



# First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

## Weekly Newsletter

October 13, 2019



Psalm 111 charges us to praise God. "Praise the Lord!" commands verse one. And in case you're wondering what that looks like, the author makes of himself an example: "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation." The author's praise is not in private. It's in community. It's not as an individual, but as part of a group.

Psalm 111 is in the form of an acrostic that acknowledges God's deliverance from the time of the liberation from Egypt and the long march across the Sinai. Deliverance itself was one of God's great works. God's grace and compassion are part of the nature of God. God's provision of sustenance was part of the faithfulness of God and truth and justice were, and are, primary ingredients of God's mercy. All together, these things add up to redemption.

We are entering our stewardship period. So often, in this period, we think about the things we need to budget for and the things we need that we don't have. I wonder, though, how often we consider our giving as praise to God for intangibles that we already have. I don't mean the things we have that are important to us as human beings, but the things that we have from God that God thinks are important. Things like grace and compassion, steadfast providence, truth and justice. All the things that add up to redemption for our church community.

In ancient times, the heart was not just the center of our emotions but, in a larger sense, the place of the conscience and of consciousness. It's the seat of emotion and the seat of intelligent discernment. The place from which praise is initiated within us. This fall, let's discern divine redemption in our life together and praise God.

See you in church!

*Allen*

**SUNDAY, October 13, 2019**

**Join us as we gather for worship of our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ**

**Old Testament: Psalm 111: 1, 9**

**New Testament: Luke 17:11-19**

**Sermon: “The Samaritan’s Gratitude”**

**Rev. Allen Cross**

| <b>SERVING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019</b> |   | <b>SERVING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019</b> |   |
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| Acolyte                                 | Molly Jensen  |   |   |
| Lay Liturgist                           | Charlotte Williams                                      | Lay Liturgist                           | Janice Womble   |
| Ushers/Greeters                         | Tommy Anderton<br>Pat Marsh<br>Lisa Tuner<br>Roy Turner | Ushers/Greeters                         | Michal Dobson<br>Helen Garner<br>DeAnn Idso<br>John Marsh |
| Hall Monitor                            | Linda Anderton  | Hall Monitor                            | Theresa Blanton   |
| A Time for Young Christians             | Connie Crafton  | A Time for Young Christians             | Kate Canady   |
| Children’s Church                       | Christy Jensen  | Children’s Church                       | Kristin Wilhelm   |
| Nursery                                 | Raychelle Flannagan                                     | Nursery                                 | Bea Marsh   |

# Upcoming



FPC Youth will be taking orders for  
Butter Braids October 16-30th.  
Pick up date is Friday, November 22 at 4:00pm.

Sunday, October 13th  
Associate Pastor Nominating Committee meeting  
5:30pm in the ELA Classroom

Monday, October 14th  
Mission Meeting 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 15th  
Pastoral Care 10:00am

Thursday, October 17th  
Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, October 20th  
Elder Nominations Begin  
The Baptism of Kate Marsh  
Fellowship Coffee

Monday, October 21st  
Session 5:30pm

Sunday, October 27th  
Book Club "My Own Words" by Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Wednesday, October 30th  
Trunk-or-Treat 5:30-7:00pm



GOOD  
SAMARITAN  
Suggested items for October  
**Peanut Butter**  
& **Jelly**



**PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION**  
**WONDERFUL**  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**  
**16th, 23rd and 30th**  
Dinner 5:45—6:15pm  
Children's Bible Study 6:15—6:45pm  
*Children will be dismissed*  
Youth Bible Study 6:15—7:15pm



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th**  
**5:30-7:00pm**

Consider

- Decorating a Trunk
- Donate money for the meal and candy
- **Donate Halloween Candy-please leave in the Chapel**



The Grand Canyon can hold  
around  
900 Trillion Footballs?

