



First Presbyterian Church

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MOUNT HOLLY NC

Hello!

And here we are at the end of October already! The beautiful fall colors are wrapping us in the beauty of this season! We have many things to celebrate in the seasons of our worship services as well.

October 30 is "Reformation Sunday," a day on which we remember the roots of our tradition. The service will begin with the great hymn by Martin Luther: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, written in 1529, and based on Psalm 46.

Our Presbyterian *Book of Order* notes that "Since the earliest days of the Reformation, Reformed Christians have marked the presence of the true church wherever:

the Word of God is truly preached and heard,
the Sacraments are rightly administered, and
ecclesiastical discipline is uprightly ministered.

As a church that is "reformed and always reforming" our *Book of Order* also says: "In Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of all creation, the church seeks a new openness to the sovereign activity of God in the Church and in the world, to a more radical obedience to Christ, and to a more joyous celebration in worship and work." Amen to that!

We will be engaging in "joyous celebration in worship" in upcoming Sundays as we observe baptism and remember the saints in our lives on Nov. 6, and as we receive confirmation students into membership on Nov. 13, and shortly after that we will enter into the season of Advent which is the new year of our liturgical calendar.

How wonderful it is to share the seasons of life and worship as the community of Christ in this place!

Blessings,

Janet

All Saints' Sunday

As is our tradition, on Nov. 6 during worship we will remember the saints of FPC who have passed into eternal life in the past year. We will also invite you to name aloud those who have passed from your life as we toll the bell in memory of those we love. The Communion of the Saints of God will be observed.

Celebration of Baptism

Also on Nov. 6 we have the delight of baptizing Paxton Zonin. His family invites the congregation to a light lunch reception in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service.



Veterans Day Program

After pausing the program for two years due to Covid, the Mount Holly Historical Society will once again present a Veterans Day Observance, held in our sanctuary on Saturday, November 12 at 11:00.



Greening of the Church

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 27 at 3:00 and join in this festive task of decorating the church for Christmas!

Daylight Savings Ends

Don't be early to church! Remember to turn your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Session Highlights

The Session met on Sunday, October 9, and took the following actions:

- Discussed the upcoming renovations to the office hallway area and the potential relocation of some the pastors' pictures to be displayed in the Historical Room.
- Received the September Budget Report. The committee will meet on Nov. 7 to create the 2023 budget based on pledges received.
- Approved a Called Meeting of Session on Oct. 30 for the purpose of affirming and receiving the Confirmation Class members into official membership.
- With Christmas being on a Sunday this year, voted to hold an informal service that morning from 10:00—10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and refreshments to be provided.
- Received the report from Personnel that Shannon Fish had tendered her resignation.
- Approved a motion from Personnel that Jonathan Brackett receive an additional stipend for coordinating our music program during the maternity leave of our Music Director.
- Received the report of the Nominating Committee that all open slots have nominees.

Pumpkin Patch!

As of the date of this newsletter our Pumpkin Patch has raised over \$1900 for the CRO. Thank you to all for your purchases and efforts in making this fun event such a success!

Budget Update

Total budget 2022	\$189,601.00
YTD receipts	\$127,322.00
YTD CRO	\$739.00
YTD Daily Change (5 Cents)	\$617.87

Thank you for your faithful giving for our ministry at FPC!



Josh Gibson

Oct. 31

November Birthdays

Evelyn Farris	1
Andrew Jessen	5
Sue Loftin	7
Paul Arnold	8
Todd Arnold	8
Patsy Pigg	10
Nancy Jessen	15
Marlene Reynolds	20
Kitty Tompkins	21
Sarah Springs	25
Jayn Cox	28

In Our Prayers

- Shannon Fish recovering from surgery
- John Bean hospitalized with ongoing concerns
- Brenda's son Brian recovering from a very serious infection
- All who struggle with ongoing health issues
- Safety for those who are in harm's way
- Our country during elections
- Peace for the world

Thank you

Paty and John extend their grateful thanks to all who have provided meals for them during Paty's ongoing recovery. Paty is keeping a list and looks forward to the time when she will be able to write a proper thank you note!

New Office Email

Please note the new email address for the church office:

Office@fpcmountholly.com

Pictures from the Mount Holly Lantern Parade

Thank you FPC lantern makers and marchers!
And a special shout out to Paul who received an impromptu invitation to join the jazz band!

