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Word-Share-Prayer: Romans 12: 10-16

Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Pledge Sunday is November 21

As part of this month's Stewardship Emphasis at First Presbyterian, Sunday November 21st has been designated Pledge Sunday. During the worship service, financial commitments to the church for 2022 will be dedicated.

Pledge cards have been mailed to each household with the invitation to bring them to worship on Pledge Sunday. For those unable to attend that Sunday, Session requests that pledges be received in the Church Office by that morning. For those who prefer to pledge on-line, you are encouraged to go to the church website (<http://salinepres.org>) where you will find details of how to complete your pledge.



Do Join Us for Worship on Pledge Sunday, November 21 at 10:30am



Our Building is Open for Worship and Meetings

The church is again wonderfully busy with music rehearsals, Bible Study groups, fellowship, and meetings. The office is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9am-3pm. Please call ahead to visit.

From the Worship Committee

Pulpit Supply Schedule

One Christmas Eve Service

The 7:30pm service will include Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

November 14 - Rev. Dr. Jennifer Rike

November 21 - Pledge Sunday and Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism—Revs. Gere and Shipman

November 28- Rev. Renee Roederer

December 5- Rev. Bill Zambon

December 12- Rev. Dr. Judy Shipman

A Gift For Advent

For the Season of Advent, our Worship Committee brings you a special devotional. Look for a link to the downloadable PDFs in the *Weekly Connect* or contact the office for a paper copy.



From the PCUSA Website: *"We can see and observe God at work in the dark, marvel at the beauty of creation lit by moon and stars, and rest from the day's labor. Darkness is often associated with evil and suffering, but a devotional exploration of "night" bears witness to Christ's Good News. Exploring biblical happenings that occur at night – visions, angel visits, prisoners set free – we will move through this Advent season as watchful disciples, keeping vigil for the One who is promised to arrive like a thief in the night."*

Order A Poinsettia

We welcome back the tradition of dressing our sanctuary with poinsettias. Watch for a link in your *Weekly Connect* or you may contact the office. We thank Deacon Nick Clark for spearheading this year's celebration.



October Session Notes

These notes have been edited. The original was emailed 11/02/2021.

Session met at the church Tuesday evening, October 19, 2021, and Moderator Rev. Budge Gere opened the meeting with prayer.

Session will continue following the recommendations set forth by the Washtenaw County Health Department and CDC that everyone (including fully vaccinated individuals) wear a mask in public indoor settings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This policy will be in effect for memorial and/or funeral services held at Saline First Presbyterian Church.

Session approved the Sacrament of Baptism to be celebrated on November 21, 2021, during the Sunday Worship Service. Calvin Scott Herrygers and John Kenneth Herrygers, children of Scott & Krista (Rogers) Herrygers will be baptized.

Session approved the DPNC's Ministry Information Form-- see article page 3.

The Facilities Task Force is considering different options for the properties at 100 Hall St and 102 E. McKay Street.

Treasurer's Report - YTD Income - \$153K; YTD Expense \$(140K); YTD Net \$13K. The next meeting will be November 16, 2021.

Progress on Calling a Designated Pastor

Throughout September the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee (DPNC) met weekly to write the Ministry Information Form (MIF). Upon completion, the MIF, which includes the church's newly adopted Vision and Mission Statement, was approved by the Session at its October meeting. It now awaits approval, which is anticipated very soon, by the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Detroit. Once approved, the form will then be listed on the Church Leadership Connection, a national database for prospective candidates for pastoral positions to learn of ministry opportunities. The DPNC will keep the congregation apprised of each stage of the search. With certainty, the members of the committee trust that God is at work in the process and ask that you join them in prayer for discerning hearts and minds by both candidates and the committee.

If you have questions, go to salinepres.org and click the "ask Session" button.



Celebrating Service

Making God's Story Our Story through Service

During October, our church made a remarkable contribution to Cass Community Social Services by helping convert a convent into family housing. There was lots of hauling, scrubbing, painting, and fun. Reverend Budge Gere, who commissioned participants on the prior Sunday, commented on the powerful spiritual experience during the service when it wasn't five or seven people coming forward for a blessing-- but nearly twenty! Many thanks to the Mission Committee for organizing this meaningful service opportunity.



Our Vision

First Presbyterian Church of Saline will be a Church that seeks to make God's story our story by joyfully growing in faith and serving in love.