



# The MESSENGER

November 2020

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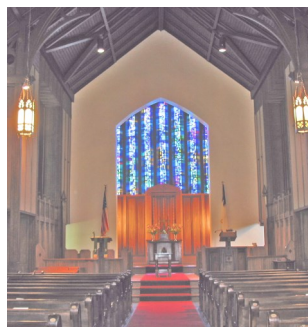
*Items for the combined  
December/January edition of  
this newsletter are accepted in  
the church office **through**  
9:00AM, Monday, November  
16, 2020.*



*Early submissions  
are joyfully  
accepted.*

*Submissions will be edited for  
clarity, accuracy, and length.*

## *Sunday, November 1*



## *Sanctuary Dedication*

**HONORING THE PAST**  
*Welcoming the Future*



See page 5  
for details.



A complete list of our veterans  
can be found on page 3.

If you do so at no other time,  
please remember to  
thank these men for their  
service to our country this  
Veteran's Day.



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

We are quickly heading toward Thanksgiving. Coming as the holiday does toward the end of a year which has been so challenging for a great many people, perhaps we would do especially well to deliberately pause and offer thanks to God.

Poking around on the internet yields a treasure trove of observations on gratitude and thanksgiving from a wide assortment of characters.

Doris Day: *"Gratitude is riches. Complaint is poverty."*

John Milton: *"Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world."*

Henry David Thoreau: *"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual."*

John Clayton: *"Thanksgiving is a time when the world gets to see just how blessed and how workable the Christian system is. The emphasis is not on giving or buying, but on being thankful and expressing that appreciation to God and to one another."*

The Bible calls us over and again to cultivate gratitude and to offer thanksgiving to God. Psalm 100 declares:

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."*

We give thanks not because life is always easy, or free of trial and tribulation, but because behind it all, God is good, and we live our lives in the context of a benevolent and loving Providence.

In the midst of the Civil War, President Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation. An excerpt of which reads:

*"I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."*

May this year's holiday allow you opportunity to explore the blessings in your life and offer thanks to the One from whom all good comes.





**Mike B**, United States Navy, active duty and reserves; Vietnam, 1964-1970

**Mark B**, United States Army Band, Fort Knox and Germany; 1970-1973

**Ken C**, United States Navy, active duty and reserves; 1964-1968

**Addison C**, United States Army, Counter Intelligence Corp; 1953-1961

**Stu C**, United States Air Force

**Dave C**, United States Marine Corps, Korean Conflict; 1951-1953

**Howard E**

**Mike F**, United States Navy, Cuban Missile Crisis; 1960-1962

**Gene M**, United States Navy Hospital Corps, WW II; 1944-1946

**Dick O**, United States Air Force, Korean Conflict; 1951-1955

**Tim R**

**Tom S**, United States Navy, Vietnam; 1966-1973

**Rich S**, United States Army, Ryukyu Islands; 1969-1971

**Craig W**

*Please contact the church office if you would like to share your service record.*



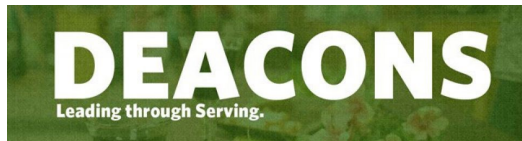
*Freedom is never free.—Anonymous*

*If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of person worth fighting for.—Anonymous*

*“Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it ... it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.” —Unknown*







The Deacons offer prayer, companionship, rides, or meals, but don't always know where care is needed. If you know of a need (your own or another's), call the church office or any of our Deacons: Susan A, Susan G, Jane J, Sonya K, Susy S (Moderator)

*In our thoughts and prayers ...*

William B

Pam C

Dottie and Howard E

Bridget F

Kelly F (Rev. Lang's sister)

Jerry Ki and family

Jackie O

military and law enforcement personnel

family, friends, and fellow sisters of

Sister Joan Michael



We extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Jerry K and family as they transition to life without their beloved Sonya, who died Wednesday evening, October 21.



## Worship Committee

The first of November marks a number of occasions and events worthy of your attention. The end of Daylight Savings time over the previous night will have prompted us, hopefully, to turn our clocks back an hour in order to arrive at church at the appropriate time! This All Saints Day will, perhaps, be particularly meaningful to our congregation as we finally return to the sanctuary to take part in a service of dedication. Our extensive restoration efforts, including the return of our stained glass windows to their former glory, will be on full display.

Included in our November 1 service will be the Sacrament of Communion, using the small individual chalices we have used previously during an outdoor service. Please select a chalice as you enter the sanctuary and follow

the Reverend Lang's prompts when it's time to take part in communion.

Amy will return to playing the organ for the first Sunday since early March. We are sure you will be as pleased as she is to hear the warmth and the range of tones our pipe organ can produce. Emily J adds her flute musicianship to the musical talent on this first Sunday of the month. And naturally, Kate, Megan, and Logan will round out the expression of worship through music with their beautiful voices.

Plans are forming, additionally, for a Thanksgiving themed service later on in the month, and we would ask you to stay tuned for additional details as they become available.

# Spotlight on Missions

## *Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food update*

Saturday, October 10 was a good day for First Presbyterian Church. We filled the Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center van and the Princeton Closet SUV trunk! Some later arriving donations have filled the food table in the Church House and will be part of our Food Offering on Sunday, November 15.

In addition to food, cleaning products, and personal care items; \$1,673.00 in cash, checks, and Costco gift cards were donated.

The Mayor of Glendale, Don L, and his wife Mary complimented us on our achievement. Our sincere thanks to all who helped that day

and for all the donations. *We couldn't have done this without you!*

Many thanks to Mark B, who provided GREAT music throughout the day.

A huge thank you to Lexi H, Bob and Jane S's granddaughter, for her help loading the van again this year. We are very fortunate to have had Lexi's help with this task for the past three years.

Your Mission Committee



***Did you know*** this church is the only Glendale church partnering with the Glendale Police Department to provide Thanksgiving Boxes to our neighbors in need?

Thanks to your generosity, 25 Glendale families receive a box of food and a Kroger gift card so they can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

We met with Chief Warman this summer to gain a better understanding of the family size the box is designed to feed. He told us we should aim for a family of 5 and assured us that families larger than 5 members will receive additional boxes so there will be enough food for everyone in the household.

We revised the foods list this year, adding quantity and size (ounces or pounds) for each item, hoping the revised list will make your shopping less stressful and provide peace of

mind that you are meeting the needs of your neighbors who need a little extra help during the holidays. In addition to the food you provide, The Mission committee will provide

a Kroger gift card for each box and the church will provide a holiday greeting.

You will find a couple other requests from Chief Warman included on the foods list in each box, so please read it carefully.

Thanksgiving boxes will be available in the Church House Sundays, November 1 and 8, and should be returned to the Church House no later than Sunday, November 16.

Remember to find the number on your box and write your name beside the corresponding number of the sheet on the table.



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## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

Mallory C .....	2
Jane J .....	4
<i>Jane and Bob S.</i> .....	4
<i>Diane and Frank L.</i> .....	8
Amy D .....	13
<i>Donna and Dave C</i> .....	17
Maya O .....	18
Susan A .....	19
Alison C .....	22
Susan G .....	23
Jean C .....	24
Donna C .....	26



*Wednesday, November 11; 12:30 PM*

All men are invited to lunch at Gold Star Chili on Springfield Pike in Springdale.

Good food and fellowship -  
a great way to spend your lunch hour!



*Are you looking for a  
unique Christmas gift?*

Consider a Glendale Directory for friends and neighbors on your gift giving list. They are readily available and cost only \$10.00.

See Santa's helpers, Susan A or Dave C, to purchase a directory.



## *The Empty Chair*



The pies are in the freezer,  
the turkey's on the list,

But this Thanksgiving, oh how  
a loved one will be missed!

Lord Jesus, please hear our  
Thanksgiving prayer,

For those gathered around  
a table that has an empty chair,

O Lord, comfort their hearts-  
we know that you are able,

And let them know that this year,  
there's another chair at Heaven's Table!

—Erica Parkerson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  10:30AM - Worship 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  6:30PM - Ensemble Rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:30AM - Worship	<b>9</b> 9:00AM- Session reports due	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Office CLOSED  12:30PM- Men's Lunch (Gold Star) 6:00pm- Session meeting	<b>12</b>  6:30PM - Ensemble Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:30AM - Worship	<b>16</b> 9:00AM- Dec/Jan newsletter items due 10:00AM- Deacon meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  6:30PM - Ensemble Rehearsal	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:30AM - Worship 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Office CLOSED 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:30AM - Worship 	<b>30</b>	This calendar is a living document subject to frequent changes. Check the website ( <a href="http://firstpresbyterianglendale.org">firstpresbyterianglendale.org</a> ) for the most accurate calendar. Please call the church office with calendar updates.				

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The Reverend Jeffrey Lang

worship—10:30AM  
September 13, 2020-June 6, 2021

worship—10:00AM  
June 14, 2020-September 5, 2021

Shared with you in Christian love



### *The simplest prayer*

An eccentric blind man nicknamed Joybubbles reportedly loved Mr. Rogers so much he listed to 10 hours of the TV show daily until he'd heard them all. One night, when Joybubbles was in a kind of awake dream state, he said Mr. Rogers visited him and offered to teach him how to pray.

Joybubbles protested that he couldn't pray because he always forgot the words. To which Mr. Rogers said not to worry; the prayer he'd teach had only three words. "What kind of prayer has only three words?" Joybubbles asked.

"Thank you Jesus", Mr. Rogers replied.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*