



# First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

## Weekly Newsletter

November 10, 2019



In 1862 one of my ancestors witnessed the naval battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack in Hampton Roads, just a few miles from my childhood neighborhood. Actually, there are many eastern Virginia battlefields like Yorktown, Great Bridge, Petersburg, and Fredericksburg. Even the historic Episcopal church in my home town has a British canon ball embedded in a wall to this day.

Thinking on all those battlefields elicits special gratitude for all those who have worn a uniform, left family and the home hearth, left a farm or business, young children and aged parents in order to serve.

The sacrifices these men and women have made are similar to the spirit of sacrifice and service to which Christ calls each of us who claims to follow Him.

So maybe we can also think of the congregation members of this church who have missed work or supper with family in order to attend an important planning meeting. We can think of those who have set aside time for participating in church government or teaching children or singing in the choir or leading youth. We can think of those who spend hours organizing VBS and Trunk or Treat and those who take time to set up communion or prepare the sanctuary for Advent.

Typically, a small part of the congregation does most of the serving. One person has volunteered to teach Children's Church for half of November and most of December. Only 21% of the congregation has filled out a nomination form for the next Session class and fewer than 30% have returned a time and talents form.

We are all called to serve Christ Jesus, so please participate in the democratic process by which Presbyterianism operates. Share your time and talents. Inspire a child. Pledge from your resources. Be an active church member and lay leader.

See you in church!

*Allen*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

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

**Old Testament: Haggai 2: 4,5**

**New Testament: Luke 20:27-38**

**Sermon: “Knowing the Scriptures and the Power of God”**

**Rev. Allen Cross**

<b>SERVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019</b>		<b>SERVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019</b>	
Acolyte	Maddie Hittle		
Lay Liturgist	Pat Marsh	Lay Liturgist	Connie Crafton
Ushers/Greeters	Michal Dobson Helen Garner DeAnn Idso Pat Thomas	Ushers/Greeters	Theresa Blanton Norma Zae Jensen John Marsh Roy Turner
Hall Monitor	Rob Marsh	Hall Monitor	Lisa Turner
A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton	A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	Katherine Marsh	Children's Church	Katherine Marsh
Nursery	Abby Hittle	Nursery	Bea Marsh

Sunday  
November 10th  
is  
Caregiver Sunday.

# Caring for the Caregiver

## Tips and Tools for the Caregiver:

- **Find a local support group** – Knowing that you are not alone can help to ease the stress and emotional challenges caregivers face on a daily basis.
- **Make time for yourself** – Burnout is a major issue among caregivers. It is important to take time to recharge, refresh, and simply relax to help keep yourself healthy.

For more information and resources check out these websites:

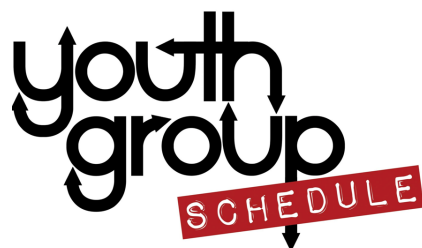
[www.aarp.org/home-family/caregiving/](http://www.aarp.org/home-family/caregiving/)  
[www.healthychurches2020.org](http://www.healthychurches2020.org)  
[www.balmingilead.org](http://www.balmingilead.org)



**Monday, November 11th**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 11	Mission	5:00pm
Nov. 12	Faith Development	5:30pm
Nov. 17	Congregational Meeting Fellowship Coffee	
Nov. 18	Session	5:30pm
Nov. 19	Pastoral Care	10:00am
Nov. 24	Backpack Offering	
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day	
Nov. 29	Church Office Closed	
Nov. 30	Breakfast	8:00am
Hanging of the Greens to follow breakfast.		



## PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

**November 13, 20**

**Dinner 5:45—6:15pm**

**Children's Bible Study 6:15—6:45pm**

*Children will be dismissed*

**Youth Bible Study 6:15—7:15pm**



## Night Circle

**Tuesday, November 12th**

**6:30pm**

**at FPC**

Co-Hostess and Lesson Leader Connie Crafton  
Lesson #25

*A 'thank offering' will be taken.*



Suggested items for November

**Protein Foods**