

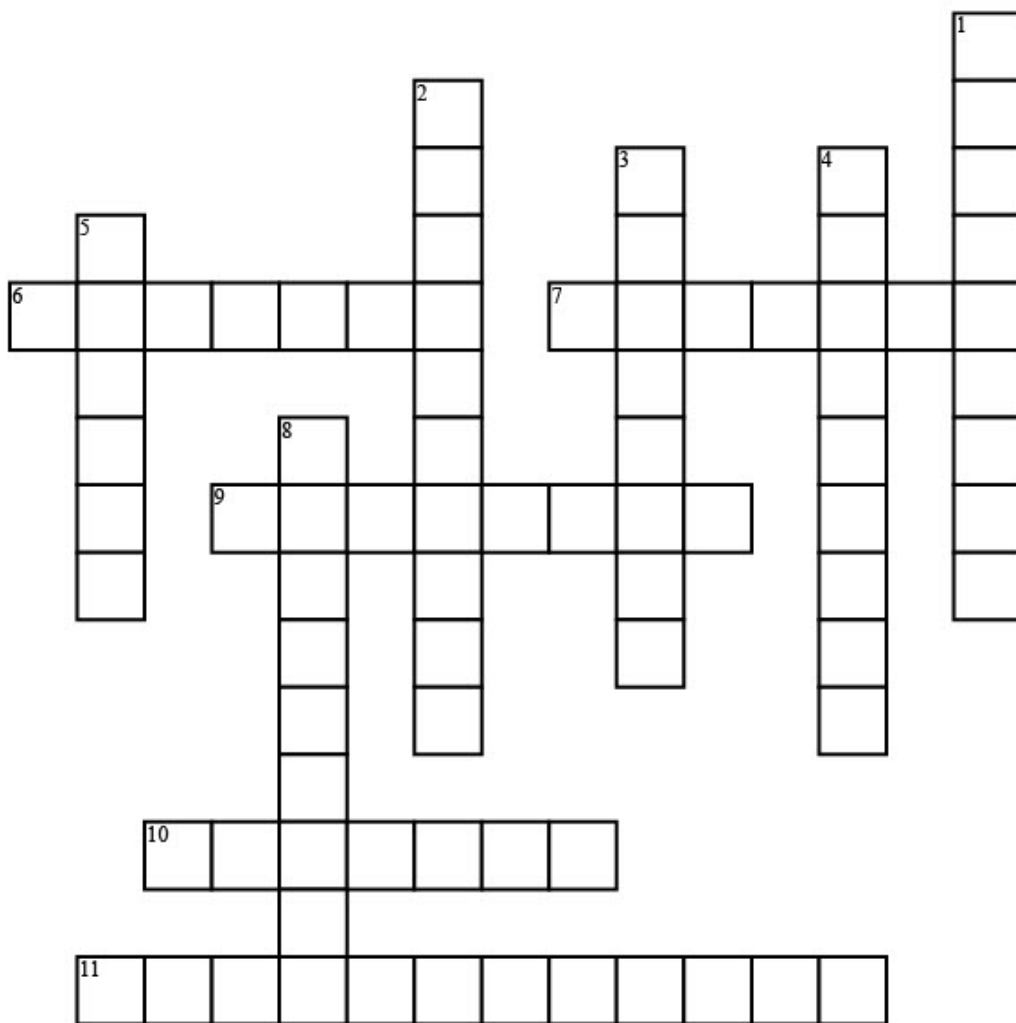
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The Good News Letter

Autumn



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The Good News Letter



When the Road Gets Rough

It had been a long trip home, and the weary traveler still had miles to go. So when a sign appeared reading, “Rough Road Ahead — 4 miles,” he braced himself.

Rough was an understatement. The lanes narrowed, the shoulder disappeared, and traffic slowed to a crawl. Drivers carefully weaved around potholes and construction equipment, inching forward one stretch at a time. But just as the sign promised, after four difficult miles, the road opened up and smoothed out again.

Jesus offers a similar kind of clarity about life. In John 16:33 (NIV), He says, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Notice He doesn’t say we might face trouble. It is part of the journey. There will be stretches that feel slow, uncertain and hard.

Notice that Jesus didn’t say we “might” have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled by hope.

The promise is just as certain as the warning sign. The rough road does not last forever, and it does not have the final say. Christ has already gone before us, and smoother ground is ahead.



Church Information



Our Sunday Worship Schedule and Live Streaming Services

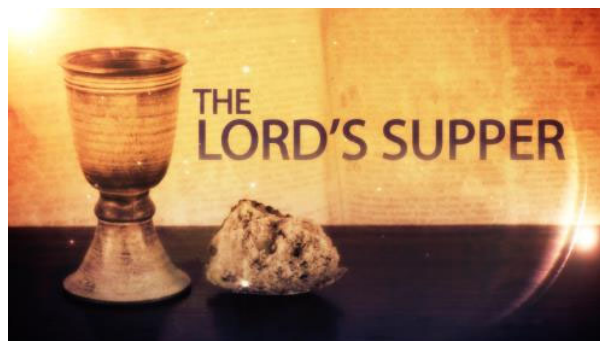
September 13th 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
(Children & Adult)
10:00 a.m. ~ Worship Service
11:00 to 11:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship

September 6th ~ Worship ~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost ~
Holy Communion ~ Don Nettleton

September 13th ~ Worship ~ 16th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Sunday School ~ Jerry Simmons

September 20th ~ Worship ~ 17th Sunday after Pentecost
~ Kathy McKillip

September 27th ~ Worship ~ 18th Sunday after Pentecost ~
~ Carole Skalsky



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on September 1st. If you are an ordained Elder or Deacon, you can serve communion.

If you are interested in serving, please sign up. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call the church office at 605-347-2395.



Church Information

Sunday school for children and adults will begin on September 13th at 9:00 a.m.



You may also join us on Facebook Live Sunday mornings by going to **<https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianSturgis>**. The service can also be viewed on our website, **www.fpcsturgissd.com**, a short time after 11:30 am



Church Committees

September 1st ~ 5:30pm ~ Deacons

September 3rd ~ 1:00pm ~ PW

September 7th ~ 5:00pm ~ Worship

September 14th ~ 4:00pm ~ Mission

September 14th ~ 5:00pm ~ Welcoming

September 14th ~ 5:30 ~ Finance, Personnel & Stewardship

September 10th ~ 12:00pm ~ Alliance of Churches @ Love, Inc.
(host First Presbyterian)

September 22nd ~ 5:30pm ~ Buildings & Grounds

September 22nd ~ 7:00pm ~ Stated Session



Welcoming Committee Update

Your welcoming committee members meet monthly (except during the summer months) to serve our mission to you, our First Presbyterian Church family. Although we are not meeting formally in the summer, we continue to encourage and reach out to new and current members of our church. Please **save the following dates** to join us in special activities:

SEPTEMBER 2: Community Picnic at Rally Point. The City of Sturgis will be hosting a community picnic. Your welcoming committee members will have a table set up promoting First Presbyterian Church. We will be setting up at 4PM at Rally Point. Please contact Betty Nettleton if you are interested in participating in this outreach.

SEPTEMBER 27: The Fall Fellowship Meal following worship. The Welcoming Committee will be providing delicious roast beef sandwiches and sides. Please bring a dessert to share. We will be fellowshiping together downstairs in the Erskine Club Room. A freewill offering will be collected.



Christian Symbol

BREAD — One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God provided manna, or “bread from heaven,” to sustain His people in the wilderness.

In the New Testament, Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35), pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord’s Supper, where it represents Christ’s body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God’s provision, Christ’s presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.



Deadline to submit items for the October newsletter is September 25th.

Please send your newsletter items to Carla at presbychsecretary@gmail.com.

Did you know...Our website contains monthly newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more.

Has your address or phone number changed?

Please let Carla know at 605-347-2395 or presbychsecretary@gmail.com



Youth Group will have its **first meeting on September 16th at 5:30 PM!**

Bring your friends and family—we'd love to see you there!

Special dates

- Labor Day, *Sept 7, 26*
- National Grandparents Day, *Sept 13, 26*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2026*
- First day of autumn, *September 22, 26*



INVITE SOMEONE TO COME WITH YOU!

We have good things going on and want to welcome your friends to join us! And we are continuing our Livestream on Facebook on Sundays, and that is also a way to invite folks to check us out.

Growing our church is EVERYONE'S call (Jesus in Matthew 28: "Go and make disciples.").



Church & Community

School has started as have the fall activities of the church. The continued support you have provided to the Kiwanis Food Pantry continues to help approximately 250 families per month.

First Presbyterian Donations:

September's suggested items:

Total 2018	3164 pounds	Sept 6	Breakfast
Total 2019	2371 pounds	Sept 13	Hamburger/Tuna Helper
Total 2020	818 pounds	Sept 20	Cake/Brownie Mix
Total 2021	1227 pounds	Sept 27	Fruit/Fruit Cups
Total 2022	876 pounds		
Total 2023	937 pounds		
Total 2024	1043 pounds		
Total 2025	983 pounds		
January-July 2026	540 Pounds		

Please also continue to save Lynn's Dakota Mart receipts; the money received through this program is utilized for purchase of regularly stocked products at the Food Pantry. For each \$10,000 in receipts the Food Bank receives \$100.

Please feel free to contact me at 605-490-3078 or betty.nettleton@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you for your continued support!

Betty Nettleton



Food Collection





Life Starts All Over Again When It Gets Crisp in the Fall

F. Scott Fitzgerald

And so does Presbyterian Women!

This year is especially exciting as we welcome our new Interim Pastor, Kathy Saxbury, who starts Sept. 8. She is excited to join our PW meetings and I am rejoicing at all she will bring to our group starting at our October meeting.

With autumn descending upon us with shorter days and changing schedules, I am often filled with bittersweet memories, quiet reflection, and a sense of comfort, all at once. It is an excellent time for personal growth, to review life's priorities, and to consider all that the church offers to make life meaningful and help us in our walk with the Lord. It is my hope and prayer that women will consider Presbyterian Women this fall, and put PW on their calendars the **1st Thursday of each month at 1:00pm**. We meet in the Lee James Parlor, and there is always delicious food, coffee, and fellowship along with a Bible Study (we will have books and Bibles there!) and a short business meeting.

Our PW meeting is on September 3, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. with Brenda as our hostess. We will be diving into Chapter 5, "Wiser by Faith," guided by Genesis 24. We'd love for you to join us for some fun, laughter, and insightful life lessons from the Bible. Books are available in the church office or you can get one when you come to the meeting that day.

Also, don't miss the **Women's Retreat at Camp Rimrock** from September 11-13, 2026! It's open to all women aged 18 and up. This weekend promises rest, relaxation, and fellowship in a beautiful setting with cozy, modern cabins (no need for us to worry about roughing it!). There will be Bible study and delicious food (and we don't have to cook!). The fall weather is perfect for walking, hiking, and meditating in the labyrinth. The costs cover lodging, food, and programming, led by the amazing Marilyn Stone.

Finally, the **Fall Gathering of the SD Presbyterian Women** is happening on **September 26 in Sioux Falls**. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and worship starting at 10:00 a.m. (You can find more details in the flyer).

If you have any questions, please let me know!

Love, prayers, and God's blessings,
Beth Bauer





2026 Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women

of the
Presbytery of South Dakota
September 26, 2026

First Presbyterian Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Registration at 9:00 AM followed by coffee and music; worship at 10:00 AM

'Who Is My Neighbor?'

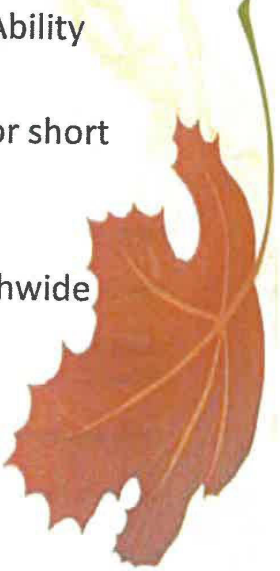
Guided by Matthew 25:35-40



Featuring

- ⇒ Paul LaRoche, musician and subject of the book *Hidden Heritage*
 - ⇒ Lauren Vaska, director of *Sharing the Dream*, our mission project for 2027
 - ⇒ Shopping opportunities: items from Guatemalan women, books & more
 - ⇒ Dedication of Least Coin, Birthday and Cents-Ability offerings
 - ⇒ Displays from Presbyterian Women of pictures or short descriptions of
- ### 'What have you done for your Neighbors?'
- ⇒ Information on *Horizons* Bible study and Churchwide Gathering next summer in Louisville

Make plans now to attend





Devotionals



September 2026 Daily Bible Reading To Serve

Little Is Much When God Is in It, by Kittie L. Suffield, 1924

In the harvest field now ripened, there's a work for all to do: Hark! The voice of God is calling, to the harvest calling you.

Refrain: Little is much, when God is in it! Labor not for wealth or fame; there's a crown—and you can win it, if you'll go in Jesus' name.

Does the place you're called to labor seem so small and little known? It is great if God is in it, and He'll not forget His own.

Are you laid aside from service, body worn from toil and care? You can still be in the battle in the sacred place of prayer.

When the conflict here is ended and our race on earth is run, He will say, if we are faithful, "Welcome home, my child—well done."

Day 1 Joshua 22: 5
Day 2 Joshua 24: 14-15
Day 3 Psalms 112: 4-5
Day 4 Proverbs 3: 27-32
Day 5 Isaiah 58: 9-11
Day 6 Matthew 20: 25-28
Day 7 Matthew 23: 8-12
Day 8 Matthew 25: 34-40
Day 9 Mark 9: 35-37
Day 10 Luke 3: 7-14
Day 11 Luke 6: 38
Day 12 Luke 14: 12-14
Day 13 John 13: 12-17
Day 14 Acts 20: 35
Day 15 Romans 7: 4-6

Day 16 Romans 12: 9-16
Day 17 Romans 15: 1-7
Day 18 2 Corinthians 9: 6-9
Day 19 Galatians 5: 13-15
Day 20 Galatians 6: 2-10
Day 21 Ephesians 2: 8-10
Day 22 Ephesians 6: 7-8
Day 23 Philippians 2: 14-18
Day 24 Colossians 3: 23-24
Day 25 1 Timothy 6: 17-21
Day 26 Hebrews 6: 10-12
Day 27 Hebrews 9: 11-14
Day 28 James 1: 27
Day 29 James 2: 14-17
Day 30 1 John 3: 16-18



Over 70 students filled our church learning about Paul and the Underground Church July 27th-30th. We are so grateful for the many volunteers that made this adventure such a success. Can't wait for next year!





Back to Music Time

If you are interested in joining either Chancel Choir or Chapel Bells, please talk to Brenda Schaffer or Carole Skalsky. They practice on Wednesdays and Thursday. They are always looking for new members.

Chancel Choir will begin their fall rehearsal on
Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Chapel Bells begin rehearsals on Thursday September 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Northern Hills Connection
 Tuesday, September 15, 2026
 12:00 Noon \$14 Inclusive
 1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Rm.
 1319 Junction Ave, Sturgis

Music
Paulette Boyle
Special Feature
Book Swap
 (Bring one favorite book to pass on)
Speaker
Melanie Nelson
"Out of the Depth"
 (Overcoming the Pain of Suicide and Depression)

Reservations required by Sept. 10. Please call: Mary
 605-645-7601. Or email maridel.sprenger@yahoo.com
**Reservations not honored or used by a friend, may
 require payment.**

Prayer Coffee/Planning Mtg: Tuesday, Sept. 8 @ 9:00 AM
 3971 Alder PL, Sturgis, SD

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Deacons Market

Every year during the summer and early fall months we encourage people to bring in their extra fresh produce to share with others. These items will be available in the parlor on Sunday mornings. Any donation you can make toward the items that you take will go directly to the Deacons for their ministry.







Rimrock
Camp and Retreat Center

Women's Retreat

Save The Date





Sept.
20-22
2024

Sept. 11th-13th, 2026
 (Open to all women ages 18 and up)
 Save the date! Rimrock is hosting a Women's Retreat coming up in September. This would be a perfect opportunity for a Black Hills getaway for yourself, a girls trip, or a church women's group event! The Women's Retreat provides rest, relaxation and fellowship, plus Bible study and food. Learn more about the leaders of the retreat by going to www.rimrock.camp, click on "Retreats" and then "Women's Retreat" and to register.
Registration is OPEN NOW!

Fall Fellowship Festival will be held on Sunday, September 27 here at the church, following the worship service. A good will offering will be collected the day of the meal. The committee is asking that the congregation please bring a dessert to share. Please talk to a Betty Nettleton if you are planning on attending or call the church office, 605-347-2395.



Volunteers help run the First Presbyterian Church. We have sign-up sheets in the narthex for Nursery, Scripture readers, youth group meals, meals on wheels, and communion. Below are a few the sign-up sheets and dates that are open. If you would like to help, please contact the church office (605) 347-2395 or presbychsecretary@gmail.com) or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.
 Thank you for your help.

Position	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	
Scripture Reader					
Parish	Parish 3	Parish 4	Parish 5	Parish 1	



September

BIRTHDAYS

September 2

Larry Carpenter

September 4

Jerry Wilson

September 5

Mary Jane Lutz

September 10

Doug Kopren

September 13

Karen Paige Hunt

Landyn Mahaffy

September 16

Nancy Remington

September 23

Jane Quinn

Wayne Sheely

September 24

Chuck Lutz

September 26

Janeen Walker

September 29

Carol Chickering

Rustyn Komes



A yellow sunflower with a brown center and a small brown heart hanging from its stem. The heart has the words "With Love" written on it in a cursive font.

September

ANNIVERSARIES

September 7

Cal & Linda Corey

September 10

Tyler & Cassie Hicks

September 12

Don & Lisa Baldwin

September 14

Ken & Carolyn Fisher

September 18

Don & Betty Nettleton

Bryce & Sandi Sigman

September 19

Josh & Kristen Schriock



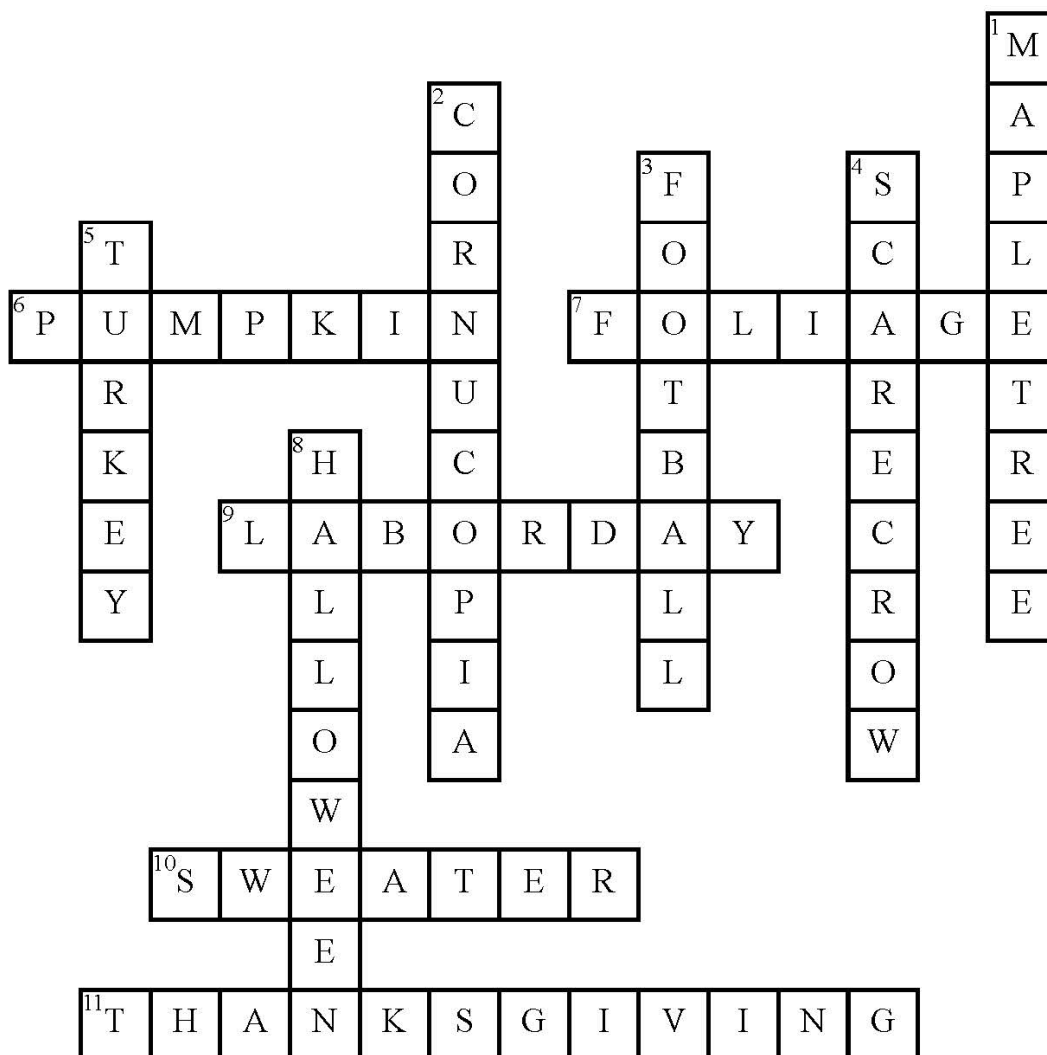


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		5:30pm Deacons	11:30am Men's Lunch	1:00pm PW Circle 5:30pm CE meeting	7:30pm ~ Key City Solutions AA	
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