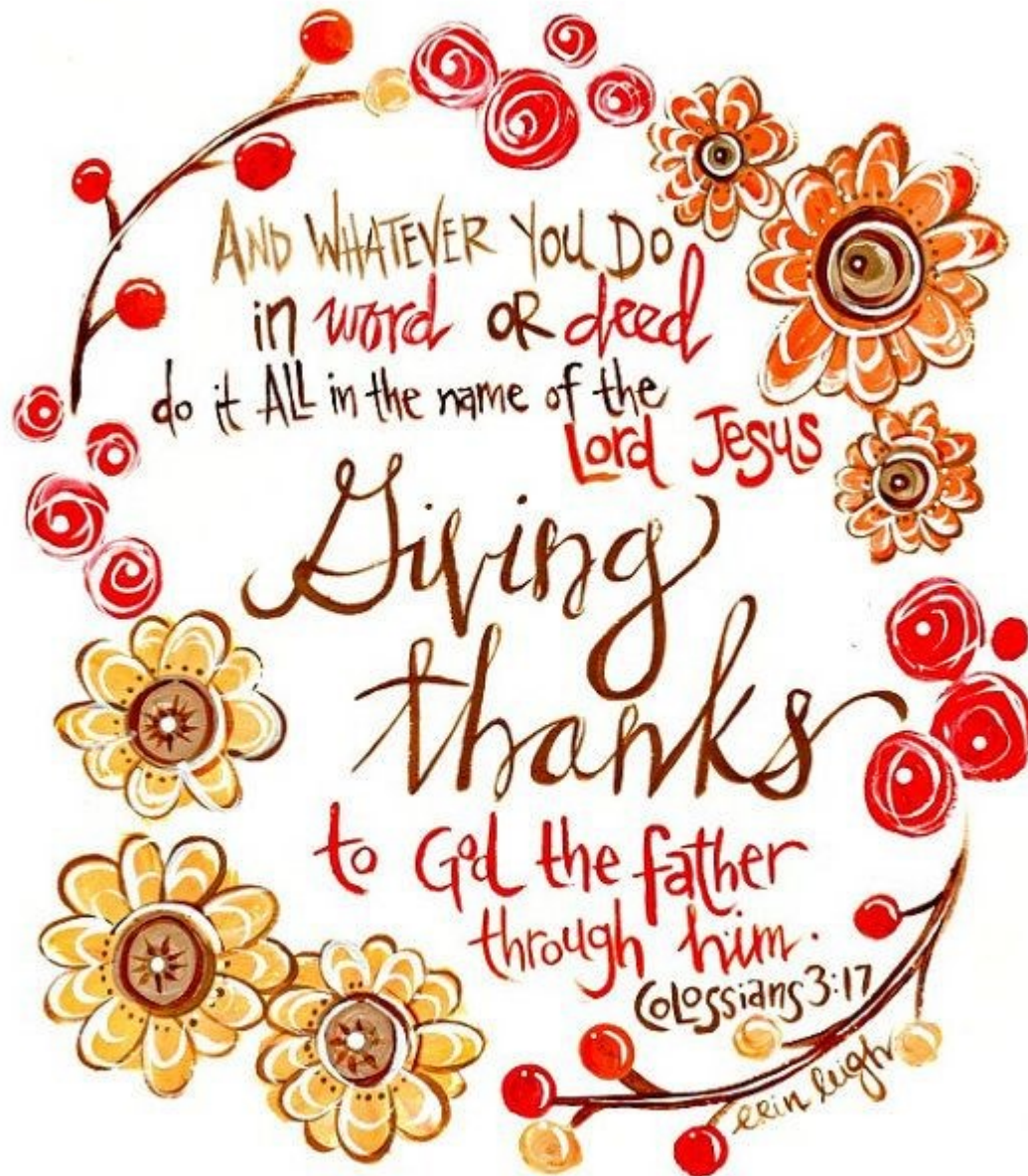


# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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

NOVEMBER 2022



## A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE. . .



*I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

~Jesus

Jesus tells us, “*The thief comes only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*” (John 10:10)

What are the things in the world that **steal** our joy? What are the things in our life that **destroy** our peace? What are the things that **kill** contentment?

In our worship series this month we are considering how we might turn from habits and forces that are destructive and wearying, and we’re looking at how we can turn toward the abundant life that Jesus promises.

As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, let’s explore the ways we can nurture life in abundance – turning away from things that “steal, kill, and destroy,” and turning toward things that cause us to flourish.

*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  
 Grace Ann  
 (Family of Connie Clark)  
 Norm Blackburn  
 Brenda Boeff  
 Luke Brigham  
 (Kay Rich's Nephew)  
 Randy & Terry Brigham  
 Paul Budin  
 Gabe Chapin  
 Cooperating Ministry  
 Jeanne Crouch & Family  
 Cierra Davis  
 (friend of Becky Cranwell)  
 Andrew DeSouza  
 (Michelle Hawkins' son)  
 Gary Espinoza  
 (Arden Fennell's family)  
 Family Resource Center  
 Norman Foos  
 Meredith Goodwin  
 (friend of Propst's)  
 David Hashman, SCF Inmate  
 Highlands Camp  
 Sonja Holden  
 (friend of Arden Fennell)  
 Hollis Jackson  
 Chris Jutz  
 Josh Jutz & Kaylee  
 Janae (Klindt) Kerr  
 Robert Koehler  
 (friend of Laura Guenzi)  
 Debby Korrey  
 (Darla's and Delinda's sister)  
 Patty Moriarity Korrey  
 (Delinda's and Darla's sister-in-law)  
 Haley Mead, Braxton & Kaisen  
 Jimmie McCaffree  
 Emerson McClanahan  
 (Ellen Bernhard's daughter)  
 Delinda Korrey McDowell

Aline Marquez  
 (Becky Cranwell's friend)  
 Rev Betsey & Eric Moe & the  
 people of Guatemala  
 Jeni Porter  
 (In-law of Blackburns)  
 Frances Rhodes  
 (Dave's mother)  
 Agnes Rundus  
 Steve Shinn  
 (friend of Jim Leh)  
 Darrell Smith  
 AJ, Sara, Baby Leo Sonnenberg  
 (friends of Weingardts)  
 Becky Stieb, Justin & Torin  
 (Friends of Michelle Hawkins)  
 Charlie & Roseanne Thompson  
 (friends of Nebletts)  
 Peggy Thompson  
 (Carol Arnold's daughter)  
 Mike Tyson  
 Amy & Byron Uhrich  
 (Jill Vollmer's parents)  
 Under the Umbrella  
 Robert Vance (Michelle  
 White's dad)  
 Norma Wagner  
 (Jana Lock's mom)  
 Declan Nash Warner  
 (Jason Rose's grandson)  
 Derek Weingardt (nephew of  
 Rhodes and Weingardts)  
 Masi Wells  
 (friend of Taylor Cranwell)  
 Jeff Weskamp  
 Deb White (Ellen Miles'  
 Daughter)  
 Joan Whitney  
 Jim & Jean Williamson



## NOVEMBER

2 Mikki Jackson  
 2 Bryce White  
 3 Tanna Prince  
 6 Carrie Lovenburg  
 7 Jill Vollmer  
 10 Nancy Hall  
 11 Jim Neblett  
 11 Kale Christensen  
 14 Doug Fritzler  
 15 Wren Jackson  
 15 Larry Fetzer  
 16 Michelle Witherspoon  
 16 Rick Weingardt  
 17 Bev Cumming  
 18 Mary Smith  
 18 Trae Miller  
 19 Rick Jackson  
 20 Nancy Mann  
 21 Linda Meisner  
 25 Kay Dana  
 27 Harry Peterson



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!

Condolences to the Family of Dona Lightsey, who passed on October 5th.



First Friday @ First Presbyterian

# Kevin Blankenship

Singer-Songwriter



***“Praise and Worship”***

November 4, 2022

12:05

130 South 4th Street, Sterling

**In Person** & on **Facebook**

[facebook.com/FPC.Sterling](https://facebook.com/FPC.Sterling)

# *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'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.



COMMUNION

NOVEMBER 6

**Now**  
**Collecting:**



***Cooperating Ministry***

**Christmas Basket  
Donations:**

***Boxed Cake Mix***

***Tubs of Frosting***

This is the *Day*  
that the Lord has made,  
let us *Rejoice*  
and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



It is not joy that  
makes us grateful;  
it is gratitude that  
makes us joyful.

Brother David Steindl-Rast



★★★★**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. items will be sold as marked.  
On Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



130 S.4<sup>th</sup> St.

Sterling, Colorado

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*Wednesday, November 9th at 6 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.*

*(\$2 per person, early buyer's fee)*

*Thursday, November 10th, 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.*

*Friday, November 11th, 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.*

*(Purchase a bag and fill it for one flat fee of \$3 or \$5, based upon the size of bag!)*

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**Look for interesting Clothing, collectibles, dishes, appliances, unusual household items or furniture at this well organized sale**

\*\*\* Please join us at this fun, semi-annual event \*\*\*



## 2023 Stewardship

Please return your 2023 Estimate of Giving (EOG) by November 16  
for Thanksgiving/Dedication Sunday on November 20.

### EOG FAQ's

#### What's an "EOG"?

*EOG stands for Estimate of Giving. Some people call this a "pledge."  
It's your estimate of how much you plan to give to the church in the coming year.*

#### Why should I turn in an EOG?

*We hope you'll turn in an EOG for two reasons:*

- 1. It really helps the elders plan and make faithful financial plans for the coming year when we have your Estimates of Giving.*
- 2. Thinking in advance about how much you feel called to give is a spiritual practice that helps you to grow in faith.*

#### What if something happens and I need to change my EOG mid-year?

*It's easy to change your EOG. If you want to change your EOG for any reason at any time, just contact the church office and we adjust your EOG accordingly.*

**THANK YOU!**





October 13, 2022

First Presbyterian Church  
130 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Sterling, CO 80751

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

Thank you for your continued annual partnership in **Cooperating Ministry's Christmas Basket Program**. Regardless of how you say it, hunger harms! Your giving is not just about donating; it is about making a difference in "Logan County"! Hunger related issues affect many households within our community. Every can, bag or box of food is a step in filling an essential need for a hungry household. Food does the soul good!

Christmas is around the corner, and the 2022 Christmas Basket Program food items need to be collected and tallied for the basket distribution starting **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. I write this letter with great faith that your congregation will participate in this effort to help those struggling with food insecurities this Holiday Season. It is the dedication, good will, and generosity of congregations like yours that give us hope. This endeavor is a great opportunity for all ages to participate. Every donation, no matter how big or small, has a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

In the past, Cooperating Ministry has distributed approximately 250 Christmas Baskets to struggling families within Logan County. We are asking your congregation to assist us in providing **boxed cake mix and tubs of frosting**. Our goal for your church is **250 boxes/tubs\*** collected for the baskets. These items need to be returned to Cooperating Ministry by **December 1, 2022**.

Please let your church members know that there are several weeks to add this item to their shopping list to help give a "Cheerful" blessing into a needy household. *(For food safety purposes please ask your members to verify that products are NOT expired or in glass jars.)* If you have any questions or concerns, please call 970-522-6405. This is the season for giving and with your continued support of this vital program; families and children will be able to share in a "bountiful" meal this Holiday Season.

Joy and peace,



Richelle L. Greenwood  
Executive Director  
Cooperating Ministry of Logan County

**\*Please note:** The 250 count is just a goal not an expectation!! We sincerely appreciate every item donated and we recognize that there are variations in the size of each church's congregation. Thank you for trying to do all you can to help us reach our goal.



## ***This Holiday Season “Buy One Gift One”***

*When you buy an item, we will donate a comparable item to the Family Resource Center.*

*Knitted hats, scarves and cowls will be on sale at the church.*

*New items will be added weekly.*



## **Handmade For The Holidays**

Hats.... \$10

Scarves..... \$10

Hat and Scarf.....\$20

**Proceeds Used To Support Our Missions**



# ADVENT

**with First Presbyterian Church**

**Begins November 27th**

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS. . .

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER SESSION MEETING

The Session of First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Sterling, CO, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room. Deacon Rep, Tammie Malone, was seated & given voice.

### Pastor's Report:

- A written report was received.
- Wren Olivia Jackson, daughter of Cooper & Callie Jackson, born on Nov. 15, 2021, was baptized during worship on September 18, 2022, by Rev Michelle.
- Faith Council (formerly Ministerial Alliance), CCOA (Community Churches Offering Assistance) Update: The individual receiving assistance through the CCOA program is doing well. Faith Council may request additional funding because fewer churches have contributed funds than the Faith Council anticipated.
- A community Thanksgiving Service is tentatively being planned for Sunday, November 20, in the afternoon, at Sterling Middle School.

### Miscellany:

- **IT WAS VOTED** to approve the following time away for Rev. Michelle: Relevance to Resonance project: Oct. 5-7 (Chicago, IL) and Clergy Retreat/ Reading Week: Oct 10-14, 2022 (Salida, CO/ Sterling, CO).

### Clerk's Report:

- **IT WAS VOTED** to accept the bid from Ford AV for \$6,398.40 to add the ability to show the video feed on the 2 displays in the sanctuary, and to add an additional camera controller in the balcony.
- **IT WAS VOTED** to approve a request from a member who has moved out of the area to be removed from membership.
- **IT WAS VOTED** to receive Gary Slimmer as an active member.
- A written report was received from the Aug 27th Presbytery meeting from Elder Commissioner Tanna Prince.

### Property:

- **IT WAS VOTED** to approve the Church Use Request from Elsie Fetzner for a student recital in the sanctuary, October 2, 2022.
- **IT WAS VOTED** to approve the Church Use Request from Pat Borner for a Reviewers Club meeting in the Fellowship Hall, Nov. 3, 2022.

### Personnel:

- **IT WAS VOTED** to return to the practice of paying for services as delivered for relief organists.
- **IT WAS VOTED** to give a 3% raise for 2023 to all salaried, non-ordained staff.
- **IT WAS VOTED** to recommend increasing the Deferred Compensation Matching Employer Contributions to Michelle's 403(b) retirement plan by 3% of her current salary (\$2,197/year) in 2023.

### Nominating:

- **IT WAS VOTED** to call a congregational meeting to elect officers on Sun. Oct. 23, during worship service.

### Mission:

- **IT WAS VOTED** to designate the local portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering to Help for Abused Partners.

	September, 2022	YTD 2022
Income/Offerings	19,815.70	211,400.89
Expenses	31,691.44	251,823.18
Income / (Loss)	(11,875.74)	(40,422.29)
Investment Transfers	0.00	16,636.85





# Poinsettia Fundraiser

supporting FPC mission

\$20/each

Order by November 21

Help decorate the sanctuary for the season and help support the church's mission!

***This year over half the cost of each poinsettia will go toward our mission partnerships (including Family Resource Center, Help for Abused Partners, and Cooperating Ministry).***

Poinsettias will arrive by Sunday, December 4. You may purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones (these poinsettias may be taken home after the service on Christmas Eve). You may also purchase poinsettias for other purposes — to decorate your home or office, to give away, etc. (these poinsettias may be taken home on December 4).

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## Poinsettia Order Form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias for the sanctuary (available to take home after Christmas Eve service): \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional poinsettias (available to take home December 4): \_\_\_\_\_

***Make checks out to FPC, with "poinsettia" in the memo ~ Order by November 21***

# SERVING IN CHURCH

## USHERS

**Nov. 6** Traci Reeves, Ava Reeves, Audrey Reeves

**Nov. 13** Jeff Christenson, Tammie Malone

**Nov. 20** Sue Weingardt, Justin Cranwell

**Nov. 27** Delinda Korrey, Ken McDowell

## FIRST RESPONSE

**November** Mike Werner

**December** Traci Reeves

## LAY READERS

**Nov. 6** Ann Blackburn

**Nov. 13** Dean Boeff

**Nov. 20** Kay Rich

**Nov. 27** Bob Smith

## BULLETIN DELIVERY

**November** Audrey Reeves

**December** Mike Werner

## FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

**Nov. 6** Christian Educ. Committee

**Nov. 13** Worship & Sacraments Committee

**Nov. 20** Fellowship Committee

**Nov. 27** Personnel Committee

## COUNT OFFERING

**Nov. 6** Connie Ham

**Nov. 13** Linda Meisner

**Nov. 20** Bev Cumming

**Nov. 27** Bob Smith

## AV TECHS

**Nov. 6** Jeff Christenson, George Witherspoon

**Nov. 13** Tanna Prince, Rex Witherspoon,  
George Witherspoon

**Nov. 20** Steve Burnham, George Witherspoon

**Nov. 27** Dean Boeff, George Witherspoon

## COMMUNION NOVEMBER 6, 2022 ALL SAINTS' 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

**Nov. 6:** Marcia Burnham  
Steve Burnham  
Connie Ham

### Preparing Communion

**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](http://www.firstpressterling.org/servingschedules)**





# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		5:15 Fellowship Committee	10:30am Worship & Sacraments Committee	5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	12:05 First Friday— Kevin Blankenship	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
All Saints Sunday  10:30 Worship Communion  11:30 move rummage	Rummage Sale	5:15 Finance Committee		5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	Veterans Day → <b>Church Office Closed</b>	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30 Youth Fellowship  10:30 Worship  11:30 Officer Education	10:00 Heartstrings	Newsletter Deadline	5:15 Personnel Committee	1:30 Women's Book Study  5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30 Worship				<b>Thanksgiving</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
27	28	29	30			
9:30 Youth Fellowship  10:30 Worship		Giving Tuesday				

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## NOVEMBER

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

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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](http://www.facebook.com/fpc.sterling)

### RADIO MINISTRY

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

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