

# Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church

“Pursuing a faith that makes a difference”

## Crossroads Outpost

Lamoille, Nevada



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### Our Vision

We stand together at the crossroads where God's powerful love compels us to worship Him fully, follow Jesus daily, and live in the Spirit joyfully.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to pursue this vision with commitment, character, and in community.



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP



2025

## Giving Thanks for All Things



It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

## Take Me to the River

God often works in unexpected ways. Just ask Naaman, the army commander in 2 Kings 5:1-14. Stricken with leprosy, he traveled to Israel seeking healing from the prophet Elisha. Instead of an impressive display or a grand ceremony, Elisha sent word for him to simply wash seven times in the Jordan River.

Naaman was not impressed. "Aren't the rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel?" he asked. Why bathe in a foreign, muddy river when the clean, sparkling rivers of home were far more appealing? It didn't make sense. Yet what seemed absurd became the very path to his healing.

We may not be told to wade into an actual river, but we all face "Jordan moments" in life — times when God calls us to take a step that feels uncomfortable, humbling or completely illogical. It is in those moments that trust and obedience matter most.

Naaman's story reminds us that God's power is not limited by appearances or human reasoning. Sometimes the action that feels least likely to work is the one that opens the door to blessing. When God invites you to take the plunge, step into the water. You may find healing and hope waiting there.

—adapted from *Homiletics.com*



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Our recent "Harvest Festival" was full of creativity and charm-and no one could miss the gnomes.

The Deacons, once again, did really well, despite the rainy, cold weather.

**THANK YOU!**

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make our Harvest Festival such a wonderful success! From planning and setup to donations and cleanup, your time and effort made all the difference. We truly appreciate each one of you for serving with such joy and dedication.

The proceeds went to the following:

FISH. Zero Suicides of Elko County, and Moses Project.



Stated clerk of NV Presbytery, Christy Ramsey, serving communion with Jennifer Koopman on the first Sunday of the month, when Rick was in Sparks performing our Rylan and Mia's wedding!

The newly weds make their home in Sparks. The new Mrs Barone is a first grade teacher at Durrell Academy in Reno and Rylan works in logistics for ITS, also in Reno. They will honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta in November.



**Jed & Tansy helping in the kitchen, during the Harvest Festival**



**Mr & Mrs Baron along with the Grooms parents, Gina & Jason Land.**



## Abundant Blessings

There is plenitude in God. That great fact must never be lost or obscured. We must not exchange this immense graciousness for a few scraps of human morality or a few shopworn proverbs. God is a vast reservoir of blessing who supplies us abundantly.

—Eugene H. Peterson, *Traveling Light*



Kathy Spurger, Gregg Lawrence, Sandy Wilmot, Becky Jaff, Nancy Pehrson, and Loren Jaff.  
Fall Cleanup Crew!



### Christian Symbol

**CIRCLE** — The circle is a symbol for God, as well as for eternity, due to its lack of a beginning or an end. It also reminds us of how the church year (not unlike the secular calendar) flows from season to

season and moves smoothly from Christ the King Sunday (the culmination of the liturgical calendar) to the First Sunday of Advent (a new beginning). Indeed, the One who rules all is the same One whose first and final comings we anticipate anew during Advent.



## A Thanksgiving Hymn That Sees God's Hand Everywhere

For a hymn that captures the beauty and gratitude of Thanksgiving, All Things "Bright and Beautiful" is a perfect choice. Its lyrics paint vivid pictures — flowers opening in the morning sun, birds singing, golden sunsets, purple-topped mountains and rivers rushing by. It all leads to this joyful reminder: "He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell: How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well."

The hymn was written by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), an Irishwoman with a passion for teaching children about God. She wrote many hymns for her Sunday school class, later collected in *Verses for Holy Seasons*.

But her ministry went beyond music — she spent her life serving the poor, comforting the sick, and caring for the grieving. When she passed away, "a great throng" gathered to remember her, honoring both her faith and the beauty she shared with the world.



If you see Henry Armstrong, be sure to Congratulate him. He won the Kindergarten PE Award on October 27th at his school, Liberty Peak,  
Starting off good there Henry!

## A Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious God,  
thank you for every good gift—  
for the food before us,  
the people around us,  
and the love that surrounds us.  
Help us to pause, reflect, and rejoice  
in Your constant goodness and grace.  
May our hearts overflow with gratitude,  
not just today, but every day.

Amen.

## Remembering The Saints



When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he addressed his letter "To all God's beloved ... who are called to be saints" (Romans 1:7, NRSV). Paul regarded his fellow believers as people who have responded to the good news of Christ by choosing to follow and serve God.

The New Testament emphasizes that Christians are God's beloved — special people set apart to receive his grace and to be his witnesses. All people whose minds and hearts are devoted to God are "called to be saints."

About 700 years after the church began, leaders designated November 1 as All Saints' Day to honor people whose lives reflect Christ dwelling within them. Because of what God has done for us, all Christians can wear the label of saint.

## A Day to Honor Our Veterans



On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Everything you need to know about Operation Christmas Box is located in the above on-line address. Very interesting also.

The History, the Statement of Faith, What the Organization does, everything that Sherri Mims has told us about Operation Christmas Box, and then some.

If you haven't already, grab a shoebox or two, fill them and bring them back to church. Or you can do so online.

Don't have time to shop, not real sure of what to buy, you may do it on-line, one click at a time.



## Gratitude Shift

When we look at what we want, and then compare that with what we have, we shall be unhappy.  
When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God.

# November 2025

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Sat

Day Light Savings Time Ends Turn clocks back 1 hour Sun.							 <b>1</b>
<b>2 Rick G</b> Henry Land (B)	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b> Mark & Jennifer (A)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Joel Jund</b>	<b>10</b>		 <b>Veterans Day</b> OBSERVANCE Rick & Kristi (A)	<b>12</b> Pete Plaster (B)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Jeanice J (B)
<b>16 Kevin D</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Trent G (B) Carl Sarman (B) Madison R (B)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
 <b>23 Tom F</b> <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> SUNDAY	<b>24</b> Jan Connelley (B) Moses P (B)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Happy Thanksgiving	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Gary Mann (B)	
 <b>30 Allen S</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	Hanging of the Greens on the 30th after church  <b>Christmas Decorating</b> VOLUNTEERS NEEDED						

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## **Thoughts about Thankfulness**

"If the only prayer you said in your entire life was 'thank you,' that would suffice."

—Meister Eckhardt

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"O Lord, that lends me life, Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness!"

—William Shakespeare

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You'll become closer to God not by presenting God with your troubles, but by thanking God for your blessings.

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"Thou hast given so much to me. Give me one thing more — a grateful heart."

—George Herbert

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Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first "Thanks" and then "Giving."



"The last thing I remember is Thanksgiving dinner. I asked for wings."