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PASTOR'S LETTER

"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts! ... Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."

1 Chronicles 16:8–9, 23–24 (NIV)

Dear Church Family,

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I find myself particularly grateful for the Lord's continued faithfulness and provision in the life of our church. We are seeing encouraging progress in our Legacy Campaign, experiencing a growing sense of unity among our elders and staff, and witnessing staff members and volunteers faithfully investing themselves in the work of discipleship. I am also thankful for the opportunities God has given First Presbyterian Church to make a meaningful impact in our community.

I am especially grateful for the many staff members who are quietly going above and beyond during this season of transition in both our youth and music ministries. Transitions inevitably create gaps and bring additional responsibilities, and I have been encouraged by the willingness of so many to step in, serve faithfully, and help ensure that ministry continues without losing momentum.

If you've noticed a new face around the soundboard, be sure to introduce yourself to Josh Booth and welcome him to our church family. Josh is filling our AVL (Audio, Video, and Lighting) role, and his presence and technical expertise are already making a noticeable difference in the quality and consistency of our sound, both in our worship spaces and through the livestream. There is still work to be done in this area, but the improvements we are seeing are encouraging!

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to encourage each of us to make room for something even more important than our many activities and responsibilities: personal time with the Lord. May we never become so occupied with the work of the church that we neglect our own walk with Christ. Our devotional lives are essential to our spiritual health and to the vitality of our witness.

And as we look beyond Thanksgiving toward the season of Advent, may we remember who we are and whose we are. We are God's people, called to be distinct, set apart for His purposes, and privileged to serve as salt and light in the world around us.

It continues to be a privilege to serve alongside you in ministry. Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dave

STEWARDSHIP

GIVING YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS, AND YOUR TITHES TO GOD'S WORK...

PRAYER: ***God, I praise you and worship you. Thank you for your mighty works and deeds!***

The Great Purpose of Christian Stewardship– *1 Chronicles 16 : 23-36*

Retired missionary Paul R. Lindholm begins a reflection on what he views as the overriding purpose of Christian stewardship – glorifying God – with a humorous vignette:

A church choir director asked a clerk in a music store for a copy of an anthem with the title, "The Glory of the Lord." The clerk called to the person working in the storage shelves for a copy. Finding none, the clerk called down: "The Glory of the Lord" is out of print.

In print and in thought, the *shekinah* glory of our Lord does not have the prominence nor attention it should have.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism highlights this subject in its very first question and answer:

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?
A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

What a mind-boggling thought: God created us for the purpose of glorifying and enjoying him! Are you tempted at first glance to question God's motivation? The fact is that God is a spiritual being who is social. Certainly he enjoys intimacy within the Godhead and among the angels. But beyond that, he desires authentic and voluntary fellowship with the beings he created to be in relationship with him. The enjoyment part is reciprocal (see Zep 3:17). And Psalm 8:4-5 even proclaims that God crowns us with a measure of glory and honor. When we think of stewardship, how readily does this aspect occur to us? Lindholm goes on:

Before Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem, his father King David had the Ark of the Covenant that contained the two stone tablets on which were engraved the Ten Command-ments brought there.

The Ark was the symbol of the presence of God. When the Ark was first placed in the tabernacle in Jerusalem many offerings were made. Then a long hymn of thanksgiving was sung with the chorus accompanied by a large instrumental band. In the hymn were the lines:

Declare his glory among the nations … Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name (1Ch 16:24, 29).

The words, "*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name*" (appear) many times throughout the Psalms.

Then all the people said, "*Amen*" and "*Praise the LORD.*"

Message from your Stewardship Committee
Excerpts from NIV Stewardship Study Bible
Retired missionary Paul R. Lindholm (Page 502)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

What's Happening This Month:

Believe it or not… this month we will begin to prepare and practice for our family Christmas eve service. If your child would like to participate please know that we will be starting rehearsals each week at 10am. We truly hope your 4 yr old - 5th graders can join us and participate in a truly wonderful service. We will take time to teach the children what it means to lead worship for our church family, the importance behind what they are doing and fill our season with giving and joy.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR OPPORTUNITY: If your child/ren plan to participate in the December 13th worship service at 11:15 please be sure they are practicing and learning our song at home. We will also sing the song on Christmas Eve.

November 29th - NO MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL - instead we would like to invite the middle schoolers to come to the Fellowship Hall to help lead craft stations. If your middle school student is not interested in helping lead crafts they can attend the service with you.

November 29th - FAMILY SUNDAY and ADVENT SUNDAY
Please bring your children to check in, then head to the service with your Kinder - 5th graders to enjoy the music and children's sermon. After the children's sermon I will bring them over to the Fellowship hall where they can work on Advent Family Crafts. You can pick up your kingdom kids in the Fellowship Hall.

Check in for Nursery - 12th Grade

Just a reminder, all children going to a Sunday School class, WNT or Youth group event should be checking in at our check in station.

Children 5th grade and younger will get a name tag with a matching guardian name tag for secure pick up. No name tags will be printed for our MS or HS students. Please be sure to check in your children before you take them to their class or meeting area.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sprouts Ministry (0 - Preschool) 2nd floor
0 - 23 months: Nursery room
Toddlers: Our 2's-3's class Fish room
Preschool: Our 4-5 year olds class Lamb room

Kingdom Kids (Kindergarten - 5th grade)
Drop off- Fellowship Hall
Pick up:
K-1st grade Room 322
2nd-3rd grade Room 324
4th-5th grade Room 309



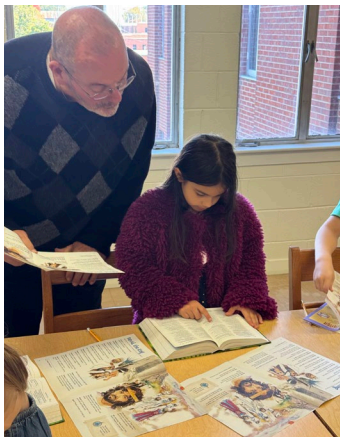














Children's Sunday School Hour: 10am-11am

Sprouts Ministry is our Nursery - preschool
We love the playground! We have a great time getting outside, running, playing and building friendships. Please know that we aim to go outside weekly weather permitting.

Toddlers and preschoolers will participate in a time of music/worship as well as in a Bible lesson, activity and a visit to the playground if the weather is cooperative. We will provide a light snack.

Infants - young 2's will be in our infant room playing and being cared for by some wonderful volunteers. They will be provided a snack of cheerios and water or whatever you bring in their cup. ***Please bring a cup for them if you are able, we have labels here for you to use to label your child's cup.***

Check in will begin at 9:45 after the Sunday School teachers have prayed together. Please wait for the check in time to begin so that our teachers can pray and get to their classes before you and your children do.

Kingdom Kids - Kindergarten - 5th grade:
Elementary school classes will use the following schedule:

10:00 Kingdom Kids meet in Fellowship Hall for a time of worship, scripture memorization, games and more.
After we conclude our large group time together, the children will divide by grade to tables for their lesson time. We strongly encourage children to bring their Bibles to Sunday School.

*** Please note - children who have not been picked up by 11:10 am will be brought to the second floor childcare room (Duck room) so that our teachers can get to church on time.*

Wednesday Night Together

Dinner 5:30pm-6:15pm - Dinner will be in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner is $5 a person with a max of $20 per family. High chairs are available as well as a "kids meal" choice.







Classes for all ages 6:20pm - 7:30pm

Sprouts ministry - Child care will be provided for 0 - preschool in the Duck Room on the 2nd floor.
0 - 2 - Fish room
3 - preschool - Lamb room

Elementary children will be utilizing the "Kids Travel Guide to The Lord's Prayer" to study the Lord's prayer and what it all means.
K - 2 - Room 324
3 - 5 Room 322

Children will only be dismissed to someone with the appropriate matching tag. Please know we are doing this for the safety of the children. If someone other than the person who dropped them off is picking up, we will also accept a picture of the parent security tag. Snap a pic and share it with whomever is picking up. Please do your best to pick up all children by 7:40pm.

PRESCHOOL

A Special Thank You



We are honored to be the 2026 Normy Award recipient for Best Preschool in Mooresville! We are blessed with an amazing team of teachers and staff that make this preschool so special. A heartfelt thank you to the best preschool and church families for your love and support. This recognition means the world to us!
Love, Mrs. Tracey

Thanksgiving Feast Day



The children will celebrate Thanksgiving on November 23rd and 24th in the Fellowship Hall. The Duck, Lamb, Bear, Bunny and Frog classes will combine to enjoy a "traditional" Thanksgiving meal together. Our Fish class will celebrate amongst their friends in their classroom as well. We will sing a few Thanksgiving songs for parents to enjoy. If you can attend, we would love to have you! More details will come from your classroom teachers. Thank you to all the parents who help make this meal festive and bountiful.

Mark Your Calendars

November 11: Veterans Day - Preschool Closed
November 17 & 18: Last Lunch Bunch for the Fall Semester
November 23 & 24: Thanksgiving Feast Days
November 25-27: Thanksgiving Holiday - Preschool Closed

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join the Contemporary Worship Choir!
Use Your Voice. Grow in Worship. Make a Difference!

Are you passionate about worship and have a desire to grow in your vocal abilities? We invite you to become a part of our Worship Choir!

This is an exciting opportunity to use your God-given gifts, strengthen your vocal skills, and grow in your understanding and expression of worship.

As a member of the Worship Choir, you will experience:

- Vocal Training: Develop your voice, improve your technique, and build confidence in singing.
- Worship Development: Grow spiritually and deepen your understanding of worship and ministry through music.
- Teamwork & Fellowship: Build meaningful connections with others who share a heart for worship.
- Ministry Opportunities: Use your gifts to help lead others into the presence of God through praise and worship.

Whether you are experienced or simply eager to learn, there is room for you to grow, serve, and be part of something meaningful!

Your voice matters. Your gift has a purpose. Your worship can make a difference!

If you are interested in joining the Worship Choir, we encourage you to take the next step and become part of this exciting journey of growth, excellence, and worship.

Come sing with us. Grow with us. Worship with us!

To participate, please email Laura Rumple by October 25th. laurarumple@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

Hymn Tunes – Ever wondered why the bulletin lists the "Tune:" of each hymn we sing in worship? It might be one of those things you thought, meh...who cares. Or you might be one of those curious souls who wondered why a Hymn Tune has a weird name like CWM RHONDDA, which happens to be the Tune name for "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Back to basics. What is a hymn tune? While it is simply the melody of a musical composition to which a hymn is sung it must be the same meter of the hymn text, and it does provide additional information for the person selecting and/or playing the hymns for worship.

It seems that Hymn Tunes just started appearing in printed hymnals back in 1592 when the Psalms were set to standard tunes of the day. You may have noticed that a Hymn Tune sounded familiar but the text was different, and that's not unusual. If it's the same meter it works. Sometimes I find a hymn that has great text, and is perfect for the scripture of the day, but it also has a wonky hymn tune. That's when I start my search for a familiar tune with the same meter. And voila! You can focus on the text instead of struggling to sing that wonky tune.

Hymn Tunes started appearing in English speaking countries and were based from English churches, towns, villages and streets such as ST. ANNE. William Croft was the organist at the church of St. Anne, Soho, when he wrote the music for "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," thus, he named the Hymn Tune after the church.

Composer John Hatton lived, died and was buried in Duke Street, in St. Helens, UK so he named the tune he wrote DUKE STREET, to which we sing "Jesus Shall Reign" and other hymns.

Some Hymn Tunes are named after countries, and the hymns for which the tunes were written have absolutely nothing to do with the country. The composer may have just been in that country at the time. Examples are MUNICH, "O Word of God Incarnate" and AUSTRIA or AUSTRIAN HYMN, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken."

Sometimes a Hymn Tune actually indicates the subject, such as FAITHFULNESS, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." And sometimes tunes are simply borrowed from psalters, Gregorian chants, carols, secular tunes, and folk songs.

Hymnody is a broad subject, and I'll be writing more about specific hymn texts and what inspiried the hymn writer to put those words on paper. If you have a hymn you'd like to know more about or just have a question about hymnody please let me know, and I'll include in the Music Ministry NL Page.

So.... if you started reading about Hymn Tunes and thought meh... who cares. Just let me sing! I hope you skipped down to this section because singing in choir sounded like a good thing to do. ♫♪♫♪

Chancel Choir is still in need of singers, and we hope you'll join us. If you're unable to make a fulltime commitment to sing each week please sing with us for our Christmas program. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Contact: *Robbie Pearson, Interim Director of Music, robbie@mooresvillefpc.org – 704-560-9978*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 **8:30am** Contemporary Worship **10:00am** Sunday School **10:00am** Contemporary Worship **11:15am** Traditional Worship **2:00pm** Circle 2 Meeting **6:30pm** Combined Refresh Youth	2 **7:00pm** Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G **7:00pm** Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	3 **6:30pm** Cub Scouts	4 **2:30pm** Prayer Meeting **5:30pm** WNT **7:30pm** Choir Rehearsal
8 **8:30am** Contemporary Worship **10:00am** Sunday School **10:00am** Contemporary Worship **11:15am** Traditional Worship **5:00pm** MS Refresh Youth **7:00pm** Worship & Music Committee Meeting **7:00pm** HS Refresh Youth	9 **9:30am** Preschool Chapel **2:00pm** Circle 1 **7:00pm** Personnel Committee Meeting **7:00pm** Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G **7:00pm** Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	10 **9:30am** Preschool Chapel **10:00am** Circle 4 **12:30pm** Circle 5 **6:00pm** Circle 3 **6:30pm** Cub Scouts	11 **Preschool Closed-Veteran's Day** **2:30pm** Prayer Meeting **5:30pm** WNT **7:30pm** Choir Rehearsal
15 **8:30am** Contemporary Worship **10:00am** Sunday School **10:00am** Contemporary Worship **11:15am** Traditional Worship **12:30pm** Christian Education Committee Meeting **2:30pm** Prayer Shawl Team **5:00pm** MS Refresh Youth **7:00pm** HS Refresh Youth	16 **6:30pm** Missions Committee Meeting **7:00pm** Finance Committee Meeting **7:00pm** Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G **7:00pm** Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	17 **12:30pm** Saints Alive Luncheon **6:30pm** Cub Scouts	18 **2:30pm** Prayer Meeting **5:30pm** WNT **7:30pm** Choir Rehearsal
22 **8:30am** Contemporary Worship **10:00am** Sunday School **10:00am** Contemporary Worship **11:15am** Traditional Worship **5:00pm** MS Refresh Youth **6:30pm** Session Meeting **7:00pm** HS Refresh Youth	23 **Preschool Thanksgiving Feast Day** **7:00pm** Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G **7:00pm** Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	24 **Preschool Thanksgiving Feast Day**	25 **Preschool Closed-Thanksgiving Break**
29 **Advent Sunday** **8:30am** Contemporary Worship **10:00am** Sunday School **10:00am** Contemporary Worship **11:15am** Traditional Worship	30 **7:00pm** Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G **7:00pm** Scouts BSA Troop 166-B		

CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 **7:00pm** Praise Team Rehearsal	6	7 **7:15am** Men's Bible Study **4:00pm** Contemporary Choir Rehearsal
12 **7:00pm** Praise Team Rehearsal	13	14 **7:15am** Men's Bible Study **4:00pm** Contemporary Choir Rehearsal
19 **7:00pm** Praise Team Rehearsal	20	21 **Scouts Port-a-Pit BBQ** **7:15am** Men's Bible Study **4:00pm** Contemporary Choir Rehearsal **6:00pm** Children's Ministry Volunteer Training
26 **Office & Preschool Closed- Thanksgiving Break** **7:00pm** Praise Team Rehearsal	27 **Office & Preschool Closed- Thanksgiving Break**	28 **Office & Preschool Closed- Thanksgiving Break** **7:15am** Men's Bible Study **4:00pm** Contemporary Choir Rehearsal

BIRTHDAYS

11/1- Lauren Brawley, Henry Walton
11/2- Brea Brooks, Catherine Snodgrass
11/3- Paul Beaver, Jason Camp, Sible Winebarger
11/4- Coley Culler, Walter Smith III
11/5- Letticia Wehco
11/6- Bill Archer, Ellie Glad, Sparky Hitchcock
11/7- David Hogg, Neil Trimble
11/8- Alexis Lynch
11/10- Maggie Barrett, Bryce Estes, Donna Miles
11/11- Alana Creech, John Donelson, Sophia Mack, Jane Peterson
11/12- Raleigh Blair, Jeff Davidson, Jordan Duncan
11/14- Julia Grimes, Ethan Robinson
11/16- Reagan Blair, Mike Campbell, Ellie Everhardt, Jake Robinson
11/18- Nathan Glad
11/19- Addison Nash
11/20- Millie Amon
11/21- Nicole Lafone
11/22- Carol Bloom
11/25- Teddy Potts
11/26- Kailie Rockness
11/27- Susan Tribby
11/28- Mallory Padgett
11/29- Brad Fries, Jason Kendall, Peaches Piper, Dexter Roberts
11/30- Cindy Hitchcock, Bethany Howard, Beth Mikels

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8:30 am Contemporary Worship
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10:00 am Sunday School
11:15 am Traditional Worship

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