

Announcements for November 26– December 3

Scripture Readings for Sunday, November 30

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

Scripture Readings for Sunday, December 7

Matthew 11:1-11; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 43:19-21

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

Join us every Thursday for **Lectionary Lunch** in the Conference Room of the Education Building from 12:00-1:00. Next Lectionary Lunch will be Thursday, December 4. Happy Thanksgiving!

UPCOMING *Events*

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
December 21—Vespers Service, 5:00pm, Sanctuary
December 24—Candlelight Celebration, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Communion and Candlelight Service, 7:30pm, Sanctuary



**The office will be closed
Thursday, November 27 and
Friday, November 28.**
**If you have a pastoral emergency
during this time, please contact
Rev. Elizabeth Milford**



The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 7, immediately following worship to elect the 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee. The nominees' biographies and a meeting reminder will be sent via e-mail by December 5.



Morning Prayer returns on November 30. Begin Sunday mornings with centering prayer and reflection as we explore the visual art that accompanies our advent series and create space for hope to brighten our lives.

Advent Devotionals Link: Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Advent devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/361593675/>. In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.

To learn more about all of our Advent plans, click [HERE](#).



Hanging of the Greens—The Worship committee will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on Saturday, December 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. You are invited to help hang the garlands, swags, and wreaths in the sanctuary.



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 [Poinsettia Order Form](#). The cost of each plant is \$15.00 and the deadline for ordering is December 7th.

Need volunteers For Property Lock-up for 2026 —Our Property Lock-up Guild is looking for new members. The task involves serving as the last person after Sunday worship to inspect the Row Houses, Sanctuary, and Education building to make sure all doors are locked and secured. 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 10th. 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.



**Bell Ringers
Needed!**

Ring 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.

Please consider signing up for a two-hour shift. Contact Steve Spratt to sign up for a time slot, SprattHomeImprovements@gmail.com, 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."



Clothesline Ministry—Want to help our neighbors during the cold winter months? Our CLOTHESLINE MINISTRY will be back starting the second week of December. Help keep our neighbors warm by donating hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and hand warmers. Both adult and children's sizes are needed. Please put all items in a plastic Ziploc style bag before hanging them on the clothesline.

A tub will also be available in the Fellowship Hall for donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Benn lkbrab@verizon.net or 540 370-1646.

LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study — There is no class this week. Enjoy Your Thanksgiving! We will 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.

Movie Club—The movie club will discuss "Between the Temples" (Netflix, Amazon, and more) on **Wednesday, December 17**, 10 AM in the Middle House. Bring your own drinks and/or snacks. Contact Karen Johnson if you have any questions, (540) 621-5685, ksjohnson422@msn.com.



Sanctuary Flowers—If you would like to order flowers, in memory or honor of someone, or for a special occasion, please contact Sharon Humes, pshumes1@gmail.com. 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.