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November 2025**To Know Him and To Make Him Known**

Siblings in Christ,

As November arrives and the year winds down, we notice the world around us changing. The colors of fall give way to a quieter, more subdued landscape. There is a sense of completion, a closing chapter, as we prepare for the coming winter. In this time of transition, our faith in God reminds us of a different kind of ending – one that is not defined by finality, but by the promise of renewal.

Revelation 21:5, the book at the end of the Bible, reveals God's plan of newness, saying, *"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'"* These words are powerful because they remind us that God is not static. God is always active, dynamic, and continuously at work, transforming drab and dreary endings into new creations. God is always making something fresh.

As we approach Thanksgiving this month, we have much to celebrate at First Presbyterian Church. We give thanks for the blessings of the past year and the countless ways God has sustained us. We also give thanks for the newness that is yet to come.

Particularly in November, we give thanks for the launch of our Pastoral Residency Program. This program marks a new chapter in our church's life, offering a vibrant way for us to invest in the next generation of ministry leaders. We believe that by nurturing and mentoring up-and-coming pastors, we are participating in God's work of making all things new within our church community.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our first pastoral resident, David Banister, who will be introduced to the congregation during worship on November 2, with a reception to follow in Westminster Hall. David's first day in the church office will be Monday, November 3, and on Sunday, November 9, he will assist in leading worship. We are excited for our community to be shaped and enriched by David's fresh perspectives and gifts, and for us to share our own wisdom and faith journey with him.

Let's embrace God's ongoing work of renewal this month. As the year quickly ends, remember that God's newness is already breaking through. It's in the quiet prayer, the shared meal, the kind word, and the act of service. Just as God promises a new heaven and a new earth, we can trust that God is always working to create new possibilities in our midst.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with abundant joy and profound gratitude. May you feel the presence of God, the ultimate giver of all good gifts, who continues to make all things new.

In Christ,

Lex

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

**November 2-*Salvation for All*
*All Saints Sunday***

Luke 19:1-10

**November 9-*A Modern-Day Warning*
*2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17***

**November 16-*The Unspoken War*
*Luke 21:5-19***

**November 23-*A Quick Recap*
Christ the King Sunday
*Luke 1:68-79***

**November 30-*The Hospitality of Hope*
First Sunday of Advent
*Matthew 24:36-44***

Upcoming Events

- November 2-Buddenbaum Open House after Worship & Reception for David Banister in Westminster Hall
- November 3-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm
- November 10-NO Bible Study
- November 11-Veterans’ Day
- November 13-Faith in Film 7pm-Dinner at Over/Under at 5:30pm
- November 17-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm
- November 17-LILs at Pipers 6pm
- November 19-Family Night Supper in Fellowship Hall 5:45pm
- November 20-TOTs at Paducah Beer Werks 6pm
- November 23-Christ the King Sunday
- November 23-Decorate the church for Advent 3pm
- November 23-PCM’s Thanksgiving Service at St Thomas More 6:30pm
- November 24-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm
- November 26-Office Closed-No Wednesday activities
- November 27-Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed
- November 30-First Sunday of Advent
- November 30-Advent Walk 4pm-starts at Broadway Methodist Church

Treasurer’s Report-Year to Date through 9/30/25

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	337,225	330,368	6,857
Expenses			
Benevolences	21,508	23,633	(2,125)
Church Staff	145,386	176,622	(31,236)
Administrative	31,362	33,895	(2,533)
Worship	3,351	6,600	(3,249)
Christian Life	5,858	6,450	(592)
Property	50,280	52,064	(1,784)
Pastoral Care	-	225	(225)
Missional Outreach	306	2,025	(1,719)
Programs	1,761	2,159	(398)
Buddenbaum	4,050	3,750	300
	263,862	307,423	(43,561)
Net Total	73,363	22,945	50,418

The summary financial operating statement for the first nine months of 2025 is presented above. Income was higher than expenses by \$73,363 as of 9/30/25. This is primarily explained by the fact that we have not been fully staffed to this point in the year. Giving remains strong and expenses are being monitored closely. Please fulfill your 2025 pledge commitment at your earliest convenience. Also, please submit a financial pledge for 2026 if possible. Let me know if you have any questions.

Karen Durbin, Treasurer

November Birthdays

1~Renie Barger	12~Jim Long
1~Hannah Hammonds	16~Sarah Craft
2~Carly Framptom	16~Rob Robertson
4~Courtney Diaz	18~Mary Hoy
5~Madalynn Dochniak	22~Julian Gengenbach
5~Bill Lentz	24~Jean Meredith
6~Donna Worden	26~John Gust
9~Leigh Smith	27~Shirley Wrinkle
10~Marie Baggett	
11~Lex Allum	
11~Cary Donham	
11~Robin Kelly	

November Anniversaries

9~Gena & Kyle Miller	
13~Bill & Anita Lentz	
19~Bruce & Margie Pope	
29~Greg & Rita McKeel	

Presbyterian Women

Viola will lead us in Lesson 3 of the 2025-2026 Horizon's Bible Study "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." We will meet in the home of Suellen Johnson, 635 Woodland Drive, on Tuesday, November 11th at 10am. Please make plans to join us. We will be collecting our Thank Offering boxes at this meeting.

Our mission project is to collect funds for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's hygiene and school kits. All funds collected will be used to purchase wide tooth combs and hand-held pencil sharpeners from Amazon and mailed directly to the Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Warehouse.

Thank You!

Thank you to these volunteers for providing dinner for our youth on Sunday evenings:

Chris Krueger, Viola Blackwell, Anne Gwinn, Leigh Smith, Andee English, Mary Hoy, Lisa McClintock, Natalya Cody

To provide dinner for 10-12 youth and advisors, please contact violablackwell13@gmail.com

Christian Life Committee
Education ~ Programs ~ Youth ~ Wonderful Wednesdays

Questions or ideas for Sunday School, Family Night Supper, Christian Education? Our next meeting is Monday, November 4th at 1pm in Westminster Hall. All are welcome to attend or send questions to violablackwell13@gmail.com

Presbytery of Western Kentucky Activities

As the year ends, the Presbytery of Western Kentucky is looking for people to serve on Presbytery commissions and committees. If you have an interest in serving on any one of the following commissions/committees, please contact Lex or Ralph Young. The Committees for your choosing are:

Commission on Ministry; Finance Committee; Personnel Committee; Leadership Development; Mission Committee; Youth Committee; Nominations & Representations; Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission.

2026 is also a year the PC(USA)'s General Assembly will be meeting in Milwaukee in late June/early July. If you have an interest in being considered for representing our Presbytery as a commissioner, please contact Lex.

Nigerian Water Project-Thank You

We want to express our sincerest thanks to everyone for supporting our church's participation in the Rotary-Living Waters for the World water mission project in Nigeria. We have exceeded our funding goal for the project! We will use any surplus funds for sustaining the community health & hygiene education in the Ajaba Community.

Now that Charity has been trained at Clean Water U, the project team can start in-depth planning for the project and a trip to Nigeria next spring.

We plan to continue to keep everyone informed as our plans come together.

Please pray for our team and the people of the Ajaba community as we continue to do God's work in the world.



Advent is Coming and We Need Helpers to fluff branches, Climbers and Worker Bees!!

Plans are underway to decorate the Chrismon tree on November 23rd at 3pm. We will be adding some extra lights this year so that our tree will sparkle for Rev. Allum's wedding in December. We need folks of all ages to fluff the branches, insert the branches, attach the lights, add the Chrismons and enjoy time together. We hope that you will join us for an afternoon of fun and fluffing. We will serve pizza in the hopes that we can go as a group to the PCM Thanksgiving service at St Thomas More afterwards which begins at 6:30pm.

Wonderful Wednesdays

The children of Wonderful Wednesdays would like to thank all of those in attendance at the family night supper in October. It was so nice to have a crowd for which to sing. We hope that all enjoyed the evening of good food, fellowship, and the ten commandment refresher course.

We have begun our new study on the liturgical season of Advent. We will be presenting our nativity program during worship on Sunday, December 14th. We hope you will make every effort to be present in worship that day.

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

Paducah Cooperative Ministry continues to see an uptick in folks seeking shelter and food. They are averaging 59 new families a month in the food pantry and receiving over 120 calls from people looking for housing. There is good news though! PCM has secured over half of the funding necessary to create their 48 bed emergency shelter and expand the client choice food pantry. Renovations will begin by the end of the year with an anticipated opening of the new facilities by June 2026. This will be the only year round nightly drop in shelter for men, women, and families in McCracken County. PCM is deeply grateful for the incredible community support for this project. Thank you!

***Please join PCM at St. Thomas More Catholic Church for the annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23rd at 6:30pm.
Let's sit together!***



Faith in Film

Thursday, November 13th

Dinner at Over/Under at 5:30pm

Film at Maiden Alley Cinema at 7pm. The film is hosted by First Presbyterian Church.

Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

Family Night Supper

**Wednesday, November 19th at 5:45pm
in Fellowship Hall**

Got your recipe, crockpot, and chili peppers? Vote for your favorite chili with donations to support our food pantry!

To sign up to bring chili, please call the church office or email violablackwell13@gmail.com

Winners will receive a commemorative spoon.

