

Special Music

Clyde & Sue Genter (9:00am)
Sara Wood (10:00am)

Offertory and morning Prayer of Petition and Thanksgiving
ending with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Charge and Benediction

"Alleluia"

Postlude "How can I Keep from Singing?" Composer, Janet Vogt

*Jim Geary, Cameraman

***This is our Mission statement and the conclusion of our weekly Call to Worship*

Keeping Close

November 8, 2020



Notice the Poinsettia forms on the Hospitality tables. We will be collecting forms and donations for our holiday flowers for the Sanctuary and Angel Hospice through November 22nd. Poinsettias are \$10 each.

Congregational Meeting

This morning's congregational Meeting today at 9:40 in the Sanctuary is set to elect a new class of Ruling Elders and our 2021 Nominating Committee.

Friday Bible Studies (available at www.fpcwnc.org)

On Friday, Nov. 9th, Tempe' will be doing a lesson based on the lectionary reading: Mathew 25: 14-30, "Hidden Talents".

New Notes

With thanks to a donation of a friend of First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, David Hood, we are the proud owner of a new piano in our Chapel. We now have baby grand pianos in all our large gathering areas. All three FPC pianos have been tuned and are ready for Anne's musical touch!



Thanksgiving Plans

Our Thanksgiving Meal will be served as a Drive-Through Event. We will prepare a box meal with dessert and take the carts of Thanksgiving fare down to Church St. The Franklin Police have approved this venture. We will need about 20 volunteers to help as servers, runners, greeters, etc. Please sign up in the church office. Our next meeting (Thanksgiving day run-through) will be Nov. 19th at 4:30.

Your Dollars



Nov/Dec Dollars for Mission gifts will be for CareNet. You can place your dollars in the offering plate, or make a check with "Dollars Offering" in the Memo line, mail this in or bring it by the office on Monday mornings. In addition, in the hallway lobby outside of the Sanctuary Ray Heckeler has made a "Giving Tree" for the Christmas Season. Please bring canned goods for Care Net to place "in" the tree.

News from MANNA food bank

So far MANNA and Macon Program for Progress has served 816 individuals/245 households! See a flier about the next distribution on our church door. The distribution is tomorrow, Monday, November 9th this month.



On Saturday, we will host a blood drive at the church. Between 9 and 1, the Blood Connection bus will be on the street in front of the sanctuary. The entire process takes place on the bus and all donors receive a \$10 gift card. **There is a sign-up sheet in the office and there is also a poster on our website so that you can sign up for an appointment,** (although Appointments are not required.)

Check out the First Presbyterian website and our Facebook page. Please share this information with friends and family so that we can have a successful drive.

Time Away

Thank you so much for my time away with family. I had a wonderful 2 full days with each of my daughters. I found the neighborhoods of Stowe, Vermont and Brooklyn, NY, to be extremely safe. Everyone moving about wore masks and safe distanced inside and out. Therefore, I came back and tested negative. My granddaughter is already practicing on being a preacher, can you tell? *-Tempe'*



"Alleluia!"

Barbara and Jim McInnes wish to express their gratitude for the cards, donations, well wishes, and condolences received after the passing of Barbara's mother, Fay Parker. We are grateful for the support and feel the love of our Church family.



Nickel-a-Meal Hunger Program

This Nickel-a-Meal mission program is one way Presbyterian churches respond to the biblical directives to show compassion for those who hunger. In past years, our church has always participated in this program on fifth Sundays. This year has been a bit more difficult, but we still want to be an active part of this program. This year the last fifth Sunday of the year is on November 29 so we ask that you begin your coin collection now for the donation on that day. Maybe put an empty jelly jar or small box on the table so that you are reminded to add a nickel or more for every meal you eat. You may remember that Care Net, through this program, received an \$8000 grant from the Presbytery a few years ago. Every penny (or nickel) does count. We can answer God's call to show compassion. As Matt 25 states, "Master, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you?" "Then the King will say, I'm telling you the solemn truth, whenever you did this to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me."

Happy Birthday to:

Gwen Shaffer, Nov. 9,
Ernest Wilson, Nov 11
Fay Potts, Nov. 13
Lew Mesta, Nov 14

Happy Anniversary to:

Geneese Gottschalk & Bill Hoehn,
Nov 11

Weekly offering 11/1	Weekly Needs
\$3,460.00	\$3,202.00
YTD Totals	YTD Needs
\$143,449.00	\$140,888.00

Worship on November 8, 2020 First Presbyterian Church of Franklin

9:40 Congregational Meeting to elect elders
and Nominating Committee (Sanctuary)



Greeting and Gospel Gathering "Are Ye Able"

Composer, Larry F. Pity

Anne Tauber, Church Musician

Pouring the Baptismal Waters

Call to Worship

Sandy Geary, Lay Reader (9:00am)

Jim McInnes, Lay Reader (10:00am)

(ending) **grow in Faith, serve with Hope, share God's Love****

Prayer of Praise and Pardon

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Scripture Text

Sermon

"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

Matthew 25:1-13

"Stepping into Darkness"

Tempe' Fussell, pastor