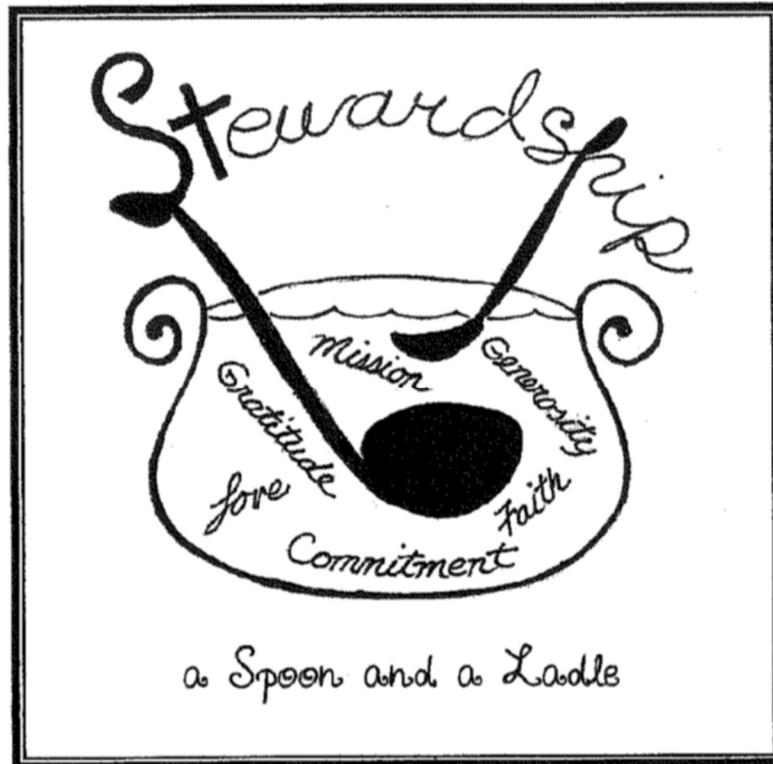


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Reverend Dr. Wanda Neely, Transitional Pastor
Reverend Adam C. Bowling, Associate Pastor
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Mr. Robert A. Smith, Director of Music

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Veterans Day Sunday

November 11, 2018

*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Bold-type indicates congregational reading or singing.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

As We Gather . . . Spoons are for serving oneself, while ladles are used to serve others. The difference teaches us how to live with generosity. And that generosity requires a willingness to become humble and relational with others, even to the least of society.

Prelude "Medley on the Tunes 'Quebec,' 'Holy Manna,' and 'Beech Spring'" Arr. Hart Morris

Congregational Meeting

Welcome and Announcements

Please pass the black friendship pad found at the end of the pew, with both guests and members filling in their information. Then pass the pad back to its starting point, noting names and welcoming those near you.

***Moment for Stewardship** Elder Ken Corn

*Gathering Prayer

***Tolling of Bells of Peace** explanation on page 8

*Call to Worship

We give because God has given to us.

God has given us through Christ abundant and eternal life.

In response, God desires that we give back a sincere offering of love.

May the devotion we offer, the time we dedicate, and the gifts we give represent our true commitment to Christ.

***Opening Hymn of Praise** "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" Tune: Ellacombe

- 1. As those of old their firstfruits brought**
Of vineyard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good,
The source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring,
The wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home,
Of mind and heart and hand.
- 2. A world in need now summons us**
To labor, love, and give,
To make our life an offering
That all may truly live.
The church of Christ is calling us
To make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love,
All life in Christ made new.
- 3. In gratitude and humble trust**
We bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love
With all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us
In Jesus Christ your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day
Until life's work is done.

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, we confess that we revel in power and privilege while many are struggling to survive. We boast of our great contributions while some who have little give all. Forgive us, God of grace. Strip us of pride and pretense and clothe us in your mercy alone, ready to meet you in your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us now as we continue to pray in the silence of our hearts

***Time of Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News:

God hears our prayers of confession and continues to bless us in forgiving love.

We give thanks for God's generous grace and mercy!

***Sung Response #708, Verse 4 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;

Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please say "The peace of Christ be with you" to those around you, and then greet everyone, especially those whom you do not know.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time for Children

Children fifth grade and under are invited to the chancel steps for the Time for Children. Younger children are welcome to bring adults with them. Afterward, children five years old and under will be escorted to Children's Church, or they may return to sit with their parents.

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Elder Louis Vinay

O Teacher and Healer, through your word, teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, that we might respond in your name through the ministries entrusted to us for the sake of the gospel. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 12:38-44

Pew Bible NT, p. 60

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Committed"

Rev. Dr. Wanda Neely

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, church membership, or a special prayer request, please speak with a pastor or usher.

***Affirmation of Faith**

God of life and love: We are quick to accept bounteous gifts from you, but slow to give thanks and to express our gratitude.

We hold too tightly the things of this life, giving them the allegiance we owe only to you.

All sing: **Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Gracious God, we admit that too often our lives are out of balance; we are more willing to receive than to share, more ready to take than to give.

Create in us grateful and generous hearts, we pray, and restore us the joy of our salvation.

All sing: **Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

Merciful God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we praise you for your mercies;

Your goodness that has created us; your grace that has sustained us,

Your discipline that has corrected us; your patience that has borne with us,

And your love that has redeemed us.

All sing: **Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from them.**

Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will.

**Accept, Gracious God, our resources and talents for your service and the commitment of our lives,
through Jesus Christ, who gave his all for us.**

All sing: **Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.**

Service of Giving

Music at the Offering

“Prelude on ‘Lancashire’”

Arr. Hart Morris

Sung Response #708, verse 1 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”
We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Giving God, may we dedicate these gifts with glad and generous hearts, rejoicing and giving thanks for the abundance of your creation, the depths of your mercy, and your loving care for all. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn of Sending #714**

“God of the Fertile Fields”

***Charge and Blessing for the Meal**

Benediction Response

“Three-fold Amen”

Trad. Danish

***Postlude**

“Toccata in D Minor”

J. S. Bach

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All Members and Guests:
Please Stay for Meal Today Following Worship

**Appreciation for the Ministry of The Rev. Adam Bowling
and 2019 Stewardship Information**

Menu: hickory-smoked bbq, smoked chicken breast, chicken tenders, broccoli salad, white slaw, strawberry shortcake, banana pudding. No charge, donations requested.

There will be a Gratitude Basket at the meal for collecting notes of appreciation and gifts to the Bowling family as a love offering. These expressions also can be dropped off at the church office.

Information about budget needs will be shared at the meal, and 2019 Stewardship packets with pledge cards will be distributed. Please pick up your packet from a Stewardship Team member as you enter the Fellowship Hall.

To get to the Fellowship Hall, exit the sanctuary to your right, take the walkway to the next building, and follow the hallway to its end.

**Nursery available during meal and program*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Meals and Programs

5:15 PM: Serving Begins for Meal in the Fellowship Hall

Nov 14: Ministries Night

Adult Meal—roasted turkey with dressing and gravy, squash casserole, green beans, rolls

Kid Meal—turkey and cheese wrap, green beans, rolls

Nov 21: No Meal/Program (Thanksgiving Break)

Nov 28: Blue Christmas Worship “A Service of Healing and Wholeness”

Adult Meal—chicken-spinach lasagna, salad, garlic rolls

Kid Meal—chicken sandwich, salad

Wednesday Night Meals Policy

Adults: \$7 Child: \$5 Family Cap: \$20

- ◆ Each individual/family must sign up weekly via the friendship pad or church website or by calling the church office before 10:00 AM on Monday.
- ◆ If a child wants the adult meal, they must pay the adult price of \$7.
- ◆ If you reserve a meal, please pay for it whether or not you attend, as the church must pay for those meals. All individuals and volunteers are required to pay for their meals.
- ◆ If you did not make a reservation, you are asked to wait until 5:40 PM to go through the line, to make sure there is enough food for those who made reservations.

Be a Part of Our Food Fight!

We are joining with other churches in Burke County in collecting non-perishable food items to stock the BUCM food pantry. You can drop food off at church until Nov. 18. There will be weigh-ins of all donated food, and the church donating the most food will keep the Food Fight Belt for a year. Last year's Food Fight was a huge help in providing food to 19,612 individuals—totaling 809,801 pounds! Food collection Oct. 7-Nov. 18

Donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Florence and Michael



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE.

Financial support for Presbyterian Disaster Relief can be designated to for the 2018 hurricanes. Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Or you may give a donation through First Presbyterian Church. Remember to designate your donation “2018 Hurricanes.”

2018 Presbyterian Women Thank Offering

Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings by sharing their blessings with those in need at home and around the world. The November Thank Offering funds programs that provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners, justice for women, and so much more. Many causes have been chosen this year—some of these projects serve people in the United States, while the rest are international projects. With your continued financial support, work can continue in meeting the needs of many. If you need a Thank Offering envelope, you may either contact your Circle leader or Sandra J. Morton, Moderator, at sandrawdwarrior@gmail.com.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 Special Services

Consecration Sunday

We will dedicate our lives and tithes for Consecration Sunday. Please bring your 2019 pledge card for offering during the Time of Consecration. If you do not receive a card in the mail, cards will be available in the friendship pads, the church office, and on the church website.

Youth Choir for Pastor Adam's Final Sunday at FPC **(10:15 AM Rehearsal; 10:55 AM Worship)**

All FPC youth and friends are asked to gather in the sanctuary at 10:15 AM to run through the song "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" with Marny Pritchard for the 10:55 AM service. Please wear clothes appropriate for leading worship (any color is fine). All youth (grade 4-college) are welcome to participate!

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service **(4:00 PM Rehearsal; 5:00 PM Worship)**

All youth are asked to gather in the church sanctuary at 4:00 PM to run through the song we learned Sunday, Nov. 4, with Marny Pritchard. We will sing with other area youth as part of the "Morganton Youth Choir" at the 5:00 PM worship service. Contact Marny Pritchard at 828-205-2187 for more information. Please wear clothes appropriate for leading worship (any color is fine).

Can You Help with Reception Food?

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held here at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 5:00 PM. We will host a reception in the fellowship hall following the service. Assistance needed with hosting the reception. If you can help, check with the church office or Casey Kilgore (704)488-3353 to see what is needed.

Tree of Warmth

Through the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we will be collecting blankets, mittens, gloves, hats, coats, boots, and scarves (clean, new or gently-used, all sizes) for needy families and individuals here in Burke County. Look for the Tree of Warmth beginning today, Sunday, Nov. 4, outside the fellowship hall, and please give generously.

Comfort Tree

We will also have a Comfort Tree in the narthex Welcome Center, Nov. 11-Dec. 24. This tree will help provide Comfort Kits to children who are removed from their homes by DSS and placed into emergency care.

How to Participate: Take a tag (or tags) off the Comfort Tree, shop for the items, bring them to church unwrapped with the tag attached, and place them in the bin next to the Comfort Tree by December 24. We will assemble the comfort kits on Sunday, December 30, during the Christian Education Hour in the fellowship hall. All ages are invited to help with this local mission project!

Christmas at The Cove

The Primetimers invite you to join them as they visit the Billy Graham Training Center to celebrate Christmas at The Cove on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. Activities include singing Christmas carols, hearing an inspiring devotional from God's Word, and enjoying a delicious buffet luncheon. Please sign up as soon as possible. Cost is \$39 per person, which includes transportation and lunch, along with the program. Make your check out to "First Presbyterian Church," write "Cove Trip" in the memo line, and drop it by the church office. Please contact Lewis Rigsbee at 433-5032 or Ed Bonomo at 704-877-3806 with any questions.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today's Tolling of Bells

On today, Veterans Day, we participate in a "National Tolling of Bells to Honor Those Who Served in the Great War" to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I. This ringing of the "Bells of Peace" is to honor the 116,516 Americans who died and the over 200,000 who were wounded in what was believed to be the "War to end War" as phrased by H.G. Wells.

Guests

Welcome! We are delighted you are worshiping with us. Please come to the visitors table located in the narthex Welcome Center and staffed by one of our members. We would love for you to consider becoming a member of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the pastors about this or any other questions.

Sanctuary Shawls

Cold? Keeping temperature regulated in the sanctuary is a challenge. If you find the temperature too cool for you, please pick up a shawl from the stands in the narthex Welcome Center, returning it after the service. These shawls are graciously made and routinely cleaned by the South Mountain Fiber Guild, which meets in our facility.

Children's Choir

Our children's choir, for grades 1-6, has started back up under the direction of Robert A. Smith. This group will eat a simple lunch following Sunday worship and then practice until around 1:15 PM. Talk to Robert or Pastor Adam to enroll your child today!

Nursery

Nursery opens at 9:30 AM and is provided for infants and toddlers during the education hour and the worship service. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery.

SUNDAY LEADERS

Sunday, Nov. 11

Bus Driver: Ken Corn
Greeters: Keith and Donna Antal
 Sylvia McBane
Nursery: Janet Leissner
Visitors Table: Lisa Antley
Acolyte: Needed
Usher Captains: Scott Coley
 Hugh Lowe

Sunday, Nov. 18

Bus Driver: Scott Davis
Greeters: Tommy McDaniel
 Putt family
Nursery: Amanda Peck
Visitors Table: Lisa Antley
Acolyte: Caitlyn Eagan
Usher Captains: Dick Peck,
 John Port

Sunday, Nov. 18

Community Thanksgiving Service

Bus Driver: Kelly Hawkins
Greeters: Rick and Janet Leissner
 Ted and Holly Restel
Nursery: Staff
Ushers: Roy Garrett
 Lewis Rigsbee

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Nov. 11

9:30 AM Christian Education Hour
10:00 AM Chancel Choir
10:55 AM Congregational Meeting and Worship Service
12:05 PM Children's Choir
12:15 PM Congregational Meal
No PM Youth

Monday, Nov. 12

10:00 AM Mind, Body, Spirit Class
5:30 PM Interim AP Search Committee
6:30 PM C. E. Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 13

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9:00 AM Soup Kitchen
1:30 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 14

4:40 PM Chancel Ringers
5:15 PM Meal
6:15 PM Ministry Night
7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, Nov. 15

6:30 PM Session

OUR CONGREGATION CARES

Congratulations to Robyn Opp Bowen and Dilon Bowen on the birth of their son,
Waylon Bowen on November 1, 2018.
Grandparents are Casey and Stacy Opp and great-grandmother is Lee Opp.

Prayer Concerns

Our Prayer Concerns list is dedicated to church members and their families and friends in need of prayer. Names will remain on this list for four weeks unless a new request is made by contacting the church staff.

Home

Wyatt Aiken	Lori Conway	Anne Ervin	Sadie Hanger
Shannon Hodges	Joseph Pritchard	Betsy Rader	Debbie Wellmon

Grace Ridge Health Care

Marty Brennehan	Mildred Plaster	Eleanor Robb	Betty Sasser
Boyd Smith	Sam Tate		

Trinity Ridge

Joan Dickison

College Pines

Nancy Collett

Carolinas Medical, Charlotte

Mary Hewat

Extended Family and Friends

Bob Ledford, brother of Donna Benner; Sally Riddle, mother of Jim Best; Philip Hatcher, brother of Trey Hatcher; Emily Baldwin, mother of Linda Lindsey; Leslie Jennings Braswell, daughter of LaNelle Jennings; Bill Hall, retired chaplain, friend of Roy and Lynn Garrett; Kathi Powell, sister-in-law of Chuck and Marj Powell

All are invited to sign the "We Care" card, located in the entrance area.

This card will be sent to an individual or family experiencing a special need or pastoral concern.

Prayer Requests

As a church family, it is important to remember each other in prayer during times of need.

If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please email:

Rev. Dr. Wanda Neely (wanda@firstpresmorganton.org) or

Rev. Adam Bowling (adam@firstpresmorganton.org).

If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, contact the church office.

Other options:

- Add the below prayer request to the Prayer Concerns list.
- I would like the church staff to pray for the below prayer request.

Submitted by: _____

Please place in the offering plate or give to a staff member.