

First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

November 2018

The mission of our church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ

Our vision is to be an oasis of God's love.

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Dates to Remember

- 1 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~ Skeet's
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Hoyt Place Worship ~ 9:00am-9:30am
Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am Reverse Offering
Communion Class of 2018~Rev. Cathy Ludlum Reed
Baptism of Alice Westacott
Middle School & High School~ 5:30pm-6:30pm
- 7 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm
Committee Meetings~ 5:30pm
- 8 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~ Pizza Hut
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 11 **All Saints Day (Observed)**
Sunday School ~ 9:45am
Worship ~ 10:45am~ Amberly Strebeck
Little Ones & IBKS~ 5:00pm-6:00pm
- 14 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm
Session Meeting~ 5:30pm
- 15 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~ Whataburger
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 18 Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am
Thanksgiving Meal after Worship
Little Ones & IBKS~ 5:00pm-6:00pm
Middle School & High School~ 5:30pm-6:00pm
- 22 Thanksgiving Holiday~ Office Closed
- 23 Office Closed
- 25 Christ the King Sunday
Sunday School~9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am~ Noisy Offering
Decorating Sanctuary after Worship
- 28 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm
- 29 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~ Schlotzsky's
- 30 Choir Practice~5:30pm



- 4 Doug Richards and Donella Parker
- 11 DeeAnne McFarland & RuthAnn Campbell
- 18 Doug Richards
- 25 Keith Brock



- 2 Mitch Moore
- 4 Allen King
- 5 Lou Ann Cumbie
- 6 Chelsey Maxwell
- 7 Pam Graff
- 10 Don Campbell
- 12 Brynlee Scott
- 13 Paul Scott
- 14 Averi Moody
- 15 Treva LeBleu
Boo Nemir
- 16 Heather Gesin
- 17 Lea Cleveland
- 20 Richard Gesin
- 21 Patty Gesin
Ashton Richards Moody

House and Grounds

Harris Acoustics and M&M Electric will begin work on replacing the fellowship hall ceiling on Monday, October 29th. Thanks to USG for the donation of the wall board. Funding for the project comes from the church investments. The project should take about 10 days.

Hoyt Place

We are excited to lead worship every first Sunday of the month at Hoyt Place, from 9:00-9:30 a.m. We will sing, and hear the Word of God.

Come join us in this wonderful Ministry of fellowship.



Presbyterian Women will not meet in November due to the renovation in the fellowship hall.

The next meeting will be December 5 at 5:15pm. You are invited to bring your favorite dish to share a meal and we will continue our study, "Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine, Chapter 11.

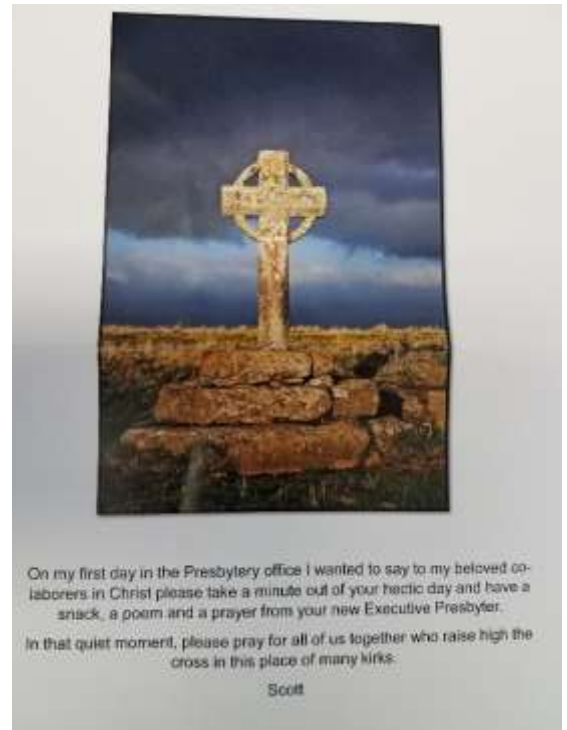


***There will be a Thanksgiving meal after worship on Sunday, November 18th.
More details later.***

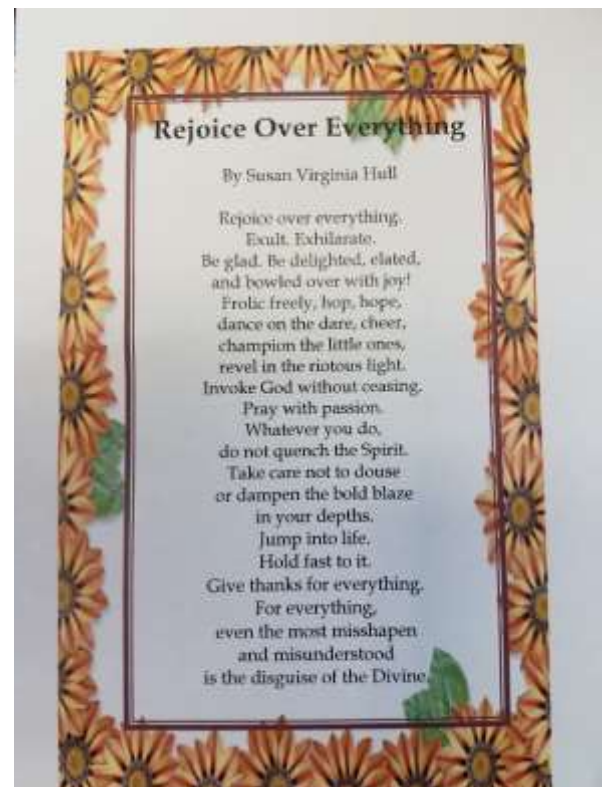


All are invited to stay after worship on Sunday November 25th to help decorate the church for the Advent Season.

The new executive Presbyter, Rev. Scott Campbell, sent greetings to all the churches on his first day at the Presbytery. Below is a copy of the note and poem he sent.



On my first day in the Presbytery office I wanted to say to my beloved co-laborers in Christ please take a minute out of your hectic day and have a snack, a poem and a prayer from your new Executive Presbyter.
In that quiet moment, please pray for all of us together who raise high the cross in this place of many kirks.
Scott



Stewardship - The Necessity of Giving

Luke 16:11

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"

Matthew 6:33

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Jesus clearly teaches that how we handle our worldly wealth directly relates to the quality of our spiritual life. The responsible use of our material wealth gauges our fitness to receive "true riches". This is true both for us as individuals and for us as a church. We are called to be trustworthy in worldly things while seeking the true riches of things of the Spirit. While being faithful in the natural, we must live in the constant reality of the supernatural.

Will the Lord entrust "true riches" to us at our present level of faithfulness? Our prayer is to walk together in the kingdom, faithful in worldly things while experiencing the unspeakable joy of true riches of the Spirit.

First Presbyterian Church Financial Report

2018 Budget **\$145,830.67**
Needed Monthly **\$ 12,152.55**

Month	Plate & Pledge	Expenses
January	\$ 7,455.00	\$11,463.36
February	\$ 7,677.00	\$ 8,304.63
March	\$ 8,853.00	\$ 7,696.69
April	\$17,450.00	\$10,222.84
May	\$15,845.00	\$ 8,299.26
June	\$17,201.00	\$ 7,016.94
July	\$ 8,692.00	\$11,951.80
August	\$ 7,328.00	\$ 7,813.04
September	\$13,262.75	\$ 9,246.60

Received Year to Date \$103,763.75
Over (Under) Budget \$ (5,604.25)

Noisy Offering Designated toward the Ministerial Alliance

Received Year to Date \$ 826.65

Food Pantry

Designated to Nolan County Food
Pantry

Received Year to Date \$833.00



November 4: Middle School and High
School 5:30-6:30

It doesn't seem true, but it's time for Christmas Program practice! Everyone loves to see all of you in the program, so we hope all of you participate again this year. Mark your calendar! Here are the practices.

November 11: 5:00- 6:00 Little Ones and IBKs Pick out your costume and practice

November 18, December 2, December 9: Little Ones and IBKS 5:00 - 6:00, with the Middle School and High School joining us 5:30 - 6:00

December 16: 9:30am Dress Rehearsal, then the program will be during worship.

December 16 (evening) Christmas caroling...kids of all ages, choir, and adults. This is always a special time of fellowship for our congregation! More details to follow.

Caleb Reed
Regional Qualifier in Cross Country for
Roscoe High School



Little Ones and IBKs



Katie Reed
Freshman Queen~ Highland School Carnival
King~ Crae Chapman



Brynlee Scott, Peyton Gee,
Harper Gee, Emily Hammit, Caden Wilburn



Jarod Gee and Harper Gee



Babies in Church!

Elizabeth and Dustin Hammit and Owen
Sara Snowden and daughter,
Amy Westacott and Alice.



Children's Moment



Bibles were presented to Little Ones

Lou Ann Cumbie and Dorian Westacott
Harper Gee, Brynlee Scott, Averi Moody,
Emily Hammit

Youth Activities



Caden Wilburn, Macy Newberry
Dorian Westacott and Lou Ann Cumbie



Caden Wilburn, Caleb Reed, Aly Moore

Aly Moore and Katie Reed

