



**First Presbyterian Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina**

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Dear Ones,

*“Oh, it's a long, long while
From May to December
But the days grow short,
When you reach September.
When the autumn weather
Turn leaves to flame
One hasn't got time
For the waiting game.”*

October is ending as I write this. Summer's heat and humidity still hold on, but their days are numbered. Soon the mornings will be crisper, the sky, a purer blue. Creation's Artist brushes his world with a panoply of colors. Early a morning, you can smell woodsmoke. On a still Friday evening, hear the pounding drums of a marching band, calling the crowd to autumn's game.

I love the fall. I could never be happy living in south Florida sameness. I love the fall, in part, because it is a reminder to me that days on this earth do not stretch out before me in unending line. As “September Song” has it,

*“The days dwindle down
to a precious few....
September, November....”*

October gets left out of the lyrics. That's the way dwindling days go. You look up, and a whole month has gone by. A whole year. Where do all the days go?

*“These few precious days, I'll spend with you.
These precious days, I'll spend with you.”*

In Psalm 90 is this simple prayer:

“Lord, teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Far from being a morbid thought, autumn's dwindling days remind us to both count our days and make them count. We make our days count by rejoicing and being glad in each one of them.

On the last night of his earthly life, Jesus sang Psalm 118 as part of the Passover Hallel, the hymn he shared with his disciples after their last supper. Knowing what was before him, still he sang, “This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Let us rejoice and be glad, indeed.

Much love,
Bob



We Love Our Volunteer Receptionists!



Kathryn Spicer



Ellen Henderson



Ellen Eubanks



Toby Brown



Ditty Whitford



Suzanne Corbin



Coleen Leeper



Linda Brown

Dedicated Hearts

Dedicated hearts like yours
Are not so easy to find.
It takes a special person to be
So generous and kind.

To care so much for your fellow man
Is a quality all too rare.
Yet you give of your time and talents,
For all in need to share.

So thank you for being a volunteer,
We're privileged to work with you.
We want you to know how appreciated
you are,
Not just today, but the whole year through.
~Author Unknown

11th Annual FPC Merry Market

Friday
November 22
10 am—6 pm



Saturday
November 23
9 am—3 pm

First Presbyterian Church
1101 E. Ash Street
Activity Center
1101 E. Ash Street

*Over 30 vendors with great items for the Holiday Season
Proceeds go to support Presbyterian Women missions.*



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| November 4 Evening Circle | 6:30 p.m. |
| November 5 Morning Circle | 10:00 a.m. |
| November 26 PWCT | 9:30 a.m. |



**Saturday
November 2**



1 Mrs. Janis Dees
Mrs. Beth Kannan
Mrs. Emily Byrd
2 Mr. Elbert Brown
Mr. Gilbert Brown
4 Mrs. Anna Best Lee
Mrs. Sue Wooten
5 Mrs. Melissa Warren
6 Ashley Jordan
Mrs. Betty Rose Sutton
8 Mr. Tim Haithcock
9 Mrs. Eva Bruder
11 Ms. Randy Byrd

11 Lisa Royall
12 Madelyn Percise
14 Mrs. Pat Williams
18 Mrs. Elizabeth Spicer
19 Ms. Carol Branch
20 William Doss
21 Mrs. Teresa Smith
23 Mrs. Joyce Starling
Mrs. Georgia Dees
Bill Fidler
Mrs. Susie Sumner
24 Mr. Frank Best
Mr. Eddie Radford

WORLD PREMIERE!

GOD IN THREE PERSONS

A Symphony of Praise

Composed and arranged by
Jayson Keeton

*Featuring the First Presbyterian Church
Chancel Choir, guest soloists, and orchestra*

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2019
10:00AM**

First Presbyterian Church
1101 East Ash Street
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530



2019 Summary of Operating Budget **Total Revenue and Expenses**

This is the most current information available through September, 2019. If you would like a more detailed budget, please see Jean Whitaker in the office and she will gladly provide that information or answer any questions.

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| Total Revenue as of September 2019 | \$ 387,777 |
| Total Expenses as of September 2019 | <u>390,274</u> |
| Net Loss | (2,497) |
| Deferred prepaids for 3 months | <u>(15,777)</u> |
| Actual Net Loss | (\$18,274) |

- ♦ Offering for September 2019 - \$ 38,790
- ♦ Average Attendance - 104

Preaching Schedule

Nov. 3 Rev. Bardin
Nov. 10 Rev. Bardin
Nov. 17 Rev. Bardin
Nov. 24 Rev. Bardin

Elders

Lee Futrelle
Ellen Henderson
Kim Brogden
Sam Hunter

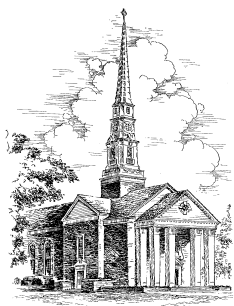
Deacons

Jason Blackburn
Jason Blackburn
Pam Jennette
Katherine Parker

Ushers

Deacon-in-Charge: Linda Stevens
Co-Deacon: Katherine Parker
Ushers: Ellen Best, Jack Best,
John Parker, Robin Wilson

Congratulations to the New Officers



Elders

Bill Royall (2020)
Wiley Leonard (2021)
Class of 2022
Suzanne Corbin
John Dees
Chris Martin
John Parker, Sr.
Bill Stanley

Deacons

Coleen Leeper (2020)
Lynn Branch (2021)
Class of 2022
Meredith Gurley
Tim Haithcock
Tim Judd
Teresa Smith
Kent Warren



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S. Please help make some child's Christmas happier by picking up your box(s) and filling it with goodies the children will enjoy. The deadline to turn them in is **November 17th** at "Shoebox Dedication Sunday."

DONATE FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN

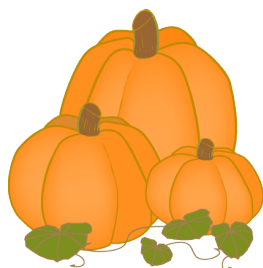
The children and youth will be singing at the **Goldsboro Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, December 7.**

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 reception area for collecting the items. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Questions/comments may be directed to Mary Taneti.



Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held Wednesday, **November 27** 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.



The Church office
will be closed
Thursday & Friday in
observance of the
Thanksgiving
Holiday

