

**First Presbyterian Church  
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Dear Ones,

I'm thinking this morning of how secretly difficult life is for some, who carry heavy burdens without sharing their woes and heartaches. Life has its share of battle scars and hardships. We never fully know what troubles others have had to bear. I think about this sometimes when I rise to preach and look out on your faces. I imagine that there are some, many, whose week has been hard, and who have come, longing for a word of hope and help. Some days, I wonder if you leave with that longing unfulfilled. The gospel of Jesus Christ is oft times demanding, the way of following after Jesus, a hard way. Yet, there is that promise, spoken by Jesus: "Come unto me all who are tired, and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

My morning devotions this week, and yours, if you are following the *Disciplines of the Inner Life*, have included the hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind." It was penned by a Quaker poet, John Greenleaf Whittier. Ironically, he did not support its use in worship, believing in the supremacy of silence. I have found it to be a great treasure. If you are silently bearing up under a heavy load, Whittier's words are refrigerator worthy for sure. I include them here, so that you can clip them and mount them with a magnet. And should you wish to share your trouble, come see me and we'll seek together "the beauty of thy peace." There's nothing like "the still dews of quietness" God, alone, can give.

Love,  
Bob

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.*

*O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!*

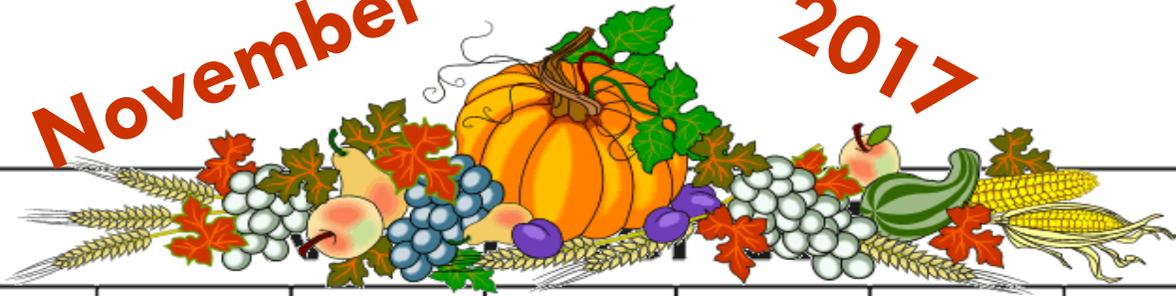
*With that deep hush subduing all  
Our words and works that drown  
The tender whisper of thy call,  
As noiseless let thy blessing fall  
As fell thy manna down.*

*Drop thy still dews of quietness  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>  6 Handbells 7 Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> All Saints Day Communion  4:00 Christmas Musical Practice  Open Gym	<b>6</b> 10:00 CN mgt. 6:30 Circle 4	<b>7</b> 9 Troubleshooters 10 Circles 1, 2 5:30 Personnel 7 Committee Meetings	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>  6 Handbells 7 Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 
<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoebox Deadline</li> <li>Blanket Offering</li> <li>Dr. Salvador</li> </ul> 4:00 Christmas Musical Practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9 T-shooters 4 Memorials 7 Diaconate	<b>15</b>  Thanksgiving meal served	<b>16</b>  6 Handbells 7 Choir	<b>17</b>  10 am - 6 pm	<b>18</b>  9 am - 3 pm
<b>19</b> 4:00 Christmas Musical Practice  Open Gym	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9 T-shooters 7 Session	<b>22</b>  7 pm Black Chapel	<b>23</b>  Office closed	<b>24</b> Office closed	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 4:00 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Musical	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9 T-shooters 9:30 PWCT	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  6 Handbells 7 Choir		



1	Mrs. Carol Hester	<b>B I R T H D A Y S</b>	14	Ms. Martha Ann Korshun
	Mrs. Martie Korshun		18	Mrs. Elizabeth Spicer
	Mrs. Janis Dees		19	Ms. Carol Branch
2	Mr. Elbert Brown		19	Michael Henry McCall
	Mr. Gilbert Brown		20	William Doss
4	Mrs. Anna Best Lee		21	Mrs. Nona Andrews
	Mrs. Sue Wooten		23	Mrs. Joyce Starling
5	Mrs. Melissa Warren			Mrs. Georgia Dees
6	Ashley Jordan			Mr. Bill Fidler
	Mrs. Betty Rose Sutton			Mrs. Susie Sumner
11	Ms. Randy Byrd		24	Mrs. Betty Brown
	Mrs. Lisa Royall			Mr. Eddie Radford
12	Mrs. Madelyn Percise			Mr. Frank Best
14	Ms. Patsy Williams		27	Mr. Ray Galloway

### MISSIONARY AND WIFE VISIT FPC ON NOVEMBER 12, 2017



Dr. Salvador de la Torre and his wife, Irma, first became friends of FPC through our mission team while working at the Presbyterian Mission Hospital in Kikuyu, Kenya in 2004 where Dr. Salvador was serving as a surgeon and the hospital administrator. Through his leadership and encouragement, we became involved with a remote and very poor congregation in Kenya, helping them build Elim church and school, a 12 year relationship that continues today.

Also through Dr. Salvador, we were led to Mwandji, Zambia, where he and Irma had worked for over a decade to create a mission hospital in an area where there had been no medical care. Three teams from FPC were fortunate to work with the hospital, school, and church in Mwandji, and FPC continues to help fund the Infant Formula Feeding Program there.

Dr. Salvador and Irma have hosted two mission teams from this church in Chiapas, so it is with great joy that we look forward to welcoming him to our church again.

All Sunday school classes will meet in Black Chapel at 9:00 a.m. to hear Dr. Salvador and he will have a presentation during the morning worship service.

Through the **CWS Blanket Program**, you provide emergency resources and long-term assistance to help families around the world recover from disasters and build viable, sustainable lives and communities. Please be generous in your support of the Blanket offering to be received on November 12.

Have you picked up your shoebox? There are still several boxes left. Please help by picking up your box (s) today and filling it with goodies the children will enjoy. The deadline to turn them in is November 12.

## Preaching Schedule

Nov. 5 Rev. Bardin  
Nov.12 Rev. Bardin  
Nov.19 Rev. Bardin  
Nov.26 Rev. Bardin

## Elders

Nov. 6 James Spicer  
Nov. 13 Dan Blackshear  
Nov. 20 Jewel Sauls  
Nov. 27 Susan Stackhouse

## Deacons

Sonny Wooten  
Evelyn Rose  
Blain Crocker  
Blain Crocker

## Ushers

Deacon-in-Charge:  
Ellen Best  
Co-Deacon:  
Hettie Grisette  
Ushers: Jack Best, John Till  
Al Grisette, Thomas Suddarth  
Mickey Nance

## FPC Merry Market

The Presbyterian Women hope you'll join us for the 9th annual Merry Market on November 17 and 18 in the Activity Center. You can shop till you drop on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and again on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

We're planning for more than 30 vendors to showcase their art, crafts, and specialty products. Proceeds from their sales support church favorites such as the Community Soup Kitchen, Wayne Pregnancy Care Center, Elim School in Kenya, and the Mwandu Formula Feeding Program.

Hope to see you there!

P.S. Please be sure to visit the Merry Market event on the church's Facebook page. You can help promote the event by marking that you're either "Interested" or "Going." You also can share the event as a post on your personal Facebook or in a variety of other ways such as by Messenger, email, or text. Click on "Share" and then "More Options" to select your preference.

Leslie VanHoy, Co-chair

**Mary needs to know ASAP. Sign up NOW for Camp!**

**Rising 9th to 12th Montreat Summer Camp, Montreat, NC  
June 3-9**

**Rising 6th to 8th Graders at Camp Albemarle, Newport, NC  
July 23-27**

**Rising 2nd to 5th Graders at Camp Albemarle, Newport, NC  
July 29-August 3**

### "SURPRISED BY GOD"

**FPC CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017 ~ 10:00 A.M.**

The children and youth of FPC will be telling the story of Christmas through the narration of Scripture and the singing of Christmas songs on December 3rd during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Practice will be on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.



**Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be held on Wednesday, **November 22** at **7:00 p.m. in Black Chapel**. During the worship service we will receive our annual offering of canned goods for United Church Ministries Food Pantry. You may bring your non-perishable items anytime during November.

### **DONATE FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN**

The children and youth choir will be singing at the

**Goldsboro Soup Kitchen** on

**Saturday, December 2nd**

We need your help!! The youth will put together small personal hygiene packs to share with the guests at the Soup Kitchen. Please donate travel size items like tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap bars, deodorants, shampoos, and mouth wash. We are hoping to make at least 150 packs. A big bin is placed in the church office reception area for collecting the items. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

### **Diapers for the Manger**

**Please bring in diapers for  
Wayne Pregnancy Center by  
December 3.**