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First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville November 2026 Newsletter



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Giving Thanks

Gratitude is a transformative attitude. It helps us to shift from looking at what we don't have to seeing the abundance of blessings around us. In our gratitude we choose to recognize and appreciate the goodness and faithfulness of God in every aspect of our lives. Gratitude opens our eyes to the wonders of creation, the kindness of others, and the countless gifts bestowed on us by our heavenly Father.

Gratitude is not limited to favorable circumstances; it prompts us to give thanks in all circumstances. Even in the midst of trials and challenges, we can find reasons to be thankful. We can express gratitude for God's presence, for his comfort, and for lessons learned through difficult experiences. Our gratitude flows from realizing we are saved from sin and death through the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We are recipients of unmerited grace, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life.

Today let's cultivate a heart of gratitude. May we pause to count our blessings, expressing gratitude to God and to the people around us. In every season let's remember that gratitude is not just a momentary feeling but a way of life. As we live with hearts full of gratitude, we will experience joy, contentment, and a deep relationship with our loving Father.

Dear Lord, we thank you for countless daily blessings. Help us to see your goodness in all aspects of life and to give thanks in all circumstances. May our lives overflow with gratitude to you. Amen.

- Rev. Darrell Delaney, Director of ReFrame Ministries and Executive Editor of Today



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Sanctuary Flowers

Please sign up on the flower calendar by the foyer and make arrangements directly with the florist. Call the church office Monday or Tuesday of that week with your dedication or memorial wording for the bulletin. For more information, call Sandi Bean at 936-661-3130. Thank you!

Sermon Series

Dr. Green will begin a sermon series on the book of Jonah beginning Sunday, November 1.

Prepare for worship by reading ahead and/or attend the Wednesday study led by Dr. Green at 6:15 pm in the Parlor.

December Newsletter

Articles Due

No Later Than

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Thank You

for your generous donations at the Fish Fry Friday fundraiser! You raised $783!

The proceeds will go towards the purchase of baskets, turkeys, cranberry sauce, and rolls for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need.

Baskets will be assembled and delivered to families on Saturday, November 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Come and join us!

Many thanks to St. Stephen Episcopal Church, First Christian Church, and (new to us this year) First United Methodist Church for joining us in this endeavor.

Together...we can do a lot!

Parent's Day Out Thanksgiving Luncheon for Parents, Children and PDO Staff

Thursday, November 19 @ 11:30 a.m.

If you would like to help host this project with the Outreach Ministry Team, contact Beckie Riddell.



Help Spread Who and Whose We Are!

T-shirt, hoodie, cap, and hat designs are available for purchase.
Check out our website:
https://www.firstpreshuntsvilletx.org

Food Truck

FPC volunteers will be needed on Saturday, November 14 (FPC time to work) to help sort, box and distribute food items from Houston Food Truck to local families needing a little extra help. You will be blessed!
Please be at the old Gibbs school parking lot by 7 am.
If you have questions, speak with Liz Speer or Brenda Brock.



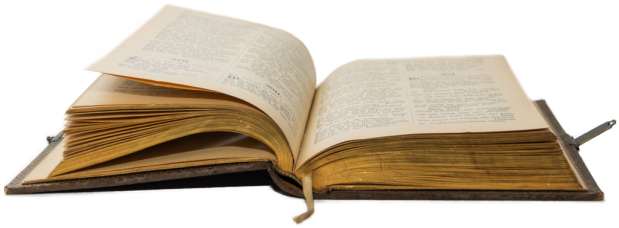
Christmas Angels

Christmas angels can be chosen on Sunday, November 29th and December 6.





Read On! was put together by our own Dr. Green. We will be reading through the Bible starting December 1, using the outline in Read On! If you would like to participate, there is a book sign up form in the Narthex. Or text Emily Evans @ 936.215.1074.



Take the Survey!
Your Christian Ed Team wants to know!

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Bible Study Opportunities for all Ages

9:15-10:15

PreK and Younger-taught by Emily Evans
Children's Library during Sunday School and 11 am Worship
November lessons: Abraham, Isaac, and Moses

Elementary grades - taught by Courtney Wessell
Library during Sunday School hour
November lessons: Abraham, Isaac, and Moses

7th through 12th - Taught by Liz Speer & Meghan Burton
Youth room Sunday School and Wednesday night
Being Reformed and Presbyterian using Spark digital Confirmation curriculum

Adults
Parlor: John: the Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton
Conference Room: Books of the Old Testament

Wednesday Nights @ FPC

Join us every Wednesday evening for a series of activities designed to foster community connection and spiritual growth. We begin with a shared dinner, offering a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. Following the meal, we invite you to participate in our evening programs.

5:30	**Dinner** **Sam Students eat FREE!**	**Contact the church office to sign up for text updates on the menu!**
6:00	**Choir**	**In the Choir Room Come make a joyful noise!**
6:15	**Youth group**	**7-12 grades in the Youth room**
6:15	**Next Sunday's Sermon Text**	**Anyone is invited. Informal discussion led by Rev Green in the Parlor.**
6:15	**Names of God**	**Anyone is invited. Video followed by discussion in the Conference Room led by Liz Speer**
Babysitting provided upon request! **Please text Emily @ 936.215.1074 before noon on day of.**		

In the Library....

- **Waiting here for You by Louie Giglio**
- **While We Wait by Mary Lou Redding**
- **Taste & See by Jan Johnson**
- **The Spirit of Christmas by Henry van Dyke**
- **Manger and Mystery by Marilyn Brown Oden**

Our Library Resource Room is available to all. No need to check out a book. Just borrow it, enjoy it, and return it. You will find a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction, resources for Bible study and personal development. Come and see!

Elder Nominees for the Class of 2029

Called Congregational Meeting - *Sunday, November 15th*

Misty Byrd

Misty Byrd has called Huntsville home since sixth grade, attending school here through college and earning her B.F.A. from Sam Houston State University in 1997.

Misty was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist Church. She is a member of the FPC Outreach Group and enjoys finding ways to serve with her church and community.

Misty works full-time and has been with her employer for 18 years. She also serves as President of the Huntsville Lakers and is a PTF Board member at Alpha Omega Academy, where she serves as the Used Uniform Coordinator.

Misty has been married to Chad for 10 years, and they have known each other for 25 years. Together, they have an 8-year-old son and a much-loved 2-year-old dog named Sir Winston. Her birthday is in March.

A few of Misty's favorites: her favorite season is spring, her favorite numbers are 4 and 7, her favorite color is purple, and her favorite hymn is #278, "We Are Travelers on a Journey."

Shannon Krempin

My name is Shannon Krempin. I was baptized as a young child at Hyde Park Presbyterian Church in Tampa Florida. I grew up with a strong influence of Christianity from my parents and my father's family who were Irish Catholic. Faith was never a question, it just existed.

I began attending First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville after moving here in 1995. Our children, Courtney and Christopher began their faith journey at this church and I am forever grateful of the love and acceptance they have always received as part of this church family.

My husband Larry and I married in 1999, and both retired from TDCJ after 60+ combined years of service. Larry began attending FPC with me in 2020 and has helped with many projects at FPC throughout the years. We have three grandchildren and one more on the way.

I am a certified Master Gardener and enjoy spending time at our property in central Texas and going to the beach. I have a strong background in construction, maintenance, facility contract monitoring, and security. I am a firm believer in giving back and plan to continue using my time and talents to give back to FPC in the future.

Kathyrn Sturtz

Kathryn Sturtz grew up in Texas mainly in Houston and Midland. She is a lifelong Presbyterian. She is widowed and has one son who lives in Huntsville.

Kathryn graduated from Texas Tech in 1977 with a degree in education and the University of Texas at Austin with a masters in Library and Information Science in 1985.

Kathryn has worked in many library positions across Texas, but she and her husband settled in San Antonio in 2000 where she worked for San Antonio Public Library until retiring in 2021. She was the Coordinator of the Alamo Area Library System and later the Manager of Technical Services and Interlibrary Loan.

She enjoys gardening, reading, traveling and walking her dog Amber.

A Time of Lectio Divina
for the Discerning Hearts

Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
Bring a journal and pen.

"The Church forcefully and specially exhorts all the Christian faithful…to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ (Phil 3:8) by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures…Let them remember, however, that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that a dialogue takes place between God and man."

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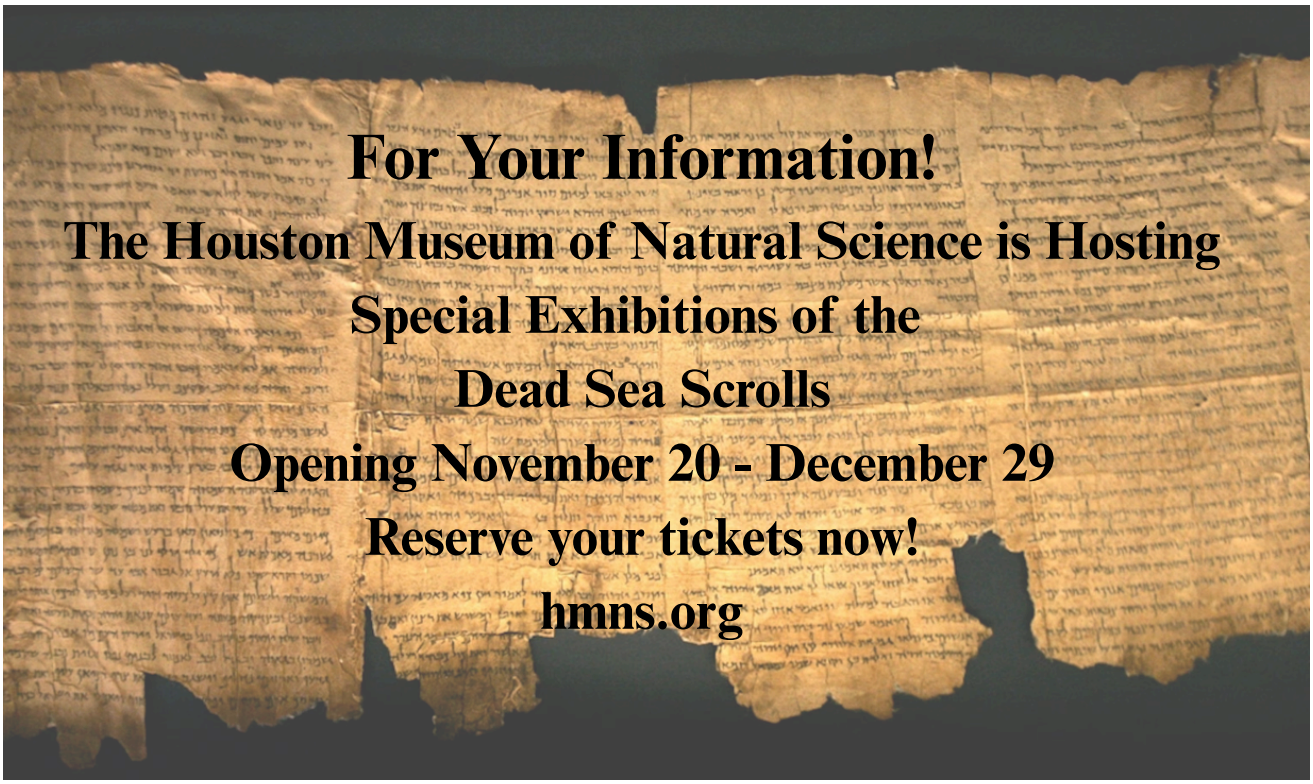
Women's Bible Study

November 18th @ 10 am
In the Library

Cloud of Witnesses
The Community of Christ in Hebrews
by Melissa Bane Sevier

Lesson 2, *"In Community with the Living God"*. The author of this study will make a full connection between the Christ and the living God, and we will learn how that connection supports the life of the faith community.

For more information, contact Brenda Brock.



Advent and Christmas

Preparing for Advent — **Sunday, November 22 , following Worship**
Decorating the Santuary
Making an Advent Wreath

Prayer and Pie — **Sunday, November 22 @ 7 pm**
An Ecumenical time of prayer and fellowship. — St. Stephen Episcopal Church

First Sunday of Advent — **Sunday, November 29**
"Light the Light" — Matthew 5: 13-16 — Hanging of the Greens

Second Sunday of Advent — **Sunday, December 6**
"Silent Night" — Luke 2: 1-7 — Communion Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent — **Sunday, December 13**
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" — Luke 2: 8-20

A Service of Comfort and Joy — **Sunday, December 13 @ 6 pm**
"Grace and Truth" — John 1: 1-18 — In the Chapel

Fourth Sunday of Advent — **Sunday, December 20**
"The First ~~Noel~~ Nowell" — Matthew 2: 1-12 — Celebration with Seasonal Music

Christmas Eve — **Thursday, December 24 @ 5 pm**
"Joy to the World!" — Psalm 98

First Sunday after Christmas — **Sunday, December 27**
"The Song of Simeon" — Isaiah 52: 3-10 and Luke 2: 22-40



Parent's Day Out

My name is Marcy Morrison; I was raised in New Waverly. My husband Bubba and I were married 34 years ago, which is when we moved to Bedias.
We have 3 grandsons, 6-year-old and twin boys that will be 2 in January. My husband has his own business which also keeps me busy, as I help him with it.
I have been with PDO for over 20 years, I recently took a leave of absence to take care of the twins after they were born, however I am looking forward to returning to PDO and watching my own grandbabies learn and grow in the love of God where I have seen so many other children grow and learn.
I live in the country and enjoy being outside in the garden and working with the animals, with the children following right behind me!



