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Words of Faith

November 2018

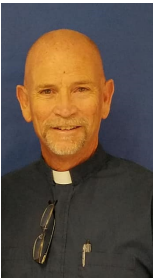
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Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

From the Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 118:29



How quickly the pages of the calendar are turned! Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Wow! Barbara and I have much for which to be thankful. We always do! This year

we are so thankful to God to be called into this loving community of saints! Your love, welcome, kindness and support has been such a blessing! For what are you thankful?

As followers of Jesus, giving thanks is a daily part of our prayer life. In the last few days I have been drawn to Psalm 118 which gives voice to thanksgiving. This psalm of thanksgiving begins by reminding us of the steadfast love of God. God's love is so strong that it endures forever, overcoming all that would want to separate us from that love, even death itself. The psalm points to God's victory and deliverance. It is a psalm that is often read on Palm Sunday and Easter. Jesus is the stone that the builders rejected who has become the chief cornerstone. God's steadfast love is

revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

God fashioned a universe and placed within it a world, giving life to creatures so that God could have someone to love. God has confronted the worst that people can do and conquered without drawing any blood, but God's own. God breathes God's Spirit into what God has made, allowing our human hands to share in building God's life and loving purpose in the world.

It is a noisy world of incendiary ideologies and agendas. The cacophony of caustic rhetoric and propaganda is deafening. War and violence, and the threat of these, numb. Compassion, kindness and empathy have given way to fear, meanness and cold-heartedness. In the midst of our optimistic and expanding economy, I find myself uncomfortably disheartened.

However, in thanksgiving for the steadfast love of God, I remember God's gift of life to each of us and I

can carry that into the world, wherever there is death and violence, grief and loss. In thanksgiving, I remember God's invitation to belong and find shelter and I can carry that into the world, wherever there is loneliness and rejection, homelessness and people displaced. In thanksgiving I remember God's reign of justice and righteousness and I can carry that into the world, wherever there is corruption and oppression, prejudice and tyranny. In thanksgiving, I remember God's sacrifice of love and mercy and I can carry that into the world, wherever there is hatred and evil, regret and guilt. In thanksgiving, I remember God's promise of a new day dawning in the grace of Christ, the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit and I can carry that into the world, wherever there is brokenness and hopelessness, struggle and despair.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Ken

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Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women Circles continue the *Horizon's* Bible Study, "God's Promise: I am with You." Books are available in the church office or at a Circle meeting.



Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the church. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle. Next meeting Tuesday, November 13.

Mary Marxer

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Meet in member homes. Circle moderator, Irene Simpson. Next meeting, Tuesday, November 20.

Stuffed Animals Project, materials remain available in classroom #4. Contact Lorna Acker or Lois Duell if you have any questions about this project.

Outreach & Evangelism

Gail Crumpler

Metrocrest Seasons of Service Luncheon – We donated \$250 to Metrocrest Services and received two seats to the luncheon which honors volunteers. This year it was attended by our pastor Ken and his wife Barbara. Ken said it was a great event and they learned much about Metrocrest.

Presbyterian Children's Home & Services Luncheon – Patsy, Lois, Alison, Linnie, Pastor Ken and I are planning to attend the luncheon on October 30. We look forward to hearing more about PCHS. We will make a contribution of \$500 from our church. Other contributions can be made as well.



North Dallas Shared Ministries Tour – After a couple of members wanted to know more about NDSM, our committee decided it is time to have a tour of the facility. We will meet at the church on November 8 at 1:00 to carpool. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex for those who want to go with us, or you can let me know (Gail). We want to know who is going so we will not leave anyone behind.

Peace & Global Witness Offering – When we support this offering, we are sharing the peace of Christ by promoting reconciliation and peace where there is violence and conflict. 25% of this offering will go where it is needed locally. We will donate our part to "Family to Freedom," an organization that helps abused persons find a safe place to live. Offering envelopes will be in the pews November 4th through the 18th.

Metrocrest Services Christmas Drive – Believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner. We plan to have our tree up by November 25th so we can start bringing toys and clothing items for the Metrocrest Christmas store. We will collect the items November 25, December 2nd & 9th.

Your commitment for 2019

John Marxer

Dedication Sunday has come and gone, but it is not too late to send in your commitment card for 2019. Feel free to drop it in the mail or in the offering trays on Sundays in November. This will help the Finance Committee to better budget for the coming year. Thank you for your commitment to Follow Jesus into the Future with your Faith United brothers and sisters in Christ.



Happy Birthday!

November 1

* Cheryl Sparks

November 4

* Kay McLellan

November 7

* Clark Penfold

November 9

* Margaret Jones

November 10

* Pepper Durholz

November 16

* Terry Johns

November 18

* Gerry Nichols

* Helen McKemie

November 20

* Sharon Meurer

November 21

* Jewell Haworth

November 23

* Betty Laney

* Wade Yost

November 24

* Teresa Nelson

November 30

* David Pierce



Next newsletter is

December 2018.

Deadline for articles,

Friday, Nov. 16.

Contact church office

**or Brenda Swindle via
email to submit articles.**

**Rehab/At Home:**

- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

Prayers for:

- ♥ Dale Durholz
- ♥ Kathie Heffler
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Betty Runkel
- ♥ Margaret Plunkett
- ♥ Jessamine Scheele
- ♥ Barbara Stein

We have many

**opportunities to serve
in our community.**

**Check the bulletin
boards near the church
offices for ways that**

YOU can serve!

Poinsettias 2018





It is time to place your order for poinsettias. We will take orders Sundays 11/18 & 11/25. You may place this form in the offering trays, box in Narthex, or return to the church office by Monday, November 26, 2018. Please note **“for poinsettias”** in the memo section if paying by check.

I (we) wish to order _____ poinsettias at \$10.00 each. Please check one: _____
Quantity Payment included Wish to pay later

Name(s): _____

Please print the following dedication(s) for my (our) poinsettias.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	29 7:30 GA-Room #2	30 10:00 LTCDS-#a 7:00 GA-Rm #4 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	31 9:30 LTCDS #1 6:30 GSKPC #4 7:00 FUPC Choir Trunk or Treat 5 to 7 pm	1 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1	2 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	3 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
4 9:00 Prayer with Pastor Ken 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus 11 am to 5 pm GSKPC	5 7:30 GA-Room #2	6 7:00 Gam-Anon #2 7:00 GA-Rm #4 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	7 9:30 LTCDS #1 6:30 GSKPC #4 7:00 FUPC Choir	8 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1	9 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	10 8:00 FUPC Breakfast #1 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com						
11 9:00 Prayer with Pastor Ken 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus 12:30 FUPC Session #4 11 am to 5 pm GSKPC	12 7:30 GA-Room #2	13 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 Gam-Anon #2 7:00 GA-Rm #4 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	14 9:30 LTCDS #1 6:30 GSKPC #4 7:00 FUPC Choir	15 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1	16 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	17 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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