

DECEMBER 2021

# THE MESSENGER

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## Word-Share-Prayer: Luke 21:34-36

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

## Designated Pastor Nominating Committee (DPNC)

Our Ministry Information Form was approved by the Committee on Ministry and is now posted on the Church Leadership Connection website. An algorithm is used to select and match candidates that fit most closely with the position, years of experience, salary and leadership competencies that we are seeking. The Committee On Ministry's Review Committee from the Detroit Presbytery will screen potential candidates using input provided by our Interim Pastor Team, Session, and the DPNC. We anticipate beginning our first round of interviews with candidates in January 2022. Please continue to pray for discerning hearts and minds of the candidates and our search committee.

## 2022 Annual Meeting

Session has set the Annual Meeting for February 6, 2022. Please save the date and plan to attend.

## 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.

## From the Worship Committee

### Pulpit Supply Schedule

**December 5** - Rev. Bill Zambon

**December 12** - Rev. Dr. Judy Shipman

**December 15** - Rev. Dr. Judy Shipman  
leads "A Season of Hope" Service

**December 19** - Linda Brown

**December 24** - Rev. Christine Barnes

**December 26** - Lessons and Carols

**January 2** - A Service for the New Year

**January 9** - Rev. Neeta Nichols

**January 16** - Rev. Jill Mills



***There will be one 7:30pm Christmas Eve Service  
that will include Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion***

### Seasons of Hope: A Service of Meditations on Loss and Healing Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00pm

There are many moments in our lives when we need comfort. There are tough times when we yearn for consolation. The holidays can be especially difficult for those who are struggling. Perhaps we are grieving the loss of a loved one, struggling with illness, experiencing the loss of a job, a home or hope. Many are weary from the challenges of life in a world of anger, fear and isolation.

Please join us for a quiet reflection, meaningful words and music led by Reverend Dr. Judy Shipman. Cookies, coffee and conversation will be held in Fellowship Hall following the service. Please help us to share word of this gathering with others who are seeking a time of comfort, hope, wholeness and renewal. This service will be live-streamed and video will be available on our website.



### From Community Connection Committee (C3)

The Community Connection Committee is happy to resume Coffee Hour, providing Fellowship, coffee/juice and a light snack after each worship service, with COVID protocols kept in mind. Planning is underway for a universal memorial service in February, for anyone lost over the past two years. As restrictions are lifted, we look forward to resuming more church events, including the return of Euchre Night, potlucks, and movie nights.



## Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is provided by our Deacons. The phone directory lists each Care Group and the staff portion of the directory lists each Deacon's Care Group. There is a bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall that features Deacon assignments or you may call the office for this information.

Current Deacons are: Susan Brown (Meal Train Coordinator), Nick Clark (Christmas and Easter Flower Coordinator), Terrie Eroh (Secretary), Mary Lou Feight, Nancy Heywood, Doyle Lee, Joyce Leslie, Sheila Little (Moderator), and Dianne Young (Vice Moderator).

## An Update About Giving

To give online, go to [salinepres.org](http://salinepres.org) and click the blue "Give Online" button on the front page. Set up an account, including a PIN. Once you have an account, you can sign in and click choices for an offering or other choices such as your Stewardship Pledge. You can pay by credit card, link your bank account, and even set up a recurring gift.

The church service still has an offering time, and paper envelopes may be left in the collection plate by the doors. You may also use our locked mailbox as a dropbox and leave an envelope there or send a check through US mail.

First Presbyterian Church of Saline, MI  
Saline, MI 48176

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Screenshot of Giving Site

## Clerk's Session Notes - November

*These notes have been edited. The original was emailed 11/22/2021.*

Session met at the church Tuesday evening, November 16, 2021, and the moderator Rev. Budge Gere opened the meeting with prayer.

Kurt Leutheuser presented Word-Share-Prayer based on Luke 21:25-36.

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.

The Ministry Information Form prepared by the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee was approved by the Detroit Presbytery Committee on Ministry and submitted for distribution to potential candidates.

The Stewardship Team, Facilities Task Force, Worship Committee, Designated Pastor Nominating Committee members were listed- see page 4 for more information.

Treasurer's Report - YTD Income - \$169; YTD Expense \$(151K); YTD Net \$18K.

Next meeting will be December 14, 2021.

*If you have questions, go to [salinepres.org](http://salinepres.org) and click the "ask Session" button.*

## December 2021 Session Committees

Session Committees have regular members and Session Members serving on them. If you are interested in a committee, please contact the Chairperson. Session Members are noted in *italics* and Chairs are noted with an asterisk.

### Administration and Personnel

*Keith Brown\**  
*John Coffey*  
*Lindsay Ryan*

### Worship

*Keith Brown*  
*Claire Groshans*  
*Dianne Newberry\**  
*Nancy Ryan\**  
*Joan Starkey*  
*Ann Valentine*

### Facilities Task Force

*Bill Armstrong*  
*Leo Babcock*  
*Keith Brown*  
*John Coffey\**  
*Jim Dell'Orco*  
*Fred Lupton*  
*Bill Woehrle*

### Stewardship

*Rev. Budge Gere*  
*Barbara Balog*  
*Bill Woehrle*

### Congregational Communication

*Keith Brown\**  
*Lisa Clark\**  
*Bari Livsey*  
*Christen Mitchell*  
*Bill Woehrle*

### Finance

*Scott Carter*  
*Sue Conley*  
*Laurie Champion*  
*Kurt Leutheuser\**  
*Bari Livsey*  
*Troy Newberry*

### Property

*Bill Armstrong*  
*Bob Bailey*  
*Keith Brown\**  
*Tom Brown*  
*Scott Carter*  
*Nick Clark*  
*John Coffey*  
*Jan Haupt*  
*Barry Jacobsen*  
*Fred Lupton*  
*Mark Valentine*  
*John Young*

### Community Connection

*Barbara Balog*  
*Laurie Champion*  
*Nick Clark*  
*Arleta Greer\**  
*Debra Manchester*  
*Annette Miller*  
*Julie Neuhauser*



### Christian Education

*Mickey Armstrong*  
*Linda Brown,*  
Director of Youth Ministry  
*Karen Collins*  
*Susan Brown*  
*Carey Pellerin*  
*Marcia Frye*  
*Bill Woehrle\**  
*Nancy Ryan/Laurie Champion,*  
Session Elder alternates

### Designated Pastor Nominating Committee

*Erica Brown*  
*Laurie Champion*  
*Jim Dell'Orco*  
*Shannon Janeczek*  
*Mark Pellerin*  
*Nancy Ryan*

### Mission

*Bill Armstrong*  
*Lisa Clark\**  
*Linda Kiser*  
*Kurt Leutheuser*  
*Nancy Ryan*  
*Lee Willwerth*