



FIRST DAY!

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
October 27, 2024

TODAY

8:30 a.m. EARLY SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

10:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP (in-person and livestream)

Our in-person and livestream congregations share worship together. This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet. If worshipping in-person, you may appear in our livestream. If joining from home, the link for worship will open around 10:20 a.m. You can find this week's worship materials on the website:

www.firstpreshc.org

CHILDREN BEGIN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY. After the children's prayer, children ages 4-7 may go to Godly Play with Ms. Kathy. Older children may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to Worship Bridge.

Worship bags for children are available in the narthex.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Lynne in celebration of her granddaughter Nayeli's Birthday; Ed & Catherine in celebration of their son David's birthday

WE WELCOME Bill Davis A child of First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, Rev. Bill Davis is the Senior Director of Theological Education Funds Development at the Presbyterian Foundation, a roll he has held since July 1, 2024. Bill previously served as the Development Manager for the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and as Interim Pastor of Community of Grace in Arvada, Colorado. Bill loves spending time with his family hiking in the mountains of Colorado and spending time in coffeeshops and bookstores around Denver. Bill is always up for a conversation about the musical genius of Ben Sollee.

WE WELCOME Kathie Metz as our guest organist this morning. Kathie Metz is from Huntington, WV, where she graduated from Marshall University, having majored in music education with concentration in organ. Her church music career began there at age 12, after a summer of organ lessons at Interlochen National Music Camp. She continued her education at Marshall Univ., Westminster Choir College, and at many workshops and conferences offered by the American Guild of Organists, The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, and the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. Kathie served as Organist/Director of Music at several churches before going to Towson United Methodist Church, from which she retired in 2012. She currently directs The Broadmead Chorus and substitutes for organist colleagues around the area. Kathie enjoys spending as much time as possible with her family, playing bridge and watching the Orioles and Ravens (sometimes!)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY: 10:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Debbie

Ushers & Greeters: Margot

Tech Crew: Jonathan, Tracy

PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2024

Please pray for: Lea, Dave, Dylan, Bob, Ken, Bob and Sarah Jo, Maria, Jim, Ann and Family, Dename Warman and Family, Carol, Chuck, Karin, Ed, Gaunt & Bush Family

And also for: everyone living in Charlestown, Encore, Millers Grant, Riderwood and Vantage House; the people of Ukraine, the people affected by Hurricane Helene.

Non-Resident Members: Frank and Betty, Barb

Friends & Family: The Downey-Handy Family, John & Judy, Theresa, Kathy, Peg, Al, Dave, Barbara, Jane, Aaron, Eyler, Matt, Susan, Judy, Gudeta, Anne & Nate and family, Evelyn, Bruce, Bart, Joe, The Beisler Family

Care Center: Virgie, Margaret, Lois

Recovering from Surgery: Nana, Pat

Bereaved: Dave, Bob; Joe & Marla and family, Woody and Carol, Natalie and Jeff, Wayne and Sharon, McKissick Family, Eric & Lisa and family, Hilda and family, Jan and family, Lois, Agnes & Family, Blondell, Wade & Monta, Amanda

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo, www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru, www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball; Leslie Vogel in Guatemala, www.PCUSA.org/leslie-vogel

Please contact Pastor Ken Page, kpage@firstpreshc.org or 602-799-7643 with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share or in case of an emergency or to arrange homebound Communion. Friends & Family names are listed for 8 weeks unless requested otherwise.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of October 22, 2024	\$691,601.69
Actual Expenses as of October 22, 2024	<u>644,660.62</u>
Total	\$46,941.07

It takes an average of \$2,277.72 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church.
The total surplus/deficit shown above is 20.5 days ahead/(behind).

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED!

We are creating a special daily devotional for Advent this year and we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to write a short reflection and prayer based on one of three daily Scripture readings that we will provide. To view a list of daily scriptures and sign up visit this link or use the QR code:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/adventdevotional2024>

For more information, please contact Virginia Callegary (vcallegary@firstpreshc.org).



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION HOUR, 9:30-10:25 a.m.

THE BIBLE IN DEPTH facilitated by Doyle – every Sunday – *Parlor*

CURRENT EVENTS – PRESBYTERIAN STYLE – October 27 – Room 258

October Topic – The Forgotten Federal Budget? – Bill, government scientist turned bureaucrat, will explain the federal budget in simple terms, and set up a discussion with no simple answers.

A DIVE INTO ECUMENISM: AN EXPLORATION OF OTHER FAITHS

November 3 – Anglicans/Episcopalians, a brief history with Bob.

November 10 & 17 – with Rabbi Amanda and Rabbi Craig will focus on different Jewish denominations as well as the Jewish holidays.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS

Holy God and Unholy Nation – led by Rev. Rosemary and Rev. David – The message of Isaiah – 9:30-11am - Parlor

Evening – Renovation of the Heart – with Andrea – 7-8:30pm - Zoom

Register in advance for the Zoom link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-6vqTstGNdMbW4UBdwAfUcwDJiqHjXW>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CORN MAZE TRIP

TODAY, Sunday, October 27 at 12:30 p.m.

5th through 12th graders, meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. and bring \$15.00 for admission and additional money for snacks and concessions. We will return to the church by 6:00 p.m.

Questions? Email Virginia Callegary (vcallegary@firstpreshc.org).

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our next youth group is on Wednesday, November 13 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. We will provide dinner! Questions? Email Virginia Callegary

(vcallegary@firstpreshc.org).

“Keep Awake” SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

Registration continues for the Keep Awake Senior High Retreat at Massanetta November 22-24, 2024. Email Virginia Callegary (vcallegary@firstpreshc.org) if you are interested in attending.

RECYCLING

Thank you to FPCHC for helping Stevens Forest Elementary School meet their goal of collecting 1,000 pounds of plastic! Is this a project FPCHC would be interested in participating in? We could get a bench for our church too! If so, we would need a few people to volunteer to pick up plastic from the church, weigh it, take and upload pictures of the plastic, and drop the plastic off locally. Please let Megan or Virginia Callegary know if you are interested. Thank you!

DISCIPLESHIP & CARING

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM

The 2nd Letter was sent out last week. Please keep an eye out in your mailbox.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

TODAY *Sunday, October 27 at 11:30 a.m.*

Hosts are: The Deacons

Please enjoy coffee, snacks, & fellowship in Buck Hall immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. If you'd like to bring snacks one Sunday, please check the SignUpGenius link for more info:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACAF2BA0FCC52-51327460-coffee>



A NEW MEMBER CLASS will be taught by the Rev. Ken Page on November 10 and 24 with lunch at noon and the class 12:30-2pm in room 258 (Next to the Church offices). This is a two week course. Join us to learn about what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian and a member of FPC. You will have the opportunity to join the church on a following Sunday.

DEACONS

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2024

Sunday, October 27 – Sunday, November 17, 2024

Please contribute food during the above stated period. The Board of Deacons' campaign in November focuses on donations suitable for Thanksgiving Feasts as part of our continuing efforts against Hunger in Howard County. The Deacons are asking for your help to provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to area families. Our church will also provide Giant food cards. See separate insert more information.

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC



ALL SAINTS DAY is *Sunday, November 3, 2024*

In our morning worship services we will celebrate all the people—saints—of God who walked the way of faith with courage, devotion and love. We will remember the members of our household of faith who entered the Church Triumphant since last years All Saints Sunday.

We would also like to remember other family members, friends, mentors and leaders who died in the past year

(November 2023-October 2024).

If you have a family member or friend whose name you would like to include in this great day of memory, hope and celebration, please send your information to Megan Bondhus, Church Administrator, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by **Wednesday, October 30**. Thank you.

PROGRAM YEAR FOR MUSIC

Handbell Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Chancel Choir practice is on Thursdays at 7:30pm

Questions? Contact Margaret McGillivray, Director of Music Ministries,

mmcgillivray@firstpreshc.org

DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS in 2024

Nov 10 & 17. Go to www.signupgenius.com/go/flowers2024#/

The flowers cost \$35. Please send a check to the church office or via

[PayPal](https://www.paypal.com). Questions? Contact, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org



CALLING ALL DANCERS! The Liturgical Dancers are currently planning for a dance in Advent and would love to have you join us. No experience required! For more information please contact Julianna

MISSION

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is helping with flood relief in North Carolina Please pray for all of the PDA Teams. If you would like to donate to the cause, please click here: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000191/>

GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

YOU DID IT! 94 students will receive scholarships to attend middle or high school and as many as four students will be able to pursue university studies in 2025 through the generosity of members and friends of First Pres. On behalf of our sisters and brothers in the Union Maya Quiché Boca Costa Presbytery in Guatemala, the Guatemala project leadership team thanks you for your ongoing support of this life-changing program.

GUATEMALA STOVE PROJECT TRIP

A delegation will be traveling to Guatemala from January 16 – 21, 2025 to strengthen our partnership, develop relationships, and provide mission experience installing Onil Stoves. The cost will be ~\$1,400 /person. An application and \$300 deposit check must be received no later than 12pm, Sunday, October 20th. Applications are available at the welcome desk, church office or by emailing Brett. Please put your application package in mail box 41. Contact Brett for additional information.

WARM FOR WINTER - Saturday, November 9

We will soon welcome immigrant families served by Luminus for our Warm for Winter event, so we have begun collecting donations of new/gently used: coats (children & adult sizes), blankets, cold weather gear, and children's books. You can drop off items in the marked bins in the Harris Commons. Volunteers of all ages are welcome - sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/Warm2024> Questions? Contact Kathy at lovlist@firstpreshc.org.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL BAKE SALE – Calling all bakers and buyers for the annual PW bake sale

October 30th deadline for signing up to bake

November 3-20: pre-order bake sale items

December 7: pay and pick-up items

Get ready to place your order of your favorite homemade cookies, brownies, scones, mini pies / cakes, jams, and more for your holiday enjoyment.

Orders will be taken via a SignUpGenius Nov 3-20 and pick up will be during the Alternative Gift Fair on December 7th from 1-3pm. The link will be announced on November 3rd. Sign up early since the items are limited.

You'll also be able to order a variety of Equal Exchange items.

Please note that this is the only fund raiser the Presbyterian Women holds each year and that proceeds will support local and worldwide missions of the church.

If you'd like to provide something for the PW bake sale or have any questions, please contact Debbie by 10/30/2024.

First Presbyterian Church of Howard County Thanksgiving Food Drive 2024

Sponsored by The Deacons

Sunday, October 27 – Sunday, November 17, 2024

Please contribute food during the above stated period

The Board of Deacons' campaign in November focuses on donations suitable for **Thanksgiving Feasts** as part of our continuing efforts against Hunger in Howard County. The Deacons are asking for your help to provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to client families of Bridges to Housing Stability and Giant food cards for families from Luminus

The Deacons are asking the congregation for non-perishable food items in the list below:

- Boxed Stuffing Mix (like Stovetop)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes in boxes or packets
- Jars of Turkey Gravy or Dried Gravy Mix Packets
- Canned Yams
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Veggies (green beans, corn, peas)
- Cornbread Mix
- Canned Pumpkin or Fruit Pie Filling
- Pie Crust
- Evaporated Milk
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Boxes of Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Macaroni and Cheese Mix
- Boxed Cake Mix and Frosting
- Cans of Tuna
- Juice
- Coffee & Tea
- Hot Chocolate Mix



If you are unable to contribute food, cash donations are gladly accepted. Your generous support for this annual project is greatly appreciated!

Questions? Contact Deacons Chrissy & Kaye

*Thank you for supporting
First Presbyterian Church's
Thanksgiving Basket Project!*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship – In-person & Livestream Worship

Nursery Care for ages 4 and under available 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/firstpreshc

YOUTUBE <http://www.youtube.com/c/firstpreshc>

Links can also be found on the Website www.firstpreshc.org

The Church Office is Open Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(The outside doors may be locked, please call upon arrival for entry.)

THANKSGIVING BASKETS – OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Sunday, October 27th

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person only

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play & Worship Bridge

12:30 p.m. Corn Maze Trip Mid & Sr High

Monday, October 28th

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN MON-FRI– 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, October 29th

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 30th

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Study Group

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Zoom Study

7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsals

Thursday, October 31st

9:00 a.m. ROMEOs Breakfast at Bob Evans

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 1st

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, November 2nd

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY – WEAR T-SHIRTS

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Warm for Winter Donation Drop-Off

Sunday, November 3rd

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person only

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play & Worship Bridge

12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check our website at www.firstpreshc.org for the weekly issue of First Day. Also, check your inbox for the weekly issues of Tidings by Ministry Area.

A Weekly Email is sent every Friday, if you would like to receive it please contact the church office.

To submit news or events for the weekly bulletin **First Day!** please email announcements to:

churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, the church's newsletter sent out weekly by Ministry Area, please send articles by email to: churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by **Thursday, November 14, 2024 for December 2024 events.** Then watch your inbox every week!