



First Press

Weekly Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2024

Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

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Helen will be in the office Monday through Thursday.

Our Mission

We are a community of Christ's disciples who celebrate God's inclusive love by ministering to one another and the world.

Church Office Hours

9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday.

Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and create a community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in-person; as a long-time member or a first-time guest, we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded please **email us at firstpreslawrence@gmail.com** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership at FPC please talk with Pastor Helen.

Prayers

Cares, Concerns, and Celebrations

- **Jim Woefel** for the death of his daughter, Allegra Woefel Dalton.
- **John Hughes** for health concerns.
- **Jane Golden**, a teacher in First 5 Years, is being treated for cancer
- **Tim Dutcher, son of Lois and David Dutcher**, has found a kidney donor and we celebrate! The surgery will be November 15th at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN
- **Barclay Hagen** died suddenly this week. She is a friend of First 5 Years teacher Kelly Elsten. Barclay leaves three children at home.
- **Kelly Grube** is continuing with chemotherapy following her trip to the Mayo Clinic recently.
- **Tanja Rounds** is dealing with a brain tumor and is looking at treatment options. Prayers appreciated.

- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **Pray for Susan and Pat** who have health concerns.
- **Nora Wallace** asks for prayers for her parents and sister who are dealing with the effects of long covid.
- **Allison Clunn-McPliin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **Linda Wilson, Carol Fleeger's sister-in-law**, is healing after a cancer surgery.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing health challenges.
- **Prayer for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.
- **Prayers for those** quietly and privately in need. Those facing surgery or treatments, waiting for more information, living with addiction or mental health issues, and for the caregivers supporting them.

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Jim Rumsey, Larry Flottman, Charles Tuttle
Greeters: Carol Smith, Linda Burton, Vernis Flottman
Securing the Offering: Jim Rumsey, Melinda Fischer
Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson
Bag Brigade Volunteer: Dede Dresser

Birthdays in the Congregation

October 30	November 2
Clarus Kincaid	Sandra Nease
November 1	Ivey Dreweis
Bill Cummings	November 3
Maeley Noble	Zoe Stucky

Deacon Family Groups - 2024

A-Ca	Charles Tuttle	N-Q	Peggy Southard
Ce-Do	Janet Adams	Mc-Mz	Becky May
Dr-F	Diana Schoneweis	R-Si	Linda Longino
G-Ha	Larry Schlosser	Sl-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

Calendar

October 27

- 9:15 am Children and Youth Sunday School
- 9:15 am Kerygma Class on Mark
- 10:30 am Worship
- 2:30 pm Boy Scout Leadership Training
- 4:00 pm Trunk or Treat

October 28

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
- 12:30 pm Lunch for 7/8 at Perkins
- 1:15 pm Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Pastor Helen's Class
- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Den - Schwaller
- 6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm First 5 Years Board Meeting

October 29

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
- 1:00 pm Small World Classes

October 30

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes

7:00 pm

Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

7:00 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

October 31

Halloween

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm

Small World Classes

November 1

9:00 am

First 5 Years Classes

9:00 am

AZ PEO meeting

10:00 am

Men's Group

November 2

8:00 am

Boy Scout Leadership Training

9:00 am

PW Clean Up Day

10:00 am

Drop off for LINK meal at FPC

11:30 am

FPC Serving at LINK

3:00 pm

Ethan Rogers French Horn Recital

November 3

All Saints Sunday

9:15 am

Sunday School for Children and Youth

9:15 am

Kerygma Study

10:30 am

Worship

Children and Youth

Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 9 – Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges
- 1st and 2nd Grades – Room 12 – Anne Emert and Nikki Barcomb
- 3rd – 5th Grades – Room 14 - Chris Heider and Linda Longino
- 6th – 12th Grades – Room 11 – Holly and Mark Oertel – “What Does Jesus Want Me to Do?”

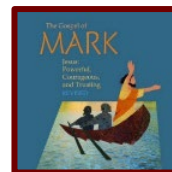
Youth Activities

Friends, we have some wonderful plans for 6-12 grades. Please add to your calendars and invite your friends to join us.

- **October**
 - Trunk or Treat HALLOWEEN FUN on October 27th – The youth will host a trunk and pass out candy!
- **November**
 - MISSION on Saturday November 2nd we will serve lunch at LINKS
 - MISSION: the youth will be shopping to provide Christmas gifts for families in need on November 17th. More information coming soon
- **January**
 - Youth Winter Retreat – January 19th 11:30 am to 6 pm. Watch for more information!

Adult Sunday School Classes

- **The Adult Sunday School class will be studying the Gospel of Mark.** Pastor Helen's messages are using the book of Mark. The Kerygma study of Mark will be the text. The class will be facilitated by Rod Nitz. Thanks to Rod for being willing to lead the study.
- **Adult Offerings during the week**
 - **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library. Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at cftuttle@gmail.com.
 - **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** - For October 28th we will watch the Bill Moyers video on Genesis 12 – *Call and Promise*. The class meets at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room.



We still need some candy for our Trunk or Treat event Sunday afternoon!

Bring some with you this afternoon to Trunk or Treat!

Wondering what to do if you have leftover candy from Halloween?

Bring it to the church on Sunday, November 3rd and we will hand it out to our voters on Election Day!



Watch your mail for your 2025 Stewardship Pledge Card. Together we can do amazing things!

Come and join the fun on October 27 for Trunk or Treat.

Wear your costumes and come have a great time at our Trunk or Treat. You can sign up to host a trunk on the table in the Narthex. You can bring candy to hand out. Or come share in the fun! Many thanks to Family Ministry, the Boy Scouts, our Youth, First 5 Years, and everyone who is helping make this a great time at FPC! It



will be spooktacular!

Scouting News – We are invited to attend a Court of Honor on Saturday, November 9, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary of FPC. The Boy Scout Troop 59 and 6059 are celebrating that Nathan Sawyer and Sarah Whittaker through perseverance and determination have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Nathan has the additional honor of being Troop 59's 200th Eagle Scout. Sarah also has an additional distinction for being Troop 6059's first Eagle Scout. An amazing opportunity to celebrate with these young people as well as scouting in general. We are blessed to have such wonderful Troops here at FPC. They are also hosting a dinner beginning at 5:00 pm. If you would like to attend that as well, please RSVP to bethmwhittaker@yahoo.com or 785-766-8765.



The Church Nominating Committee is hard at work to fill the positions of the 2027 class of Elders and Deacons. If you receive a call from one of them it is our prayerful hope that you will consider saying yes to service with FPC.

Ruling Elders ... are elected by the congregation and together with the minister of Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church. From the Book of Order G-2.0301.

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. From the Book of Order G-2.0201.

Your contribution to the leadership of First Presbyterian Church is sincerely requested.

All you have to do is just say.... **Yes!**

Presbyterian Women are hosting a "Clean Up Day" on Saturday, November 2nd from 9 am to noon. We will work in Fellowship Hall and the Big Kitchen. PW has a signup sheet on the PW bulletin board where you can sign up to work and identify what area you would like to help with. Remember... Many hands make light work! We need your help!



News from the Mission Committee

Because the world is seldom fair, we go with justice.

Matthew 25

The general election is less than a month away and we want to make sure our congregation is ready to participate. Please check out the **Prepare to Vote** table in the Narthex after service to find resources to help you cast your ballot. On the table you will find

- two handouts describing key ballot issues for Lawrence residents including the sales tax increase and reorganization of the city commission.

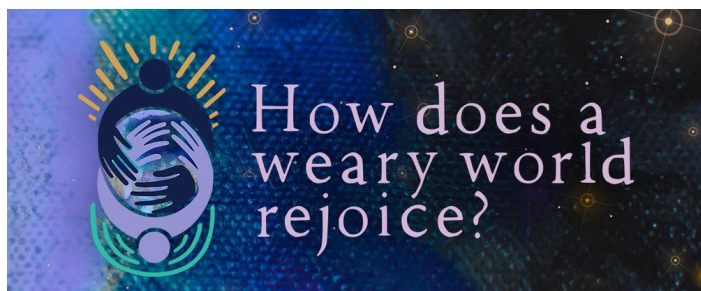
- A resource handout on how to ensure you are registered to vote, cast your ballot and track your ballot.
- A resource handout for 18-year-old first time voters from Loudlight. The handout describes how to register to vote and handle any challenges that may occur when casting your vote on election day. If you have a first time 18-year-old in your family, please share this handout with them or direct them to www.loudlight.com

Remember that on November 5th you can Vote for Affordable Housing – Justice Matters has worked to get affordable housing and to end chronic homelessness. The current affordable housing sales tax has created more than 700 affordable apartments and houses, but Lawrence continues to need more! This November 5th, additional dedicated funding for affordable housing will be on the ballot. Together, we can be a part of making our community a more affordable place to call home. Vote YES for Affordable Housing!

Daylight Savings Time Ends next Sunday – November 3rd. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on November 2nd!



The Season of Advent is coming! Can you believe it?



Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday when we acknowledge our FPC members who have moved their membership to the Church Triumphant. Soon the mitten tree will be up, we will have alternative giving opportunities, we will support families with our gifts, and we will be moving through Pastor Helen's Advent series "**How does a weary world rejoice?**". On the longest night of the year we will **Search for Hope in our Weariness** together. We will gather to hear wonderful music from our choir, bells

and organist and then share a Christmas Dinner! And we will rejoice in our weariness the birth of the Christ Child once again.

Stay tuned to learn much more about the wonderful opportunities for rejoicing at FPC!