the nominating committee and send it to the church, or place in the offering plate. Your Nominating committee thanks you for your suggestions.

Members of the Nominating Committee:

Elder representatives: Natalie Martinez & Kristin Fowler

Congregational representatives: A.J. Makrianis, Pam Moran, Carol Poole, Scott Rousseau & DJ Sova

General Qualifications for the office of Elder

- ✚ An active member of Second Presbyterian Church
- ✚ A strong Christian commitment to Christ and the church.
- ✚ A manner of life that is a demonstration of the Gospel.
- ✚ A desire to serve by giving of their time, talent, and treasure.
- ✚ A person of good judgment, cooperativeness, and open to new ideas.
- ✚ Ability to follow through on assignments.
- ✚ Willing to serve a 3-year commitment, and to participate in church functions.

To the Nominating Committee:

I suggest that

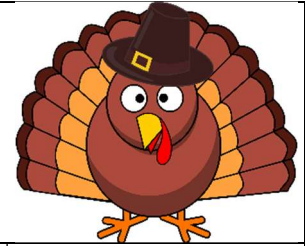
be considered for the office of **Elder**. I think he/she would make a good Elder because:





Please return by Sunday, November 14



Second Presbyterian Church

November 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Wednesday Morning Devotional on YouTube	4 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	5	6
7  9:30 Worship 10:45 2 nd @ Second	8 Busy Hands & Hearts 1-3 pm	9	10 Wednesday Morning Devotional Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 am	11  Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	12	13
14 9:30 Worship 10:45 2 nd @ Second Harvest Sunday	15	16	17 Wednesday Morning Devotional on YouTube	18 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	19	20
21 9:30 Worship 10:45 2 nd @ Second	22	23	24 Wednesday Morning Devotional on YouTube	25 	26 Office Closed	27 SERRV Sale @ St. Thomas
28 9:30 Worship Hanging the Greens 	29	30 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27 Wednesday Morning Devotional on YouTube	28 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	29	

Recipes From The Reba Cookbook 1957

Old Fashioned Barley Soup Submitted by Vi Kerr

1 Soup Bone
4 qts. Water
Salt and Pepper to taste
¼ c. chopped parsley
1 C. chopped celery
1 C. chopped onion
1 C. chopped cabbage
½ c. chopped carrots
½ c. barley
2 C. tomato juice
1 t. Worcestershire sauce
Dash garlic salt

Crack Bone. Cover with water. Cover, simmer for 6 hours.
Remove bone. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 3
hours. DO NOT BOIL.

Split Pea Soup Submitted by Dorothy Stock

2 lbs. split peas
½ c. chopped celery
1 large ham bone
1 small onion
½ c grated carrots

Cook on slow flame 6-7 hours. Stir occasionally. Salt and
Pepper to taste.

Spice Cake Submitted by Bud Congrove

2 c. sugar
½ c. shortening
3 c. flour
1 pinch salt
½ c. raisins
2 c. buttermilk
1 T. cocoa
½ t. ground cloves
2 t. cinnamon
2 t. baking soda

Mix all dry ingredients together. Mix in the shortening, then
add half of the buttermilk and beat until smooth. Then add
the balance of the buttermilk. Pour batter into angel cake
tin and bake in oven 30 minutes at 375 degrees or until
tester comes out clean.

Molasses Cookies Submitted by Henrietta Kerr

¾ c. shortening	1 t. cinnamon
½ t. cloves	1 c. brown sugar
2 ¼ c. sifted flour	1 egg
¼ t. salt	¼ c. molasses
2 t. baking soda	1 t. ginger

Cream shortening and sugar. Add egg and molasses and
mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients and mix. Roll like
walnut. Coat with sugar. Place on cookie sheet and
sprinkle 1 drop water on each. Bake in 350-degree oven for
9-11 minutes.