



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

October 27, 2019



From my side of the pulpit:

I don't know what happened to those transitional days between summer and fall when temperatures gradually moderate. Summer stuck around too long, but fall is here with brisk overnight lows and warm days. I noticed that chili is back on the menu in a local restaurant and next week we will be setting our clocks back an hour. It's perfect weather for pumpkins and Trunk or Treat on October 30th. Our young folks have begun decorating pumpkins already and are ready to go. Candy is accumulating way too close to my office door. So get out the word about Trunk or Treat.



This Sunday is Reformation Sunday, when we celebrate the history of the protestant reformation and all those great Germans and Swiss like Luther and Melancthon and Bullinger and Zwingli and Calvin and even an important Scot named John Knox, the originator the Scots covenanters who developed Presbyterianism. This week's bulletin cover shows all those reformers lighting a candle with the light of God's Word and shows their opponents trying to blow the candle out. This Sunday we will process the Bible into the church, say a prayer of confession written by Jean Calvin, and affirm our faith with words from the Scots Confession.

It's also pledge Sunday and we ask that you would bring your pledge and time and talent forms to worship and place them in the brown box at the back of the sanctuary. Reformation Sunday seems a right time to pledge our resources to our sovereign God.

And even though it is only the end of October, planning has begun for Advent, specifically the annual cantata. This year we want to make a special plea and invitation to those of you who sing with the choir but not in the choir to join in the cantata choir. We'd like to have a broader range of voices this year. I have even pledged my own vocal chords so you know tonal quality is not an absolute requirement.

See you in church!

Allen

SUNDAY, October 27, 2019

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

Jesus Christ

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31

New Testament: John 8:31-36

Sermon: "Freedom is a Relationship"

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019		SERVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019	
Bible Bearer	Willa Kate Shofner	Lay Liturgist	Kristin Conley
Acolyte	Sara Flannagan		
Lay Liturgist	Leo Skelton	Ushers/Greeters	Linda Anderton Tommy Anderton Frieda Bone Randy Reed
Ushers/Greeters	Kathy Smith		
	Richard Smith		
	Randy Reed		
	Ginny Saylor		
Hall Monitor	Raychelle Flannagan	Hall Monitor	Richard Smith
A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton	A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	Katherine Marsh	Children's Church	TBD
Nursery	Maddie Hittle	Nursery	Lisa Hittle
		Serving Holy Communion: Tommy Anderton, Kristin Conley, Leo Skelton, LeaAnne Windham, Charlotte Williams	

UPCOMING EVENTS



FPC Youth will be taking orders for
Butter Braids October 16-30th.

Pick up date is Friday, November 22 at 4:00pm.

Sunday, October 27th

Book Club "My Own Words" by Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee
5:30pm in the ELA Classroom

REMINDER

1. Pledge Cards –Sunday, October 27th
2. Elder Nominations
3. Time, Talents, & Service



SPREAD THE LOVE

GOOD
SAMARITAN

Suggested items for October
Peanut Butter & Jelly

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Night Circle
Tuesday, November 12th
6:30pm

at FPC

Co-Hostess and Lesson Leader Connie Crafton
Lesson #25

A 'thank offering' will be taken.



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

October 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
- Donating money for the meal and candy
- ***Donating Halloween Candy***
please leave in the Chapel

My Daily Prayer



God, be my resting place and my protection,
in hours of trouble, defeat, and dejection.
May I never give way to self-pity and sorrow,
may I always be sure of a better tomorrow,
may I stand undaunted come what may,
secure in the knowledge I have only to pray
and ask my Creator and Father above to keep me
serene in His Grace and His Love.

Amen.