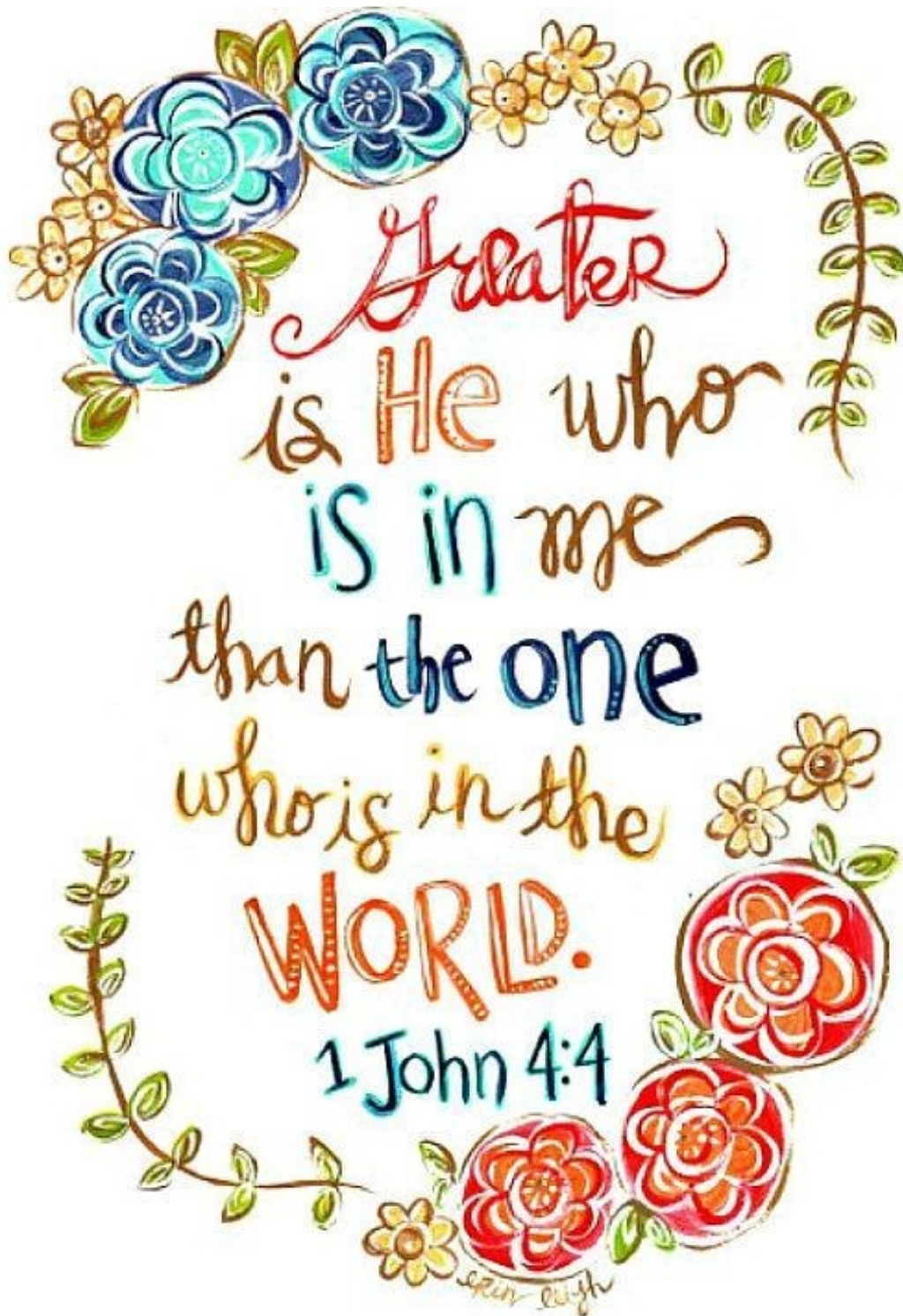


FIRST THINGS FIRST

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STERLING, COLORADO

OCTOBER 2022



A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE. . .



The Grass Is Always Greener...

You've heard the expression, "The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence..." I read something recently that suggested that it's not just in our heads, but grass really is greener when viewed from a distance:

The grass looks greener on your neighbor's garden because you see it from a different perspective. The grass under your feet is viewed from a 90 degree angle, as you are essentially looking right down at it, while you will view your neighbor's grass at something approaching a 30 or 45 degree angle. This means that you will see the soil on your side of the fence, as there is nothing behind the grass from your point of view. When you view your neighbor's grass, however, you will see more grass behind the grass, as you are viewing everything from a shallower angle, and this means that it will appear greener. (Why the Grass Is Always Greener, Faja)

It makes me wonder how much deeper our contentment might be, not only if we could stop comparing ourselves to others, but even if we could admit that our perspective is often skewed by our vantage point.

We'll begin a new series in October in which we'll look at the ways that we can nurture abundance — not by conjuring up wealth by prayer or intention, but by settling into the gifts that are already present in our lives. So often our default instinct is to fixate on woes. This is a survival instinct, and in terms of survival it's an instinct that serves us well. But, our faith invites us to move beyond just *surviving* and find ways to *thrive*. We don't need to deny or ignore the very real woes in our lives and in the world, but we can nurture the blessings that we sometimes overlook.

Together, we'll deepen our awareness and gratitude by turning our attention mindfully toward blessings as we nurture abundance together at First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Michelle

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Military Personnel

Luke Brigham (Randy & Terry's son)
 Thomas Gage Snyder (Kim Schlup's son)
 Cameron Venn (Doris Ramsel's grandson)

For those with special needs or concerns....

Florence Annan	Aline Marquez
Grace Ann	(Becky Cranwell's friend)
(Family of Connie Clark)	Rev Betsey & Eric Moe & the
Norm Blackburn	people of Guatemala
Brenda Boeff	Jeni Porter
Luke Brigham	(In-law of Blackburns)
(Kay Rich's Nephew)	Frances Rhodes
Randy & Terry Brigham	(Dave's mother)
Paul Budin	Agnes Rundus
Gabe Chapin	Steve Shinn
Cooperating Ministry	(friend of Jim Leh)
Jeanne Crouch & Family	Darrell Smith
Cierra Davis	AJ, Sara, Baby Leo Sonnenberg
(friend of Becky Cranwell)	(friends of Weingardts)
Andrew DeSouza	Becky Stieb, Justin & Torin
(Michelle Hawkins' son)	(Friends of Michelle Hawkins)
Gary Espinoza	Charlie & Roseanne Thompson
(Arden Fennell's family)	(friends of Nebletts)
Family Resource Center	Peggy Thompson
Norman Foos	(Carol Arnold's daughter)
Meredith Goodwin	Mike Tyson
(friend of Propsts)	Amy & Byron Uhrich
David Hashman, SCF Inmate	(Jill Vollmer's parents)
Sonja Holden	Under the Umbrella
(friend of Arden Fennell)	Robert Vance (Michelle
Hollis Jackson	White's dad)
Chris Jutz	Norma Wagner
Josh Jutz & Kaylee	(Jana Lock's mom)
Janae (Klindt) Kerr	Declan Nash Warner
Robert Koehler	(Jason Rose's grandson)
(friend of Laura Guenzi)	Derek Weingardt (nephew of
Debby Korrey	Rhodes and Weingardts)
(Darla's and Delinda's sister)	Masi Wells
Patty Moriarity Korrey	(friend of Taylor Cranwell)
(Delinda's and Darla's sister-	Jeff Weskamp
in-law)	Deb White (Ellen Miles'
Dona Lightsey	Daughter)
Haley Mead, Braxton & Kaisen	Joan Whitney
Jimmie McCaffree	Jim & Jean Williamson
Emerson McClanahan	
(Ellen Bernhard's daughter)	
Delinda Korrey McDowell	



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4	Sandra Condon
6	David Rhodes
8	Lindsey Jackson
9	Sarah Eaton
10	Charles Reynolds
10	Jane Robinson
12	James Leh
17	Meghan Jackson
17	Tom Westfall
21	Haley Mead
23	Marilyn Ross
25	Penny Propst
25	Marc Reck
27	Jennifer Reck
28	Jan Mari
31	Norm Blackburn



Do you have an update on anyone listed on our church prayer list? We'd love to hear the good news of recovery, healing and answered prayer. If you have a joy to report, let us know!



We'll be serving elements prepared by the worship & sacraments committee from the communion table. Pre-packaged elements will also be available at the entrances to the sanctuary if you prefer pre-packaged elements (or if you prefer not to come to the table). You are also welcome to bring your own elements if you prefer.



In Person & on Facebook
First Friday @ First Presbyterian
Olivia Courtney
Violin



Baroque to Contemporary

October 7, 2022

12:05 -12:35

130 South 4th Street, Sterling

Facebook.com/FPC.Sterling

Free & open to the public



Super Sunday Soup Sale

Sun., Oct. 23 in the Fellowship Hall
following the 10:30 a.m. service.

Sample a wide array of soups. Enjoy your
favorite soup and/or purchase some soup
to take home and freeze to enjoy
on those cool Autumn nights.

Bring your homemade soup and see
if it is this year's Super Sunday Soup.
A signup sheet is on the
table outside the church office.

Proceeds will help fund important
FPC missions in the community.

Join us for breakfast & worship as we begin a new series...

Nurturing LIFE in

ABUNDANCE

at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 30 ~ 10:30am ~ Fellowship Hall

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS. . .

Chamber Music Ensemble Performance

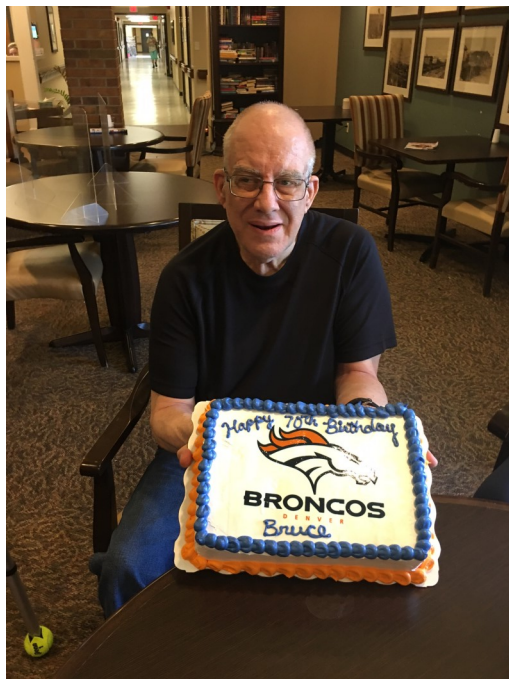
at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church
201 Phelps Street, Sterling

on October 22, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m.

There will be a free will offering with
proceeds going to "Ukrainian Fund".

A called **Congregational Meeting** will be held
October 23, 2022

during worship service for
the purpose of electing officers.



Happy Birthday

Bruce Kelley celebrated with a "Broncos"
cake on his birthday, September 1st.



All Saints Sunday



Please bring a framed photo (table frame) of a loved one you would like to remember on this special All Saints Day service.

If you have a loved one who has died in the last year, please contact the church office by October 31 to have your loved one's name included in the All Saints prayer.

November 6 ~ 10:30am

★★★★**WE NEED OUR CHURCH
FAMILY**★★★★



The rummage sale is coming up November 7-11, 2022.

Please consider helping in the following ways and note the dates and times on your calendars.

Sunday November 6th following worship we will need to carry racks and rummage from Janet's office to Milligan Hall

Donations will be accepted beginning on Monday, November 7th and Tuesday November 8th from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M.

We need many helpers to unpack and mark donations between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M., Monday and Tuesday and to mark items until noon on Wednesday

The sale begins on Wednesday evening, November 9th, from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. (There will be an early buyer's fee of \$2 per person.)

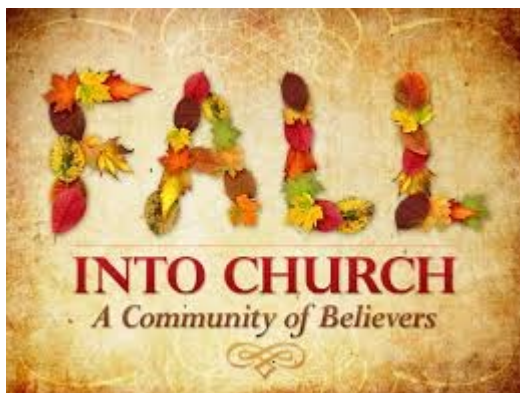
We need people to help sell on Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday.

On Thursday November 10th from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. items will be sold as marked.

On Friday November 11th from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. items will sell for \$3-\$5 per bag, depending on the size of the bag.

At 4:00 P.M. on Friday remaining items will be bagged and sent to a charitable organization. We need help to pack them and to clean Milligan Hall.

Contact the church if you need some help transporting your rummage or if you would like to volunteer. We look forward to working with you and always enjoy seeing new faces among our volunteers.



Food Pantry Needs

You may bring your donations to the church, put them under the table outside the church office, or in the box in the elevator vestibule.

Cooperating Ministry:
Instant Rice Mix
(I.e. Knorr, Uncle Bens)
Stuffing Mix

NJC Food Pantry needs:
Nuts, Dried Fruit, Trail Mix; Jerky; Tuna or Salmon (cans/packets); Protein Bars; Peanut Butter; Nut Butter; Crackers; Granola; Fruit/ Nut Bars; Instant Oatmeal; Popcorn; Microwavable meals.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS. . .

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST SESSION MEETING

The Session of First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Sterling, Colorado, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room.

Correspondence:

- A letter was received from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 20 inviting input from churches on ways to support veterans in our community.
- A thank-you note was received from Rex Witherspoon for the Highlands campership.
- A thank-you note was received from Baby Bear Hugs for hosting their book drive. They received 200 books!

Membership & Stewardship:

- Two inactive members were removed from the active member roll.
- **IT WAS VOTED** to hold a Super Sunday Soup Sale fundraiser in September to raise money for our budgeted missions.

Christian Education:

- **IT WAS VOTED** to approve the following books for congregation discussion/study: Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White by Adam Hamilton; and The Sacred Pulse by April Fiet.

Worship:

- **IT WAS VOTED** to approve the baptism of Wren Olivia Jackson, daughter of Cooper and

Callie Jackson, on September 18, 2022.

- **IT WAS VOTED** to approve Rev. April Fiet as the guest preacher on September 25, 2022.

Finance:

- \$1,400 was collected for the Music Ministry special offering.
- \$785 was collected by Larry Fetzer for Gideons International.
- **IT WAS VOTED** to approve the May, June and July, 2022 Transaction Detail Report.
- **IT WAS VOTED** that the General Fund Savings of leftover PPP money (\$2,204) and accrued interest. (\$2,666.67) for a total of \$4,870.67, be transferred to the Checking Account.
- **IT WAS VOTED** that \$1,600 be transferred from the Building Fund to cover additional building maintenance expenses (air conditioner and sprinkler repair).

Mission:

- \$340.00 was received for the Pentecost offering: \$204 was sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency and \$136 was sent to Life Source Program.
- **IT WAS VOTED** to donate to the following organizations with funds from the DD&E fund: \$150 to the Southern Poverty Law Center; \$150 to the American Cancer Society; \$3,200 to the Zion Congregational Church Soup Kitchen.

	August, 2022	YTD 2022
Income/Offerings	20,718.94	191,585.19
Expenses	22,807.05	220,131.74
Income / (Loss)	(2,088.11)	(28,546.55)
Investment Transfers	1,600.00	16,636.85



SERVING IN CHURCH

USHERS

Oct. 2 Traci Reeves, Ava Reeves, Audrey Reeves

Oct. 9 Mike Werner, Dean Boeff

Oct. 16 Justin Cranwell, Tammie Malone

Oct. 23 Sue Weingardt, Terri Rhodes

Oct. 30 Delinda Korrey, Ken McDowell

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Oct. 2 Nominating Committee

Oct. 9 Chancel Choir

Oct. 16 Bell Choir

Oct. 23 Super Sunday Soup Sale & Lunch

Oct. 30 Membership / Stewardship Committee

COUNT OFFERING

Oct. 2 Connie Ham

Oct. 9 Linda Meisner

Oct. 16 Bev Cumming

Oct. 23 Bob Smith

Oct. 30 Linda Meisner

AV TECHS

Oct. 2 Justin Cranwell, George Witherspoon

Oct. 9 Tanna Prince, Rex Witherspoon, Justin Cranwell, Steve Burnham

Oct. 16 Dean Boeff, George Witherspoon

Oct. 23 Jeff Christenson, George Witherspoon

Oct. 30 N/A

FIRST RESPONSE

October Jeff Christenson

November Mike Werner

December Traci Reeves

LAY READERS

Oct. 2 Connie Ham

Oct. 9 Rose Neblett

Oct. 16 Pam Werner

Oct. 23 Connie Sue Clark

Oct. 30 Haley Mead

BULLETIN DELIVERY

October Justin Cranwell

November Audrey Reeves

December Mike Werner

COMMUNION

OCTOBER 2, 2022

WORLD COMMUNION

SUNDAY

Traditional elements will be served from trays. Pre-packaged elements will also be offered, or you are welcome to bring your own.

Serving Communion 10/2:

Liz Chaney, Becky Cranwell, Taylor Cranwell

Preparing Communion

October 2 Jomari Lechtman

Darla Korrey Gertner

November 6 Mike Tyson

December 4 Rose Neblett

Remember to let the church office know if you trade serving dates with someone (522-2708).

Serving schedules subject to change. Check the website for most up-to-date schedules.
www.firstpressterling.org/servingschedules

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						Deacon's Work Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:30 Worship Communion		10:30 Worship & Sacraments Committee	8:00 Elevator Inspection	5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	12:05 First Friday— Olivia Courtney, violin	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30 Youth Fellowship 10:30 Worship	Indigenous Peoples Day Church Office Closed			5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir		Newsletter Deadline
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:30 Worship		5:15 Session & Finance Committee Budget Meeting	10:00 Membership /Stewardship	1:30 Women's Book Study 5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:30 Worship Congr. Meeting 11:30 Super Sunday Soup Sale & Lunch				Presbytery 5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir		
30	31					
10:30 Worship & Breakfast	Halloween					

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship in person or
on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/fpc.sterling

RADIO MINISTRY

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. On KSTC (AM 1230)

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MARSHA DAVIS

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