



First Press

Weekly Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024

Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

Email: helen@firstpreslawrence.org

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

- **Dave Livingood** who was hospitalized with complications from lymphoma.
- **Jim Woelfel** for the death of his daughter, Allegra 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** will be at the Mayo Clinic this week having tests and meeting with specialists.

- **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-McPlin 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.
- **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: Trevor and Claire Lindemyer

Greeters: Jan Poulsen, Cherie Elo, Marin Hoover, Hayley Lindemyer

Securing the Offering: Jan Roth and Jeff Southard

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Margie Dyck

Communion Servers: bobbie frances mcdonald, Mark Shiflett, Jeff Southard, Jim Rumsey, Joan Golden, Melinda Fischer

Birthdays in the Congregation

November 5

Betty Graham
Larry Cloutman
Larry Schlosser

November 6

Vernis Flottman
Madison McKinney

November 8

Roger Carroll
Jill Bradney

November 10

Mary Kaye Chandler
Asa Morrison

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	SI-T	Russ Heikes

He-Ko Mary Warren U-Z Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma Lois Dutcher

1:00 pm Small World Classes
4:00 pm Adult Ministry Meeting

Calendar

November 3

9:15 am Children and Youth Sunday School
9:15 am Kerygma Class on Mark
10:30 am Worship
3:30 pm Girl Scout Daisy Troop 5621

November 4

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
1:15 pm Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Pastor Helen's Class
3:30 pm PW Eve Circle
6:00 pm Cub Scout Den - Schwaller
6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 pm Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting

November 5

6:00 am General Election Polling Place
9:00 am First 5 Years Classes

November 6

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
3:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

November 7

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

November 8

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
10:00 am Men's Group

November 9

5:00 pm Eagle Court of Honor

November 10

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

Youth Activities

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

- **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 - November 17th.
- **December**
 - SERVICE: The youth will be the readers for the Advent Candle lighting in worship. After worship stay and help Deck the Halls of FPC! Snacks will be provided.
 - FUN: youth Christmas Party at the Hoover-Elo house on December 7th
- **January**
 - MISSION: Youth Mission project over Winter break
 - FUN AND MISSION: Winter Youth Retreat – January 19th – 11:30am 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 November 4th be talking about "A Family Affair" focused on the story of Hagar and Sarah Genesis 16, 17, and 21 (if you want to put these events in context read Genesis 13-21). The class meets at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room.



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

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 the 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 the dinner, please RSVP to bethmwhittaker@yahoo.com or 785-766-8765.

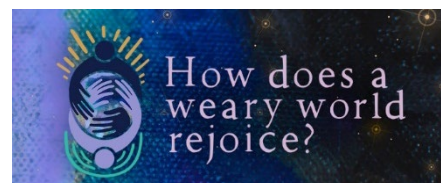
Deacon Love Fund – We are entering a season of both thanksgiving and increased expenses and those don't always live together comfortably. Help us be thankful that we have generous folks who can reach out to help those who don't have as much. Families will be making hard choices this season and we can make them a little easier with our Deacon Love Fund. In October we provided assistance with utility payments, an eye exam and new glasses, and the repair of a mobility scooter. Please consider a gift to the Deacon Love Fund this month. Thank you!

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

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

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

This 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!



We are excited to announce that the campaign to help fund the Solar Power System is officially underway! Be sure to check out the solar panel in the Narthex and learn more about our process.

News from the Mission Committee

Willow Domestic Violence Center

Help us get it right for our clients:

- Full-sized items only
- Items should be unopened
- Items should be in date
- We don't have storage space for furniture, housewares, cookware, or other big items.

Our Urgent Needs

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| • Gift cards (Kroger, Wal-Mart, Target, QT, Casey's) | • Hairbrushes & Combs | • Household cleaners - all kinds |
| • Shampoo and Conditioner | • Tylenol/Acetaminophen | • Razors |
| • Body Wash | • Ibuprofen | • Insect Repellent |
| • Deodorant | • Shaving Cream | • Children and Adult Cough and Cold Medicine |
| • Body Lotion | • Adult Toothpaste | • Anti Bacterial ointment |
| • Facial Cleanser & Moisturizer | • Hairbrushes & Combs | • Trans affirmative care |
| • Textured Hair Care Products (Cantu, Shea Moisture, Mixed Chicks, Miss Jessie's, Eco, Mielle, Not Your Mothers) | • Baby Lotion | • Hair Bonnets and Accessories |
| • Baby Wipes | • Baby Soap | • Headphones |
| | • Kids Body Wash | • Cell phone chargers |
| | • Kids Flossers | • Art Supplies |
| | • Kids Detangling Spray | |
| | • Toilet Paper | |
| | • Dishwasher Pods | |
| | • Laundry Detergent Pods (Regular and Sensitive) | |

Matthew 25

Because the world would die without it, we go with God's love.

Are you Prepared to Vote?

Visit the Voting Table in the Narthex this Sunday to find resources on important local issues on the ballot Tuesday and other voting resources.

Support Our Public Schools

Please consider signing the KIFA online petition in support of using Kansas public dollars to support public schools. KIFA will use the petition to remind KS legislators that good public education is important to us, and we want to see the public schools fully funded. Find the petition at <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/kansas-public-dollars-for-kansas-public-schools/>



Faith, Democracy, and Justice: Prayers for Our Nation on Election Night – Join the Office of Public Witness as polls begin to close for a time of prayer centered on peace, hope, and unity for our nation this election day. This service of prayer will offer an opportunity to come together as a denomination – regardless of hoped for outcomes – to reflect upon our shared values of faith, democracy, and social justice. Through scripture readings, prayer, song, and silent reflection, we aim to inspire peace, hope, and unity for our nation led by Christ example. 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm ET will be streamed live on Zoom (please [Register Here](#)) and a recording will be posted as soon as possible for viewing as polls continue to close across the United States.

Faith, Democracy and Justice: Prayers for Our Nation on Election Night

When:

Nov. 5, 2024
at 6 p.m. (ET)
(with recording to air later)

Where:

Zoom (register in advance)

Worship Leadership Provided by:

The Stated Clerk: Rev. Jihyun Oh
Co-Moderator: Rev. Tony Larson
Co-Moderator: Rev. CeCe Armstrong
Advocacy Director: Rev. Jimmie Hawkins
Domestic Policy Representative:
Rev. Christina Cosby

Reflect on the Election

Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA) is hosting a zoom *Election Results Prayer Service* from 12-1pm on Wednesday November 6. It will be “a time of interfaith prayer, song, and

holding space as we celebrate, lament and reflect prayerfully on the outcomes of this historic election season.” RSVP and register to receive the link at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/election-results-prayer-service/>

Family Promise of Lawrence is having a Giving Thanks Meal for families and staff on November 21st. Someone is fixing and providing the meat and FPC has been given the opportunity to provide the sides, rolls, salads, and desserts to complete the meal. Please let me know what you can provide that would be enough for 12 people and bring to FPC by Sunday, November 17th. I can also accept monetary donations and will use your donations to purchase what we still need. Everything needs to be labeled “Family Promise”. I want to thank Deborah Summers Norwood for heating up the food and delivering it to the Day Center on November 21st. Thank you to all FPC members for your continued support and care for Family Promise of Lawrence. Lois Dutcher

Halloween – Trunks and Parades!

