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Franklin Presbyterian Church

The Lamplighter



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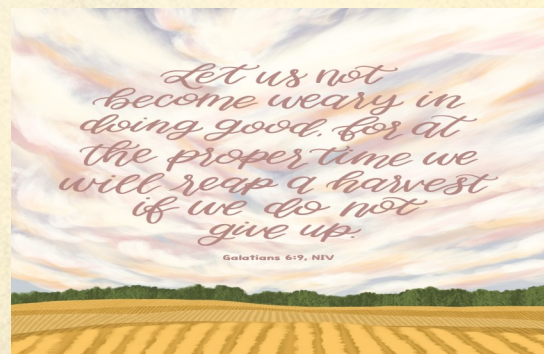
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There is no Christian Service Fundraiser this fall. If you still wish to make a donation to Local Christian Service, we welcome you to do so. Just place your donation in the Offering Plate with 'Christian Service' in the memo line. Some of the local programs we support are: Habitat for Humanity, Backpack Program, Literacy Program, Pastor's Benevolence. See you in 2026!





I love the month of November. Let me rephrase. I love to eat in the month of November. There's buttery squash from the garden, discounted Halloween candy, spicy chili with all the fixings, Thanksgiving dinner with all those wonderful sides, and pumpkin or pecan pie topped with whipped cream. November is a foodie paradise. Thank God for all the nourishment he gives to our bodies! We have full use of our senses: seeing, smelling, touching, and tasting all the deliciousness of November!

November is also a month that begins the holiday season. As the winds pick up and the chance for snow becomes a more familiar forecast, we can gather safely and warmly with loved ones. These are special moments and blessings given to us by our God, who provides and protects us.

When it comes to giving thanks, I am often reminded of what someone once told me about the Garden of Eden. When Adam and Eve couldn't stop staring at the one tree they knew they should not eat from, we can be sad not only because they ate from it and lost their place in the garden, but also because they stopped noticing all the other trees.

We can too often become fixated on the one blessing we do not have and lose sight of all the blessings around us if we take time to look. Thanksgiving, if it is to be construed as a Christian holiday, must be looked at in these terms. What does it mean not only to give thanks but to remember the great gift we have in a God who is not distant but is a God who prepares a table for us, and only desires that we show up to the feast.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with food, laughter, and family. I know that for many of us, it will also be filled with memories of those who cannot be with us. In those moments be unafraid to voice your grief, and in the midst of it, give thanks for the hope we all have in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am Thankful to serve as your Transitional Pastor!

Know you are loved!

Pastor Tim



LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD TEAM UPDATE!

Our Living Waters for the World Team returned from a wonderful, blessing-filled trip to Guatemala last Tuesday. We give thanks and praise to God that we were able to celebrate the reinstallation of a water purification system for our long-time friends and partners in Quezaltepeque, Paz y Bien Guatemala (<https://pazbienguatemala.org/>)! **AND**, we met with the principal and vice principal of the Jucanya Elementary School in Barrio Jucanya, Panajachel to talk carefully and ask and answer questions about our hopes, needs, and capabilities. Praise be to God that after almost eight hours of meetings, we have signed a covenant with the Jucanya Elementary School and will be returning in the spring to install a purification system together! We truly feel that the Holy Spirit has been at work preparing the ground for this partnership.

Want to get involved? Talk to Donna, Caren, Sylvia, Deb T, or Bailey!



Do you enjoy Advent devotionals? Please contribute to ours this year! Franklin Pres is putting together its own Advent devotional. Signup in the Education Wing, or speak to Bailey!



ROOM IN THE INN IS COMING!

January will be here before we know it, and we'll be opening the Cornerstone to serve as shelter for our unhoused friends to come in out of the cold for a shower, a hot meal, and a safe place to sleep with Room in the Inn. Once a week, we will need volunteers to set up, cook and serve dinner, and take down, plus two volunteer Innkeepers to stay overnight.

RITI Training will be held during coffee hour on Sunday, November 9 and Sunday, December 14. The training **is required for all volunteers**, but attending a training doesn't lock you in to volunteering. ***This year, can we fill up the sign up sheet by Christmas?? I think we can!*** Questions? Talk to Bailey!

NEWS & EVENTS

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-OCTOBER 28, 2025

- Appoint Keith Lawrence as Commissioner to the November 11 Presbytery meeting in Owensboro.
- Approve removal of the Flower Fund designated line item under Worship Committee and move the balance to the Special Music Line item.
- Approve up to \$600 for the purchase of a new camera for livestream from the line item “regular building and maintenance” in the facilities budget.
- Approve \$4500 for 2026 Unified Giving to Western Kentucky Presbytery.
- Average attendance for September - 52

CLOTHES CLOSET UPDATE

The Matthew 25 Clothes Closet continues to thrive, due to our wonderful community support and our outstanding volunteers. October highlights include:

- ♦ Transitioning to our fall and winter clothes
- ♦ Setting up our fall clothing section, including Halloween Costumes for both children and adults
- ♦ Receiving over 60 Bibles/Devotionals from the Thomas Nelson company. During our Christmas Holiday Shop, everyone will be given a free devotional book. We are looking for someone willing to wrap these for us.
- ♦ Doing a presentation to the local Rotary Club about what the Clothes Closet does for our community

We are going to stop accepting clothing donations until January due to an over-abundance of clothing to process. Exceptions include items we ALWAYS need:

- ♦ Men's jeans
- ♦ Tennis shoes
- ♦ Winter coats
- ♦ Children's winter clothing – especially 12-18 boys clothing

During late November, we will be getting ready for our Christmas Shop – which means transforming the old kitchen into our holiday store. Clients are able to get gifts for their family. Last year our church provided so much that we likely have enough for this year. Later, a sign-up sheet will be put up for people to sign up to help out in the Christmas Shop. It takes 2 people and they can't be pulled from our regular workers – especially on Tuesday.

Once again, we will be participating in our annual “Undie Sunday”. A laundry basket will be placed near our Christmas tree and each Sunday in December we will ask for donations of underwear. Next month, we will highlight the sizes we are most in need of.

Never underestimate the effect FPC's support for this mission on our community!

Stewardship Corner

October Average Attendance: 54

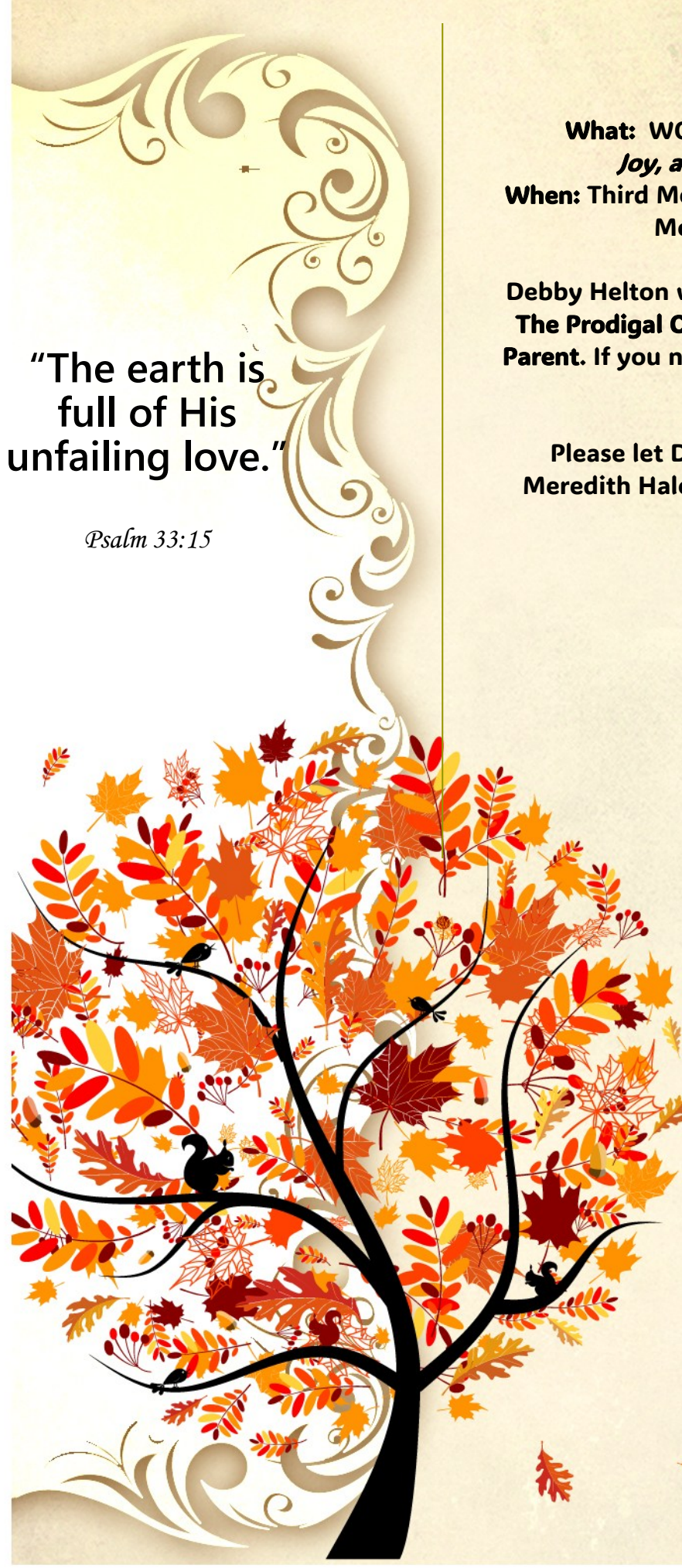
Oct. 5	63
Oct. 12	58
Oct. 19	51
Oct. 26	43

October Weekly Offering Average: \$2,333.50

Oct. 5	\$1,631.00
Oct. 12	\$3,339.00
Oct. 19	\$2,560.00
Oct. 26	\$1,804.00

October Online Giving: \$2,062.58

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,692.31

A large, stylized tree with a black trunk and branches is filled with vibrant autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. Several small black birds are perched on the branches. To the left of the tree, there are elegant, light-colored swirls and flourishes that curve upwards and outwards.

"The earth is
full of His
unfailing love."

Psalm 33:15

You are Invited!

What: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*

When: Third Monday Each Month Our next meeting is Monday, November 17, 2025

Where: Cornerstone

Debby Helton will lead our discussion for Lesson Five: **The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent.** If you need a study guide, please see Sue Zust. A light lunch will be provided.

Please let Debra Thompson (270-776-0243) or Meredith Halcomb (270-847-1138) know if you will not be attending.

A decorative border at the top of the announcement box, featuring a variety of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, along with small acorns and berries.

We will be closed
this Thanksgiving

November 26 & 27

A decorative border at the bottom of the announcement box, featuring a variety of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, along with small acorns and berries.

November 2025 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

[Year One]

November

Saturday, November 1

All Saints' Day

Morning: Pss. 96; 149
Evening: Pss. 132; 134

Isa. 26:1–4, 8–9,
12–13, 19–21
Rev. 21:9–11,
22–27 (22:1–5)
or Heb. 11:32–12:2
Matt. 5:1–12

Sunday, November 2

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Neh. 5:1–9 or Ezra 1:1–11
Acts 20:7–12
Luke 12:22–31

Monday, November 3

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Neh. 6:1–19
or Ezra 3:1–13
Rev. 10:1–11
Matt. 13:36–43

Tuesday, November 4

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47
or Ezra 4:7, 11–24
Rev. 11:1–19
Matt. 13:44–52

Wednesday, November 5

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Neh. 13:4–22
or Hag. 1:1–2:9
Rev. 12:1–12
Matt. 13:53–58

Thursday, November 6

Morning: Pss. 97;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26
or Zech. 1:7–17
Rev. 14:1–13
Matt. 14:1–12

Friday, November 7

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36
or Ezra 5:1–17
Rev. 15:1–8
Matt. 14:13–21

Saturday, November 8

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Ezra 9:1–15
or Ezra 6:1–22
Rev. 17:1–14
Matt. 14:22–36

Sunday, November 9

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Ezra 10:1–17
or Neh. 1:1–11
Acts 24:10–21
Luke 14:12–24

Monday, November 10

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Neh. 9:1–15 (16–25)
or Neh. 2:1–20
Rev. 18:1–8
Matt. 15:1–20

Tuesday, November 11

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Neh. 9:26–38
or Neh. 4:1–23
Rev. 18:9–20
Matt. 15:21–28

Wednesday, November 12

Morning: Pss. 15;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18
or Neh. 5:1–19
Rev. 18:21–24
Matt. 15:29–39

Thursday, November 13

Morning: Pss. 36;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Neh. 6:1–19
Rev. 19:1–10
Matt. 16:1–12

Friday, November 14

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47
Rev. 19:11–16
Matt. 16:13–20

Saturday, November 15

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 Neh. 13:4–22
 Rev. 20:1–6
 Matt. 16:21–28

Sunday, November 16

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26
 Acts 28:14b–23
 Luke 16:1–13

Monday, November 17

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36
 Rev. 20:7–15
 Matt. 17:1–13

Tuesday, November 18

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 Ezra 9:1–15
 Rev. 21:1–8
 Matt. 17:14–21

Wednesday, November 19

Morning: Pss. 65;
 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 Ezra 10:1–17
 Rev. 21:9–21
 Matt. 17:22–27

Thursday, November 20

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 Neh. 9:1–15 (16–25)
 Rev. 21:22–22:5
 Matt. 18:1–9

Friday, November 21

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 Neh. 9:26–38
 Rev. 22:6–13
 Matt. 18:10–20

Saturday, November 22

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18
 Rev. 22:14–21
 Matt. 18:21–35

Sunday, November 23

**Christ the King /
 Reign of Christ**
 Morning: Pss. 108; 150
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23
 Isa. 19:19–25
 Rom. 15:5–13
 Luke 19:11–27

Monday, November 24

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9
 Joel 3:1–2, 9–17
 1 Peter 1:1–12
 Matt. 19:1–12

Tuesday, November 25

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
 Evening: Pss. 36; 7
 Nahum 1:1–13
 1 Peter 1:13–25
 Matt. 19:13–22

Wednesday, November 26

Morning: Pss. 96;
 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 132; 134
 Obad. 15–21
 1 Peter 2:1–10
 Matt. 19:23–30

Thursday, November 27

Morning: Pss. 116;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 26; 130
 Zeph. 3:1–13
 1 Peter 2:11–25
 Matt. 20:1–16

Friday, November 28

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
 Evening: Pss. 25; 40
 Isa. 24:14–23
 1 Peter 3:13–4:6
 Matt. 20:17–28

Saturday, November 29

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
 Evening: Pss. 125; 90
 Micah 7:11–20
 1 Peter 4:7–19
 Matt. 20:29–34

[Begin Year Two]**Sunday, November 30
 First Sunday of Advent**

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
 Evening: Pss. 25; 110
 Amos 1:1–5, 13–2:8
 1 Thess. 5:1–11
 Luke 21:5–19

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

Caren Gibson

Elder Helper:

Chris Kessler

Ushers:

Joe Shumaker

Lector

Debbie Wyatt
Prentice Knight

MEETINGS

BIBLE STUDY: Weds at 4:30 pm

FACILITIES: 11/12 at 4 pm

GRIEF GROUP: 11/13 at 5 pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

11/17 at 11 am (Cornerstone)

SESSION: 11/25 at 5 pm

NOVEMBER 2025

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>John McCallum</i>
2 Communion All Saints Sunday	3 <i>Larry Adamson</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Debby Helton</i> <i>Loyd Gant</i>	8
9	10	11	12	13 <i>Prentice Knight</i>	14	15 <i>Candice Mendoza</i>
16	17	18	19 <i>Anna Smith</i>	20	21 <i>Larry Smith</i> <i>Susan Hoffman</i> <i>Eli Rahm</i>	22 <i>Sarah Wakefield</i>
23 Hanging of the Green	24	25	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed Thanksgiving	28	29
30 Advent Breakfast						

*Birthdays in italics

Looking Ahead...

HANGING OF THE GREEN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**THERE WILL ALSO BE A
SOUP & SANDWICH
LUNCH FOLLOWING
WORSHIP! PLEASE
BRING SANDWICHES OR
A DESSERT!**



ADVENT BREAKFAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

*PROVIDED BY
THE MEN OF FPC*

Be on the lookout for more information regarding this year's White Christmas Offering. Including offering days, toiletry items that can be brought in and packing and delivery day. If you know a family that would benefit from a box, please let Caren or Candice know!



LESSONS & CAROLS COMING CHRISTMAS EVE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24!



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

CONTACT US

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**

TELEPHONE

(270) 586-4535

CHURCH STAFF

Tim Leigh
Transitional Pastor
Bailey Pickens,
Community Connections Director
Candice Mendoza,
Office Manager

Jason Matteson,
Music Director
Donna Houston, *Organist*
Shirley Crutcher, *Nursery*



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
'READING THROUGH THE BIBLE'
WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 PM

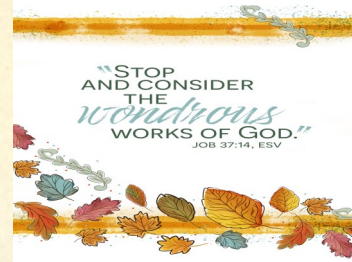
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS THE
THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
11 am in the Cornerstone

*DON'T FORGET TO FALL
BACK ONE HOUR ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2!*

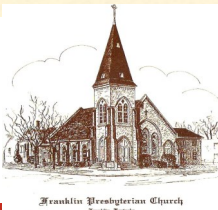


REVAMPING OUR BULLETIN

Worship Committee has taken on the job of reworking our bulletin to make it clearer and more user-friendly, especially for visitors! Be on the lookout for drafts in use this month. We are actively seeking feedback, so write down your comments and turn the bulletins back in!



Do you have something to go in the December Lamplighter? *Submit it to the office by Tuesday, November 25.*



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