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# **ALL SAINTS DAY**

### Make Plans to Attend a Very Special Worship Service on Friday, November 1 at 7 p.m.

A very special All Saints Service of worship will be led by clergy and the Chancel Choir at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 1 in the Sanctuary. During this moving service, the names of First Presbyterian members who have died in the past year will be spoken aloud as chimes are tolled in thanksgiving for their lives and witness. The service culminates with a celebration of the Lord's Supper and the hope and comfort we experience remembering that all those who have gone before us are with us at Table.

The Chancel Choir will offer three anthems that offer comfort. hope, and peace. Holy Radiant Light by Alexandre Gretchaninoff is a jewel in the Russian a cappella choral repertoire. The rich texture and dramatic contrasts in dynamics are inspirational. O Thou Sweetest Source by English composer Charles Wood, and accompanied by organ, is both profoundly tender and majestic. Within These Walls by American composer Stephen Caracciolo, also accompanied by organ, unites "saints below and saints above" as we "join to bless the Lord of love."

Please extend an invitation to family and friends to join you for this special service where God's grace, comfort, and peace are especially palpable. Childcare is available. Prior to the service, the labyrinth will be available from 6 p.m. in the Memorial Garden for a walk hosted by the Labyrinth Guild.

### All Saints Day Labyrinth Walk

You are invited to walk the outdoor stone labyrinth in FPC's Memorial Garden at 6 pm on All Saints Day, Friday, November 1. Spend this time in contemplation as you journey to the center of the labyrinth, remembering those who have died within the past year.

You will have time to complete your journey and join the worship service at 7. If you need assistance or would prefer to appoint someone to walk the labyrinth in your place, members of the FPC Labyrinth Guild will be on hand to help. Note: Should bad weather threaten, we will move the event into the Youth Center and utilize the indoor version of the labyrinth.





The Penn Street Arts Concert Series presents "Scent of Autumn," a Chamber Recital featuring Kim's Quartet with Liz Sellers on Friday, November 8 at 7 p.m. There will be a reception before the concert at 6 p.m. on the West Concourse. The Quartet is a professional music ensemble comprised of

The Kim Quartet

four siblings, Helen, Hamin, Hana and Amy, who respectively play the flute, cello, violin and oboe. The siblings were born in South Korea, raised in North Carolina and studied at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. The concert will also feature Liz Sellers on piano.



Also in November, we will be treated to A Family Night of Silent Film and Organ Music on Friday, November 22 at 7 p.m., featuring the 1924 silent film adaptation of Peter Pan. Live musical accompaniment will be provided by Peter Edwin Krasinski, broadly recognized as a motivating consultant for the pipe organ community, and as a conductor, organist and music educator, whose imaginative and energetic performances elevate and inform audiences. Along with regular concert

Peter Krasinski

appearances he specializes in the art of live improvised silent film accompaniment, worldwide. He has performed live accompaniment to many classic silent film versions, including "Hunchback of Notre Dame" and "Phantom of the Opera".

This event is free and open to the public. All age groups are invited. Childcare is available, with pre-registration to Alyssa Martin (817.335.1231 or amartin@fpcfw.org). A taco dinner will be available before the film at 5:45 p.m. in the Great Hall. Dinner is free, but reservations are required. Sign up at fpcfw.org/ concert-series or call the church office at 817.335.1231.



# PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear saints,

That's right. Saints. Literally, *holy ones*. That's you. That's me. That's us. And not just us...

The saints include all who follow Jesus Christ. The saints also include the faithful who have gone before us. We are a part of the communion (community) of saints. (Interestingly, the New Testament only includes the plural use of saints.) The communion (community) of saints experiences unity in Jesus Christ. It is a unity that transcends time and geography. What a community we share as God's holy ones. What a gift.

As we gather Friday evening (November 1) for the All Saints' service at 7 p.m., we will remember those personally dear to us, we will name aloud those members of First Presbyterian Church who died in the last year, and we will come to the Table celebrating our unity in Jesus Christ with the full communion of saints from all times and places. It is a holy evening and I hope you will make every effort to attend.

As part of the service, the Chancel Choir will be singing three very moving anthems. The opening anthem, *Holy Radiant Light* by Alexandre Gretchaninoff, is a jewel in the Russian a cappella choral repertoire. The rich texture and dramatic contrasts in dynamics are inspirational as past, present, and future come together in the worship of Jesus Christ. As we prepare to gather, let the words of *Holy Radiant Light* prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Holy Radiant Light by Alexandre Gretchaninoff

Holy, radiant Light, Thou holy radiance of the Father, glorious and mighty, Thou only begotten Son of God eternal, holy Jesu. Come we, now, to the hour of setting sun; the lights of evening round us shine; holy, holy. O holy Ones, holy Trinity eternal, we sing Thy praise evermore, holy Trinity. O holy!

With undefiled lips evermore Thy glory to be praised, worthy art Thou to be praised evermore. Holy Son of God, source of ev'ry life, now all the world doth praise Thee, Thou Son of God! Holy radiant Light, praise Thee now and evermore.

Looking forward to worshipping with you Friday, dear saints.

God's peace,

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# SUBMISSIONS

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### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER STATED SESSION MEETING

At its October Stated Session meeting, the Session:

- Was led in an opening devotional by Elder Merianne Roth
- Welcomed Mission Co-Workers David Cortes and Josey Saez and heard of their ministry transitioning from Cuba to the Dominican Republic
- Approved 2020 Communion dates
- Heard reports from the Clerk, the pastors, and the Susan Beaumont Task Force
- Received Committee Education and Interpretation from Evangelism and Fellowship Committees

## PW'S CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

The FPC Presbyterian Women (PW) invites all women to its annual Celebration of Christmas on Tuesday, December 10. Come celebrate the season with festivities and friends! The event begins with wassail at 10:30 a.m. (3rd Floor Concourse), followed by worship at 11 a.m. (Sanctuary) and lunch at 12 p.m. (Great Hall). Please RSVP by Monday, December 2 to Celeste Falter in the church office at cfalter@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231, ext. 261.

# **MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST**

The men of First Pres gather on the 3rd Thursday of each month, so mark your calendar now for November 21. They meet in the Great Hall at 7 a.m. for breakfast (\$5 per person), intentional conversation, and prayer with other FPC men. You'll find connection here! For reservations (not required, but helpful for our chef) or more information, visit fpcfw.org/men.



Join John Haenes, Chief Operations Officer at Challenge of Tarrant County, for an informative presentation about the realities of teen vaping. This workshop is free and reservations are not required.

John Haenes is a Licensed Master's level Social Worker and an International Certified Prevention Specialist with 24 years of experience with substance abuse issues, juvenile delinquency, and child welfare issues. Mr. Haenes is a recognized expert in addiction and adolescent brain development, and served as the Deputy Assistant Director for Specialized Programs at Tarrant County Juvenile Services. Mr. Haenes currently serves as the Chief Operations Officer of Tarrant County Challenge, a nonprofit agency whose mission is to confront substance abuse by identifying needs, educating the community, mobilizing resources, promoting collaborations and advocating for sound public policy.

In appreciation of your volunteerism and care for your neighbor, please join us for a feast and fellowship with all our wonderful Care Teams!

Care Team Appreciation Dinner

# Thursday, November 14th, 6-8 p.m. in the Great Hall

RSVP by November 7 to Celeste: 817.335.1231 or cfalter@fpcfw.org Hosted by the Congregational Care Committee



Light Up Your Leap Year

# 2020 WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women are invited to attend the 2020 Women's Retreat for a weekend of spiritual growth and fellowship with other women from the FPC community.

The retreat will be February 8-9, 2020 at Camp Crucis in Granbury, Texas. Our theme is "Light Up Your Leap Year," and will welcome author, speaker, blogger, and spiritual director Danielle Shroyer as our guest.



**Danielle Shroyer** Retreat Speaker

Registration is now open! Full details can be found at fpcfw. org/womensretreat or in a brochure that can be found throughout the church building.

Don't miss this chance to get to know other FPC women in a beautiful setting.

# **BE INSPIRED...**

Below are some upcoming opportunities for being inspired into a life of discipleship through church events in the coming weeks.

### Special Choral Offering in December: New Singers Welcome!

Beginning in November, the Fellowship and Chancel Choirs will begin rehearsing music for Advent and Christmas. A very special opportunity to present the sermon in song for the 11 a.m. service on December 15 includes five anthems from a variety of style periods and countries. New singers are welcome to join the choirs for rehearsals in November and December in order to be a part of this special season. For more information. please contact Michael Waschevski (michaelw@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231) in the church office. Rehearsals for both choirs (including combined rehearsals) occur on Wednesday evenings, and child care is provided.

# Professional Women of FPC

Join other women to support, pray for and uplift each other professionally and personally. We meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Panera on University Drive. Remaining 2019 dates are November 19 and December 17. Questions? Contact Amy Doze amyldoze@yahoo.com.

# **REFIT: A New Exercise Opportunity**

The Wellness Committee has something new for you! REFIT focuses on building relationships through the shared experiences of fitness, creating a safe space that encourages participants of all shapes and sizes to exercise and discover their own "impact potential" in a familyfriendly environment for all age groups. REFIT meets Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in room 244. The program is free, but bring water and a towel. Questions? Contact Pat Gordon (billandpat1941@gmail.com).

# Turkey Bowl: Youth vs. Parents/Adults!

All middle and high school youth and their friends and families are invited to come join the fun at a Youth vs. Parents/Adults non-tackle flag football game on November 17 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Warm-up begins at 2:30, and the game begins approximately at 3 p.m. at "Game On Arena Sports" at 251 Settlement Plaza Dr, 76108. (This is an indoor turf field, and we're using the "International Field" – after entering, turn left and go to this second field, or ask the front desk for help.) NOTE: Game On has two locations. Do NOT go to the "Sports Complex" on Alemeda Street near All Saints School.

• There is a "Game On" Release Form that ALL participants need to fill out (and parents need to sign for youth too) in order to play.

• No cleats allowed due to the special indoor turf field, participants must wear tennis shoes or turf shoes.

• A concession stand will be available with Gatorade, soft drinks, juice and water for sale (\$\$\$). Water fountains can be used to fill up water bottles.

• Turkey Bowl is our afternoon/evening Youth Group activity, so we will not be meeting later in the evening. Questions? Contact Josh in the church office (josh@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231).

# **Book People**

Book People will have its final meeting of 2019 on November 11 (and conclude five years of reading and discussing) and will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. *Crawdads* is a debut novel and has been on the New York Times bestseller list for over a year. Join us for our discussion to be led by Barbara Martin. Book People meets in Room 226 from 12 - 1 p.m. Church members and friends are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Johnson Pense, ejpense@me.com

# ENGAGE THE WORLD...

Below are some upcoming opportunities for engaging the world through church outreach mission efforts in the coming weeks.

# Christmas Party for the Blind

Our 74th annual Christmas Party for the Blind will be on Thursday, December 5 in the Great Hall. This unique mission event welcomes the blind and visually impaired community of Tarrant County and those who assist them. Youth volunteers are needed starting at 5:30 p.m. for setup, hosting our guests, serving dinner, and cleanup (planning to finish by 7:30 p.m.) Parents and siblings of youth are encouraged to help as well, younger siblings of youth need a parent present. Come help for an hour or stay for all the fun, either way hope to see you there! Adults from the congregation are also needed as drivers for our guests who need transportation to the party. Please contact Josh Stewart or Jayne McFarland at 817.335.1231 if you can volunteer.

# Kick-off Celebration for PNS Karl Travis Men's Center

You are invited and encouraged to attend the Kick-off Celebration for the Karl Travis Men's Center at the Presbyterian Night Shelter (2400 Cypress Street, Fort Worth) on Tuesday, November 19 at 10 a.m.

Immediately following this event the Mission Committee is co-sponsoring a celebratory lunch with Karl in the Great Hall at First Presbyterian Church. Please RSVP by Friday, November 1 to Lynda Crouch at Icrouch@journeyhome.org or by calling 817.632.7417.

It will be a wonderful time of celebration and gratitude for Karl's ministry and impact in our community, and First Presbyterian's on-going and significant commitment to the ministry of the Presbyterian Night Shelter.

### Partnership for the Thirsty: FPC and Living Water International



Six members from FPC recently attended Living Water International's gala in Houston and toured their World Headquarters nearby in Stafford. It was an informative way to celebrate the FPC-LWI partnership that began in 2011. Since then FPC has completed a mission drill trip, finished 16 water projects and helped purchase two new water drill rigs.

Your generosity in 2019 helped fund the new water well drill rig (pictured above), provided a new water well for the village of El Tular Los Martires in El Salvador, and completed a well rehabilitation project at a church in the Kenyan village of Mundutsu. Residents in both countries report that clean, safe water is transforming their lives and renewing their hope with physical and spiritual health. They send their sincere gratitude to their FPC brothers and sisters in Christ.

# Save the Date!

Team FPC will participate in the Jingle Bell Run on Saturday, December 7 at 4:30 p.m. at The Shops at Clearfork. The Arthritis Foundation's original Jingle Bell Run is a fun way to get decked out and be festive, while racing to raise funds and awareness to cure America's #1 cause of disability. Watch for registration details to come.



# BASKET PROJECT

Donations Collected November 10, 17, and 24

In Partnership with the South Central Alliance of Churches

Once again FPC invites you to help prepare and contribute food bags with items for a Thanksgiving meal given to those in need.

Please bring donations to the red carts outside the Great Hall and in the Narthex on November 10, 17, and 24. Donations of money are also appreciated; checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Thanksgiving Baskets 2019" in the memo.

### **SHOPPING LIST:**

- □ 15 oz. can yams
- □ 15 oz. can cranberry sauce
- □ 15 oz. can corn
- □ 15 oz. can green beans
- □ 15 oz. can fruit
- □ 15 oz. can chicken broth
- □ 5+ oz. box instant mashed potatoes
- □ 6 oz. pkg. Jell-O
- □ 14 oz. bag stuffing mix (or 2 boxes Stove Top Mix)
- □ box cake mix
- □ can cake frosting
- container Crystal Light, Koolaid, or small box tea bags

Please stay with sizes requested. Note: Health regulations require that the food be in the original packaging/ containers.

### CIRCLES OF CHRIST AMON CARTER MUSEUM TOUR

Saturday, November 2, 1-2:30 p.m.



There will be a free docent tour of the Amon Carter Museum of American Art (3501 Camp Bowie Blvd.) featuring the permanent collection and the special exhibit on "Gordon Parks: The New Tide, Early Work 1940-1950". You can find more info on Gordon Parks and the Amon Carter Museum including photos/graphics here: https://www.cartermuseum.org

Meet at the Amon Carter Museum or we have limited seats available on the FPC church bus and we also invite folks to meet at First Presbyterian (1000 Penn Street) if you would like to carpool/caravan at 12:30 p.m. We will leave promptly at 12:45 p.m. Please RSVP to Deneice Allen at dallen@fpcfw.org by Wednesday, October 30.



# FPC'S COMMEMORATIVE CROSS DISPLAY

Over the years, many FPC members and friends have dedicated crosses in memory of loved ones who have died. The crosses are on display in the hallway between the Chapel and the Parlor, and they represent an astonishing variety of sizes, shapes and configurations. A message of dedication for each cross is recorded in the book on top of the credenza. The cross display is one of FPC's truly contemplative spaces where we commemorate the Communion of Saints. Please consider visiting during the season of remembrance around All Saints' Day, November 1.

If you would like to add a cross to the display in memory of a loved one, please contact one of FPC's Parish Visitors, Jennifer Regen or Jennifer Pettey. They will assist you in having the new cross placed on the wall and recording your dedication.

### FPC'S STAINED GLASS, PART 2: THE TRANSEPT WINDOWS

As the chancel lancets are devoted to the second Person of the Trinity, so are found in the two transept rose windows, God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

The definition of a transept is: "... a transverse part of any building, which lies across the main body of the edifice. In churches, a transept is an area set crosswise to the nave in a cruciform ("cross-shaped") building within the Romanesque and Gothic Christian church architectural traditions."

The definition of a Rose Window is: "...a generic term applied to a circular window, but is especially used for those found in churches of the Gothic architectural style that are divided into segments by stone mullions and tracery."



#### The South Transept – God the Father

On the south (or Gospel side) of the transept, God the Father is symbolized. In the center circle the creative hand of God reaches down from a heaven represented by "stained glass clouds". It is flanked on either side by the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet,

the Alpha and Omega, signifying that God is from all time to all time, the beginning and the ending.

In the next concentric circle, the lower left third represents Power, the power of God the Father who was able to create all things. Symbolically portrayed are the heavenly bodies – the sun, moon and stars, the fowls of the air, fishes of the sea, animals (a lamb), green things, and above all Man whom God created in his own image and his help mate, Woman.

The lower right third of this circle represents Love, the love of God the Father, who "so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3.16). Shown symbolically are: the Father's loving heart, the incarnation (manger with straw, surmounted by the Chi Rho symbol for Christ, the star of Bethlehem shedding its rays over all), the three crosses indicating our Lord's sacrifice, the phoenix rising anew from its own ashes, symbolizing the Resurrection.

The outermost circle of this rose window contains the 24 crowns of the "four and twenty elders" described by John in Revelation.



#### The North Transept – God the Holy Spirit

In the rose on the north (or Epistle) side on the transept is the third person of the Trinity, God the Holy Spirit, personified in the center as a descending Dove. In the lower left third of the next concentric circle the Holy Spirit is shown

as the Comforter. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb;... and a little child shall lead them". (Is. 11.6) Above is an anvil on which a sword is being beaten into a plowshare n that day picture by Isaiah when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore". (Is. 2.4)

The lower right third of this circle represents the Holy Spirit in his role as Inspirer. Shown are the disciples upon whom the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost. The top third indicates a third role of the Holy Spirit, that of Intercessor. Indicated is a censer for intercessory petitions, balsam and an Urn as symbols of grace.

The 24 blocks in the outermost circle contain the tongues of fire in which the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples at Pentecost.

# **JOYS & CONCERNS**

Following are the joys and concerns shared as of October 24, 2019. To respect the privacy of those listed, names are included only when the individuals grant their permission.

#### Our loving sympathy to...

Family and friends of **Tom Whiteside**, who died October 2.

### Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...

Jay Dickson, Mary Farmer, Diane Satterlee, Brent Comstock, Bob Wilson, Jerry Brownlee, David Nation, Paula Robertson, and Judy Gasch, who are recovering from surgery or injury.

Frank Stewart, Bob Gorham, Karl Travis, Rush Hart, Marilyn Wilson, Vera Kendall, Phyllis Propes, Emma Coley, Corinna Nation, Lisa Shiner, Elizabeth Bean, and Frances Blake, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment.

### Our caring prayers for extended family include...

Patrick Denton (nephew of **Bill and Pat Gordon**), Lynn Prater (daughter of **Harlene Satterfield**); Bill Neil (brother of **Marilyn Love**), Janet Laminack (cousin of **Julie Sphar** and **Vance Laminack**), John DeMore (son-in-law of **June Sprott**), Lisa Koenig (niece of **Wanda Williams**), Kathy Kline (**Maxine Kruse's** daughter), and Susan Chenault (**Frances Chenault's** daughter).

Prayers for peace in our world, for the safety of Nathan Gunter (**Russell and Vivian Norment's** nephew) who is stationed in Korea. Also for the safety of **Diego A. Saldivar**, who is serving in the US Navy; Diego is the son of **Becky and Rene Saldivar**. And for the safety of **Thomas Shelby**, who is serving in the US Navy, deployed in Japan. Thomas is the son of **Ellen Buck** and the grandson of **Vance and Donna Laminack**.

Prayers for Cindy Corell, our mission co-worker in Haiti. Prayers for peace and resolution for political strife, unsafe conditions, and people unable to get food and basic necessities due to riots.





### Below are a few highlighted events in November. More at fpcfw.org/calendar.

### SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

8 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9 a.m.	Worship in Great Hall
10 a.m.	Church School
11 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary

### MONDAYS IN NOVEMBER

11:30 a.m. Busy Women's Bible Study

### WEDNESDAYS IN NOVEMBER

9:30 a.m.	Wellness: REFIT Class
5:30 p.m.	Worship On Wednesdays (+ dinner, classes)
	at Community Crossroads

#### FRIDAYS IN NOVEMBER

9:30 a.m.	Wellness: Yoga Stretch
10 a.m.	Wellness: Beginning Tai Chi
10:30 a.m.	Wellness: Tai Chi

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

6 p.m. All Saints Labyrinth Walk 7 p.m. All Saints Worship

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

11 a.m. Annual Chili Cookoff

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7 p.m. Penn Street Arts Concert: Kim's Quartet

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

6 p.m. Care Team Appreciation Dinner

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2:30 p.m. Turkey Bowl6 p.m. Taize Worship Service of Wholeness & Healing

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19** 10 a.m. Karl Travis Men's Center Kick off Celebration

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 227 p.m.Penn Street Arts Concert: Silent Film

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 Church Offices and EEC Closed for Thanksgiving





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# ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS In Honor & Memory of Loved Ones



This Christmas, the FPC Worship & Music Committee will be placing live poinsettia
plants in worship spaces from December 15–29. You may purchase a plant in honor or
memory of loved ones using the form below and turning it in, with a check made out
to First Presbyterian Church and "Poinsettias" marked in the memo line. Cost is \$20 per
plant. Forms are due in the church office by Sunday, December 8. Plants may be taken

home after worship on December 29. Those not picked up will be given to homebound members. The more of us involved in all of the decorating the more meaningful it is! For any of you who wish to participate, there is no age limit! For questions or more information, please contact Mary Margaret Floyd at marymargaretfloyd@gmail.com or 817.229.3554.

Given in Honor / Memory (please circle one) of:

Given by: