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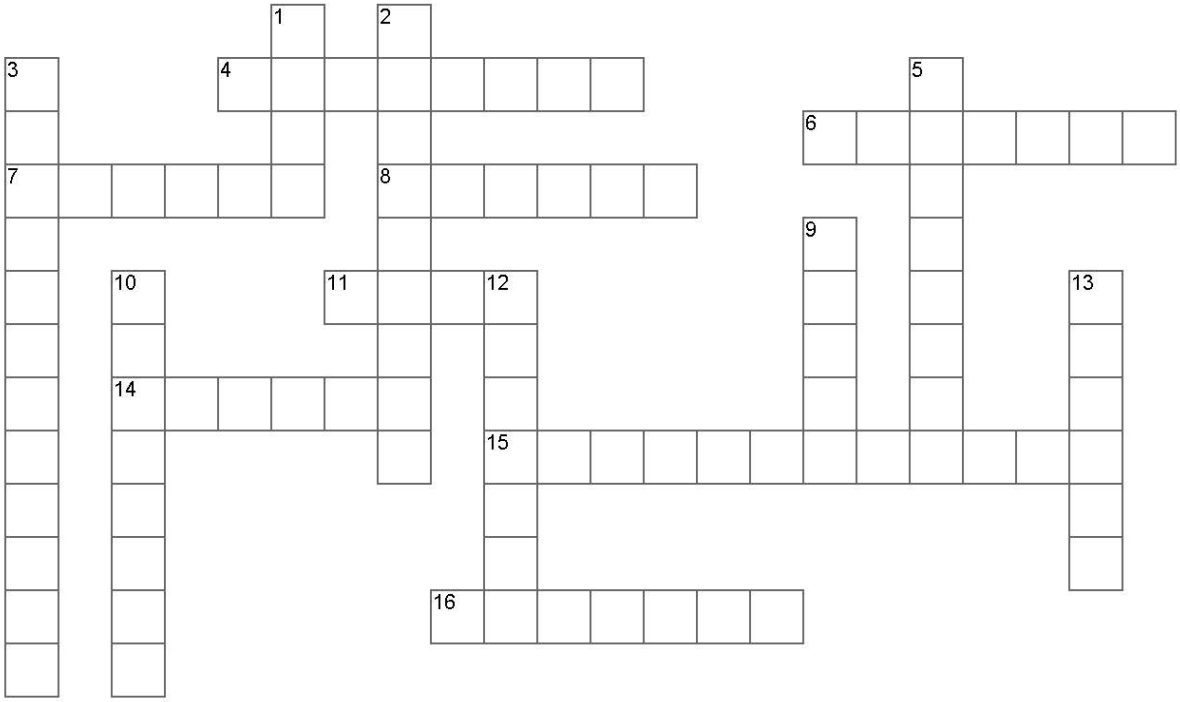
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The Good News Letter

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Thanksgiving Crossword





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The Good Newsletter

Vol. 28 Issue 11
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Matthew 11:28
“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

November has arrived! We move into a time of giving thanks, pumpkin pies, turkey. And soon on its heels, all of the radio stations will be playing Christmas music and children will be writing their letters to Santa. It’s a time of year where we expect a little more peace and joy to fill the air. Unfortunately, there will be a number of people who find it hard to find that joy at this time of year. When you are grieving, whether it be a family member, a marriage, a lifestyle change, this season can be especially difficult.

I know this because I am a widow myself. My husband, Myke, has been gone for over 17 years now, and the holiday season still has its share of difficulties. Those days when you want to share a happy moment and you realize they are no longer there. And I have come to realize over the years, that it is okay to feel sadness and grief. It doesn’t take away from the “reason for the season”.

My friends, I invite you to step into this season feeling whatever it is you are feeling. There is room for it all. If you find yourself sad, angry, frustrated, rather than happy and joyous, please know that you are not alone. We as a church family are called to love one another and support one another. More importantly, God is big enough to grieve alongside you. He is big enough to handle your anger. If you need Him to be a rock for you, when you need the support- reach out to Him. And reach out to us. Please know, my door is open if you need me. Please consider joining us for the Blue Christmas service on December 21 if you feel comfortable doing so. But more than anything, I pray you know that you are not alone and you are loved.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kathy





We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on November 1st during worship. If you are an ordained Elder or Deacon, you can serve communion. Please sign up. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call the church office.at 605-347-2395.

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





Our Sunday Worship Schedule and Live Streaming Services

9:00 a.m. (children& adult)

10:00 a.m. ~ Worship Service 11:00 a.m. ~ Fellowship

November 1st ~ All Saints' Day ~ Daylight Saving Time ends "Fall back!"

November 8th ~ *24th Sunday after Pentecost*

November 15th ~ *Worship ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost*

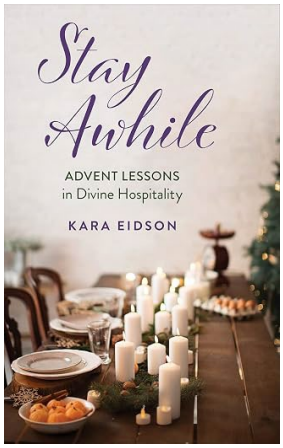
November 22nd ~*Worship ~ Christ the King Sunday*

November 29th ~*Worship ~ 1st Sunday of Advent*

As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, November invites us to pause, give thanks, and prepare our hearts for the season ahead. These announcements will help our congregation stay informed, inspired and connected all month long.

Community Thanksgiving Meal: All Are Welcome
Alliance of Churches is hosting a free Thanksgiving meal on November 26th at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Sturgis Community Center. Whether you'd like to enjoy a plate or serve others, this is a wonderful way to share God's love with our neighbors. Please get a hold of Deb Looby.

Advent Is Almost Here: Prepare Your Heart
The season of Advent begins November 29th. Join us each week in worship as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ with hope, peace, joy and love. Watch for details about our Advent devotional and special services.



Slow down. Make room. Stay awhile.
Join us this Advent as we read *Stay Awhile* by Kara Eidson and explore how the practices of invitation, preparation, and welcome can deepen our experience of Advent and help us prepare for the coming of Christ.
Join us on Sunday mornings in the Adult Sunday School class or on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 6:50 for weekly discussions.
Books cost $9.50 each and money is due when you pick up your book from the office. Financial Assistance is available for those who need it.

Please sign up by November 15.
The first classes will be November 29 and December 2. Please read the first Sunday's reading in order to be prepared for discussion.



AED Training – Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

The Deacons have arranged an AED training session with Sturgis EMS on **Tuesday, November 3rd, at 5:30 p.m.**

This training is open to the entire congregation of First Presbyterian Church. If you would like to learn how the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) works and how it can be used in an emergency, please plan to attend.

We encourage everyone who is interested to join us for this helpful training!



Women's Ministry

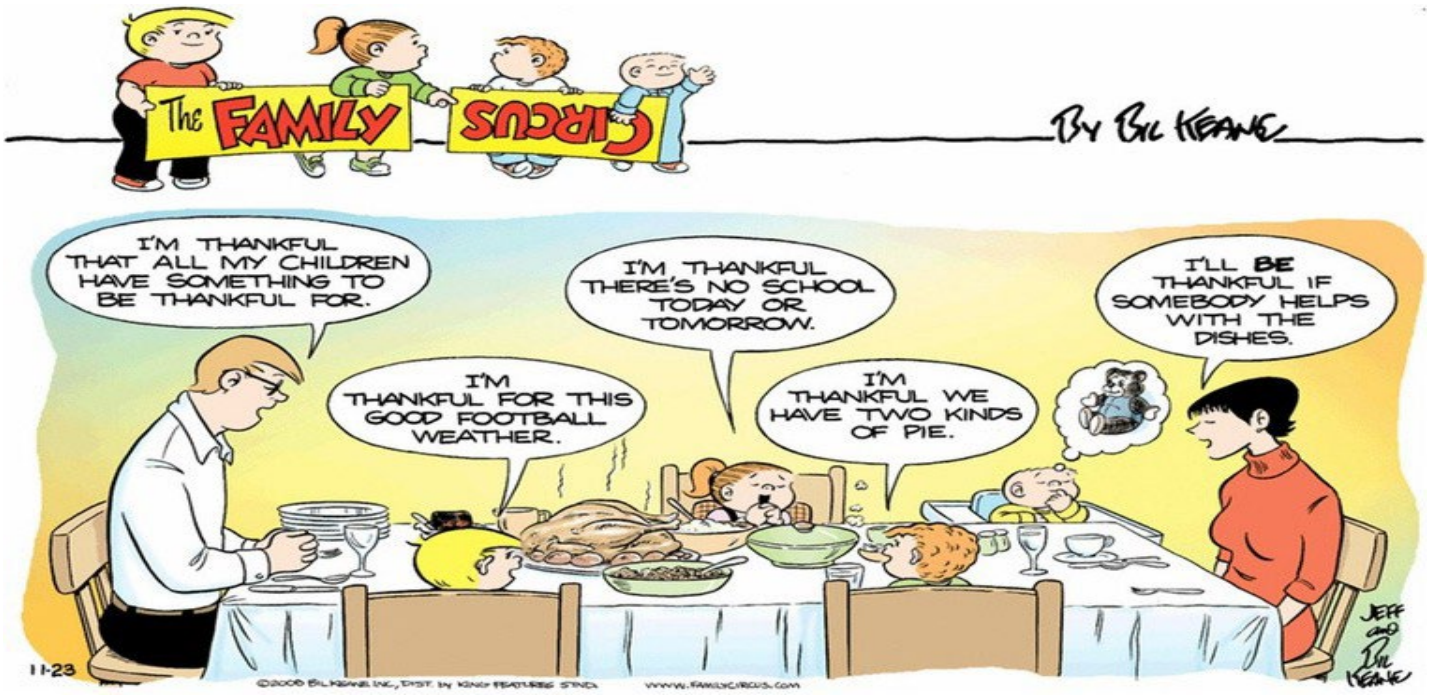
Welcome to November, a time to focus on Thankfulness. We have so many blessings. Thank you to those who have provided food and time to the monthly Northern Hills Connection meals. Thank you to the dedicated, fun-loving group of women who come together monthly for study, laughter, fellowship and most importantly love.

The next meeting will be held November 5, 2025, at 1PM. Hostess Mary Esther Michels. Bible Study is chapter 7 covering Philippians 1: 18-26. Study guides are available in the church office. We hope you can join the fun (no reservations required)!



November 2nd ~ 4:00pm ~ Mission
November 2nd ~ 5:00pm ~ Worship
November 3rd ~ 9:00am ~ Home Communion
November 3rd ~ 5:30pm ~ Deacons
November 5th ~ 1:00pm ~ PW Circle
November 5th ~ 6:30pm ~ Christian Education
November 9th ~ 5:00pm ~ Welcoming
November 9th ~ 5:30pm ~ Finance, Personnel & Stewardship
November 12th ~ 12:00 p.m. ~ Alliance of Churches at Love, INC.
(Host Sturgis Christian)
November 24th ~ 5:30pm ~ Building & Grounds
November 24th ~ 7:00pm ~ Session





November 1st 2:00am





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	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Scripture Reader	Nancy Harlan	Dale Adams	Beth Bauer		
Parish	Parish 1	Parish 2	Parish 3	Parish 4	Parish 5
Youth Group Meal	Janeen Walker	Phil & Nancy Harlan	PW (Beth Bauer)		





November is a time for reflection and thankfulness. The Kiwanis Food Pantry continues to provide support to approximately 150 families in the Sturgis area monthly. The generosity of First Presbyterian Church with the donation of food and money continues to touch many people. The clients of the Kiwanis Food Pantry are thankful for the nourishing food which is provided!

Please find the suggested items for November below.

Total 2018	3164 pounds	November 1	Italian
Total 2019	2371 pounds	November 8	Ravioli/SpaghettiOs
Total 2020	818 pounds	November 15	Rice/Rice A Roni
Total 2021	1227 pounds	November 22	Thanksgiving
Total 2022	876 pounds	November 29	Canned Meat
Total 2023	937 pounds		
Total 2024	1043 pounds		
Total 2025	983 pounds		
January-Sept 2026	657 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



November 2026 Daily Bible Reading
Blessings and Benedictions

Blessed Assurance by Frances J. Crosby, 1873

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

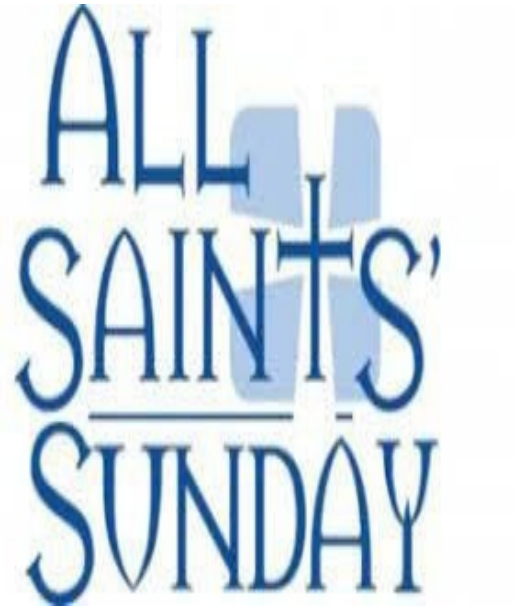
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Day 1 Numbers 6: 24-26
Day 2 Psalm 1: 1-3
Day 3 Psalm 20: 1-9
Day 4 Psalm 23: 1-6
Day 5 Psalm 31: 19-20
Day 6 Psalm 32: 1-2
Day 7 Psalm 33: 12-15
Day 8 Psalm 34: 1-8
Day 9 Psalm 37: 1-6
Day 10 Psalm 67: 1-7
Day 11 Psalm 127: 3-5
Day 12 Matthew 13: 10-16
Day 13 Matthew 25: 31-34
Day 14 Luke 6: 27-28
Day 15 Luke 11: 27-28
Day 16 John 20: 29
Day 17 Romans 4: 6-8
Day 18 Romans 15: 5-6, 13
Day 19 2 Corinthians 13: 14
Day 20 Galatians 3: 8-9
Day 21 Ephesians 1: 3-6
Day 22 Ephesians 3: 14-21
Day 23 Philippians 4: 4-7, 19-20
Day 24 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-13
Day 25 1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24
Day 26 Hebrews 13: 20-21
Day 27 1 Peter 3: 8-9
Day 28 1 Peter 4: 12-14
Day 29 Revelations 19: 6-9
Day 30 Revelations 20: 4-6

On November 28th at 10:00 a.m. we will be decorating the Church for Christmas & Advent. If you are able to help, please stop by the church. Your help is very much appreciated.





Remembering the Saints

November 1st is All Saints Sunday. During worship we will remember those of our church members who died and went home to God—made saints by the gracious mercy of God. We lit the Christ candle to remind us of whose hands we are in and rang a bell at the reading of each name to give thanks.

These saints were:

Virginia Gerbracht
Dee Ann Roth
Neal Rowett
Kathleen Morrell
Mimi Shewey
Freda Wilson
Reba Loobey



Special Dates for November 2026

All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2026*
Daylight saving time ends, *November 1, 2026*
Veterans Day, *November 11, 2026*
Christ the King Sunday, *November 22, 2026*
Thanksgiving Day, *November 26, 2026*
First Sunday of Advent, *November 29, 2026*





Happy Thanksgiving from the staff of First Presbyterian Church

Kathy Sxbury~ Pastor
Carla Harrison ~ FPC Secretary
Kim Jorensen ~ Disbursing Treasurer
Clint Jandreau ~ Custodian
Brenda Schaffer ~ Chancel Choir Director
Carole Skalsky ~ Chapel Bells Director, & Director of Family Ministries



Honoring Faithful Service

Each year on Veterans Day, we pause to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice and devotion. Their willingness to defend freedom reminds us that service often comes with great cost.
As Christians, we are called to honor those who serve and to pray for veterans, active-duty military members and their families. We also remember that true peace comes from God, who is our refuge and strength.
May this day lead us to gratitude, prayer and renewed commitment to serve others with humility, courage and love.



Christian Symbol

DOOR — A door symbolizes our invitation to engage in prayer and a personal relationship with Jesus: “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7, NIV). A door can also represent Jesus’ loving invitation to open our hearts to him: “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock” (Revelation 3:20, NIV). When we welcome him in, we receive the joy of fellowship and life with Christ.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Deadline to submit items for December newsletter is November 20.

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



NOVEMBER

birthdays & anniversaries

November 1

Tyler Kaitfors
Carron Kopren

November 3

Mike Heilman

Deb Looby
Landon Schriock

November 4

Lisa Baldwin

November 7

Tyler Hicks

November 9

Carla Harrison

November 11

Cal Corey

November 12

Thomas Nettleton

November 13

Randee Matz

November 17

Reese Komes

November 18

Cassie Hicks

November 19

Barbara Hudson

November 30

Paul Brandt
Judy Lewis

November 3

Dick & Deb Lester





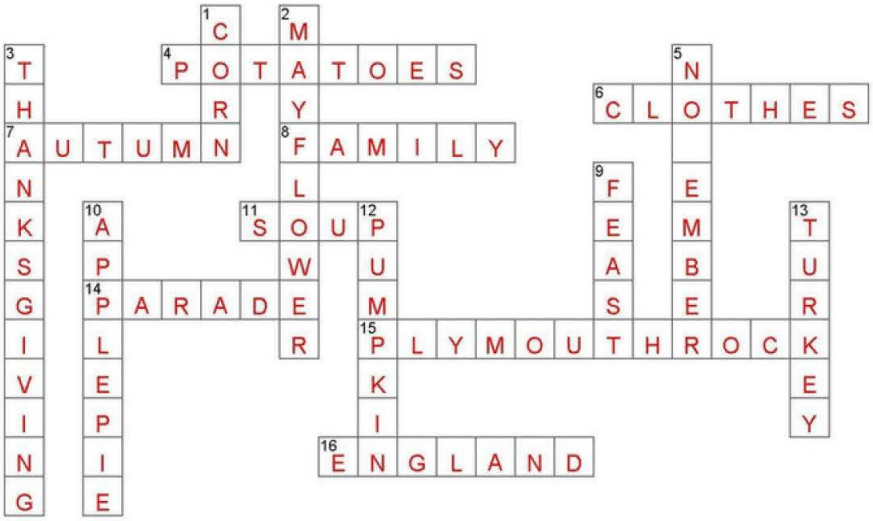
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25th Sunday after Pentecost **9am** Sunday School **10:00am** Worship ~ **11:00am** Fellowship **Parish 3**	**16** **10am** Java w/Jesus	**17** **12:00 p.m.** Northern Hills Connection	**18** **11:30am** Men's Lunch **5:30pm** Youth Grp **7:00pm** Choir	**19**  **5:30pm** Bells	**20** **7:30pm ~** Key City Solutions AA	**21**
22 **9am** Sunday School **10:00am** Worship Congregational Meeting **11:00am** Fellowship **Parish 4**	**23** **10am** Java w/Jesus	**24** **5:30pm** Bldg. & Grds. **7:00pm** Stated Session	**25** **11:30am** Men's Lunch **7:00pm** Choir	**26**  **11a.m.-2p.m.** Thanksgiving Meal at SCC	**27** **7:30pm ~** Key City Solutions AA	**28** **10:00 a.m.** Decorate the Church for Advent/ Christmas
1st Sunday of Advent **29** **9am** Sunday School/Advent Book Study **10:00am** Worship/ **11:00am** Fellowship **Parish 5**	**30** **10am** Java w/Jesus					



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