### Announcements for November 19-November 26

Scripture Readings for Sunday, November 23

Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Scripture Readings for Sunday, November 30

Lamentations 3:55-57; Psalm 122:1-9; Luke 1:5-13

Daily and Sunday Lectionary Readings can be found at <a href="https://pcusa.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary">https://pcusa.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary</a>.

Join us every Thursday for **Lectionary Lunch** in the Conference Room of the Education Building from 12:00-1:00 to read the scripture for the upcoming worship service. Bring a lunch along and join us for an informal conversation.



**November 19**—Finance Committee, 6:00pm, Conf. Rm Communications, 7:00pm, Conf. Rm

November 23—Communion

Advent LIFT Classes Begin

November 27-28—Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December 2—Pints and Parables, 6:00pm, Strangeways Brewery

**December 6**—Hanging of the Greens, 8:30am, Sanctuary

December 7—All Ages LIFT Advent Workshop & Potluck Breakfast



This Sunday's worship will celebrate Christ the King Sunday and include the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Communion will be served by elders to the congregation seated in the pews. The

elements will be served separately, and worshipers are invited to consume them in a moment of personal prayer or hold them until all have been served so we may partake together. Our bread is gluten-free as we share in one loaf together as the body of Christ. All are invited to share in the joyful feast of the people of God.



The Worship and Music Committee will be adorning the pulpit with poinsettias to celebrate the season. Members of the congregation may dedicate a poinsettia *in memory of* or *in honor of* persons dear to them. Forms are available on the lobby bulletin board, in the back of the Sanctuary, or online <a href="Poinsettia Order Form.">Poinsettia Order Form.</a>. The cost of each plant is \$15.00 and the deadline for ordering is December 7th.

# LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

**Advent LIFT Classes begin one-week early on November 23!** Join us to jump-start this season of anticipation. To learn more about all of our Advent plans, click **HERE**.

**Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study** - Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study - Using selections from 1 Kings, Psalms, 2 Timothy, and John we will reflect on the descendants of David and Bathsheba from Solomon to Jesus. Join us in the first floor classroom of the Middle House. Fellowship time - 9:30 to 10:00 a.m., Bible Study - 10:00 to 11:30. There is no class next week (Enjoy Your Thanksgiving) and we meet again on December 4. Friends, guests and newcomers are always welcome. Contact Debe Garrison or Nancy Raines for more information.

**Pints and Parables**—Join us for Pints and Parables at Strangeways Brewing (350 Lansdowne Rd., Fredericksburg), Tuesday, December 2nd, at 6:00pm. Explore the layers and multiple possibilities presented in the parables Jesus taught over a pint or your favorite other beverage.



**Sanctuary Flowers**—If you would like to order flowers, in memory or honor of someone, or for a special occasion, please contact Sharon Humes, <a href="mailto:pshumes1@gmail.com">pshumes1@gmail.com</a>. The cost of the flowers is \$70.00. You are welcome to take the flowers with you, or our deacons will arrange for them to be taken to members who are home-centered or recovering from surgery or illness.

### **Need volunteers For Property Lock-up for 2026**

Our Property Lock-up Guild is looking for new members. The guild's duty is serving as the last person after Sunday worship to make sure all doors on campus are locked and secured. The task involves inspecting the Row Houses, Sanctuary, and Education building to make sure all doors are locked. This is not an intense commitment. If interested, contact Jerry Zekert, jzekert@comcast.net, 540-847-5246 or Debe Garrison at garrisondebe@gmail.com, 540-842-4050.

## **Outreach**



**Toys for Tots**—There will be a Toys For Tots box in the Lobby of the Christian Education Building through December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to participate and help bring smiles, warmth, and happiness to local children in need, please place an unwrapped toy in the box. This year, we are accepting all toys including stuffed animals and toys with batteries. Thank you for helping bring a little joy into the life of a child this Christmas.



#### Ringing in Christmas Joy for All

Our congregation will assist the local Salvation Army by ringing bells outside the two main entrances to the Walmart in Central Park on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10am to 8pm.

Bell Ringers Needed! Please consider signing up for a two-hour shift. Contact Steve Spratt to sign up for a time slot, <a href="mailto:SprattHomeImprovements@gmail.com">SprattHomeImprovements@gmail.com</a>, or check in Realm under Serving Opportunities.



### January Volunteers needed for Micah Grab and Go Lunches

We need groups or individuals once a month to shop for and make the next month's 140 bag lunches. Groups may either make the sandwiches in the Church House or bring them to the Church House Kitchen by the end of the month. Shopping lists and instructions are available.

We also need volunteers every Friday from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm to distribute lunches from the back porch of the row homes.

See Judy Lowman or Jim Toler for more information, or sign-up in Realm under "Serving Opportunities."



Thank you for your generous support for this ministry to the families in our FXBG City Schools who are living with food insecurity. With your help, and the help of our friends at Beth Shalom Temple, we were able to provide 135 boxes this year!