

First Presbyterian Press

November 2024

*“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices
God is pleased” – Hebrews 13:16*

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church of Goldsboro,

We are entering once again into the month of Thanksgiving. We will kick off our celebrations by “Honoring Our Past” on Sunday, November 3. We will remember those who have gone to the church triumphant in the last year. We will also thank God as we begin our festivities for our 170 years of God’s faithfulness in this beautiful church. Our main anniversary day is February 16, 2025, but we just love parties so we are beginning the celebrations now. The more I learn about the history of the church and the more I get to know each of you, I am very inspired by your joy, kindness, goodness, and generosity. I praise God for each of you who live what Hebrew 13:16 says, *“you do good, and you share with others.”*

November is also the month of stewardship where we prepare our pledges and the budget for 2025. But as I said in one of my sermons, I am not worried about the 2025 budget because I know how generous you are, and I know that you genuinely love God and the community. Just a reminder that our Stewardship/Consecration Sunday is November 17 so please prayerfully consider giving generously.

Turkey Giveaway is November 23, and we will be sharing with the community turkeys and sides for a delicious Thanksgiving meal. Thank you, members of the Mission committee, volunteers, and leaders, for making this mission event happen.

Lastly, remember in Thanksgiving that the word thanks in Hebrew is the same word for praise. The word is *“todah.”* So, when Psalm 107 says, *“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever”* it can also be translated as *“Praise the Lord for he is good.”*

May your heart be filled with gratitude for all God’s blessings and may you burst into praising the Lord, now and forevermore. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Noè Juarez

Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons	Co-Deacons
Nov. 3	Lee Futrelle	Carol Branch	Marilyn Bateman
Nov. 12	Lee Futrelle	Brownie Doss	Rebecca Kinsey
Nov. 17	Tim Haithcock	Hettie Grisette	Jordan Krutsch
Nov. 24	Sonny Wooten	John Walston	Rick Sumner

Back Door Monitors

Nov. 03- Jo Barrow
Nov. 10- Toby Brown
Nov. 17- John Walston
Nov. 24- Tim Haithcock

Nov. 03 Communion Servers

Jason Blackburn, Brownie Doss, Randa Scott



For the month of November 2024

Charlie Rouse, Joyce Wooten, Sonny Wooten

FPC TURNS 170!

Honoring Our Past

NOVEMBER 3
ALL SAINTS' DAY

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

A bagpiper and the Children's
Choir's rendition of
"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"
will be featured in the service.

Covered Dish Lunch

Bring your favorite side dish to
share (Chicken provided) for Lunch
in the Gym and visit our new
History Room!

Please Join Us!

ALL ARE WELCOME

SAVE THE DATES FPC TURNS 170!

Honoring Our Past

NOVEMBER 3
ALL SAINTS' DAY

Celebrating Our Future

DECEMBER 8
CHILDREN'S PLAY

In the Community

TBA
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAY

As a Community
FEBRUARY 16
170TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Please Join Us!

ALL ARE WELCOME

DID YOU KNOW?

REVEREND FRANCIS WALLACE FARRIES,
a Scotch Canadian pastor of First
Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro from 1893-
1908, garnered support from his congregation
and prominent local citizens to establish
Wayne County's first hospital. Located at the
corner of Center and Mulberry Streets, it
housed a livery stable on its first floor.

The Goldsboro News Argus at his death
wrote:

"Possibly no one who ever lived in Goldsboro
was more sincerely loved than this saintly
man of God."



MEN'S BREAKFAST

MEN'S BREAKFAST: All the men are invited to have breakfast Tuesdays from 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. at Lantern Inn: 2201 E. Ash St., Goldsboro. The first part of the gathering is fellowship and the second part is a short Bible study. We will be discussing the Gospel of Matthew.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

Fall 2024: Start September 11 End November 20

Spring 2025: Start January 15 End April 9 (Break March 5 for Ash Wednesday)

Every Wednesday

5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Children (second floor) pre-school through fifth grade

Adults (chapel) of all ages: Pastor's Bible Study.

Theme: Celebrating Unity

Book: *1 Corinthians, The Challenges of Life Together*

6:15 to 7:00 p.m. Family Dinner and Clean Up (gym).

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (choir room).

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 FOR THANKSGIVING.**

TRUNK OR TREAT



FPC CHRISTMAS JOY PROJECT

We are preparing for the beauty of the Season with our annual FPC Christmas Joy Project. We will again be supporting families of children in the community. We will be able to share joy and love with these families by providing much needed clothes, food, other necessities, and a few special treats. Please be in prayer for how you can help with this outreach in the coming weeks. Detailed information will be available the week of Thanksgiving. The bulletin board in the main hallway next to the entry table will be ready with all the details. Please feel free to contact Lisa Royall at lisaroyall1111@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



CONGREGATIONAL BOOK CLUB

The Congregational Nurture Committee (CNC) invites everyone to join the Congregational Book Club.

November Book: *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan.

Leader: Mrs. Lynn Branch

The in-person discussion is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: FPC, McChesney Hall. Childcare will be provided upon prior request.



October 13: Pastor Appreciation Sunday



October 6: World Communion Sunday



November Birthdays!



1 Emily Byrd
1 Janis Dees
1 Beth Kannan
1 Eleanor Metzler
2 Elbert Brown
2 Heather Till
4 Sue Wooten
5 Sue Lancaster
5 Melissa Warren
6 Ashley Edwards
6 Betty Rose Sutton
8 Tim Haithcock
10 Ladson Leib
11 Sarah Gaylor
11 Lisa Royall
12 Madelyn Percise

14 Pelham King
14 Martha Ann Korschun
14 Doug Urland
18 Elizabeth Spicer
19 Carol Branch
20 Edwer Caceres
21 Nona Andrews
21 Beatrice Byrd
21 Rev. Noè Juarez
21 Dennis Lewis
22 Teresa Smith
23 Georgia Dees
23 Susie Sumner
24 Frank Best
24 Eddie Radford
27 Grace Boros



Thursday, November 28, 2024

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's Circle meeting will be held Monday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m. Chris Martin will present a program on Food Justice as part of our series *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and all Creation* by Patricia K Tull. Please join us for fellowship and Bible study. The same program is offered at both meeting so feel free to attend whichever meeting best fits your schedule.

It's almost Bake Sale Time! PW will have their annual bake sale on Dec. 8th, following the service in the gymnasium. Be thinking of that favorite recipe you have or maybe a new one, you've been wanting to try. We'll have baked goods, frozen soups & sauces, jars of jams, nuts & cheese straws. Mark your calendars ladies and gentlemen! We need your contributions! Thank you!



Finance/Stewardship

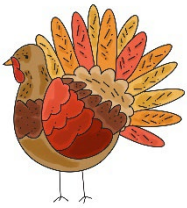
FPC Members,

The 2025 Stewardship season is upon us and you have probably already received in the mail your letter with the enclosed pledge card and return envelope.

Consecration/Stewardship Sunday is November 17. Please bring your card with you that day, but if you are unable to attend you can utilize the return postage-paid envelope or email Jean at fpcgoldfinance@ncrrbiz.com. Please indicate at the top of the card if you would like a set of offering envelopes. Thank you for your support that not only helps fulfill the ministries within the church but also within our community and across the world.

Finance/Stewardship Committee

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE



Our **Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway will be Saturday, Nov. 23** starting at 9 a.m. We will be giving away 125 turkeys with the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal! In order to guarantee uniformity in the bags that we distribute, we are requesting donations of specific food items and sizes. **These are the items needed for each bag:**

- **28 oz. can of Green Beans**
- **28 oz. can of Sweet Potatoes/Yams**
- **28 oz. can of Corn**
- **14-16 oz bag/box of Rice**
- **Box of Stuffing Mix**
- **Jar or Can of Gravy**
- **A Pumpkin Bar Mix (or a similar bar mix) or Brownie Mix for dessert**

Please consider donating food to fill a bag (or multiple bags) for a family. Food can be dropped off on the tables at the Ash St. end of the gym beginning Nov. 1. If you would rather donate money for the fixings, contact Teresa Smith. **The deadline for donating is Sunday, Nov. 14.** Thanks in advance for your help!

We are selling reusable FPC grocery bags to support the Turkey Giveaway. These are available for \$10. You may purchase one from the office or see Teresa Smith.

Chiapas 2025 - Tentative dates for our Chiapas Mission Trip are May 31-June 6, 2025. More information is coming soon.

Thank you once again for your generosity in helping our neighbors! With congregational donations totaling **\$6,900 plus \$3,100 from Mission Funds**, we were able to send \$10,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These funds will go directly to the Presbytery of Western NC. Please continue to pray for those impacted by Helene.



Poinsettias in Honor or Memory

If you would like to place a poinsettia in honor or memory of your loved ones, orders can be made by using the envelopes in the pews or by emailing your request to fpcgold@ncrrbiz.com. The cost is \$10 per name. The deadline is December 8th.

GRINCH
Dinner and Pajama Party
Friday, December 13
6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Kindergarten-High School
Special dinner and movie viewing, gift exchange, and games!

Please RSVP
to Paige
Corbett by
Sunday,
December 8

A festive illustration featuring a red and white striped gift box with a white ribbon, a green Grinch-like character, and a white pom-pom, set against a pink background.

AED TRAINING
TAUGHT BY NICK LANCASTER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024
6:00 P.M.
LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED
PLEASE SIGN UP BY SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 10TH IN THE
WELCOME CENTER

A collection of medical icons including a stethoscope, a first aid kit, pills, a syringe, a bandage, a heart with a pulse line, and an ambulance, all in white and teal colors on a red background.



NINE LESSONS &
CAROLS

Sunday
December 15th
5:00pm

Prelude begins
at 4:45pm
Reception follows

The poster features a large, ornate initial 'C' in green and red, with a small illustration of a nativity scene within its loops. The background is a light beige with faint musical notes. The text is in a mix of green and red serif fonts.

Come & hear our own Chancel Choir plus guest singers,
our Chancel Bells, guest organists, and string quintet
in this beautiful worship service for the Christmas season.



October 13: FPC Handbell Choir

Save The Date!



VBS 2025
June 16–June 20
9:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon



October 20: Children's Sunday



Daylight saving time ends
turn the clocks back

*Thank you to Paige
Corbett for organizing a
successful Trunk or Treat
on Sunday.*