



November Weekly Update November 19, 2025

JOIN US FOR A FEAST!

We really hope that you are planning to stay THIS SUNDAY for a meal together following worship! During our worship service we'll be taking time to say "thank you" to the Lord and express our gratitude to Him for all that He has given us this year and for all that He has promised us in the future. We'll conclude worship by sharing a meal – no need to bring anything, you just have to show up!

Our morning will focus on the three themes of feasting we've been learning about this November:

Feasts are symbols of friendship, fellowship and affection.

When we share a meal with others we demonstrate our friendship with one another – a common table represents a common community. To open a table to others is to invite them into deeper relationship. Jesus has done this for us! He has offered us His friendship and had brought us into His very own family.

Feasts are symbols of inclusion, welcome and connection.

In Scripture, a banquet becomes a place where everyone is welcome and no one is excluded. Jesus turned the expectations of His culture upside-down as He shared meals with the most unlikely companions. In doing so He reminds us to extend hospitality and welcome to everyone we meet – we want all people to feel valued and cared for in our presence.

Feasts are symbols of abundance, provision and blessing.

A feast is also an extravagant outpouring of abundance. God uses a feast as a metaphor for the fullness of His provision for us. God gives love, mercy, grace and forgiveness in an overflow of generosity. We will never run out of the blessings God bestows, and we will one day experience His provision forever as He brings New Creation to His people.

We have a lot to be grateful for – so I hope that you will join us this Sunday morning to celebrate the friendship, welcome and abundance that God has given us.



ADVENT WORSHIP EXPERIENCE



December can get pretty crazy and hectic. There are holiday concerts, parties, shopping, cookie baking, decorating and so many other responsibilities that keep our calendars full. So, naturally it can be challenging to find the time and space to really re-

fect on the season of Advent. The busy can distract us from the things that really matter during Christmas time.

So, this season we want to offer an opportunity for a time of quiet advent worship.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 7-8pm we will be holding a time for reflection and praise centered on the themes of Advent. It will feature simple worship songs, time for quiet prayer, contemplation activities and short teachings about advent. Our students will help leading us as we pause from the busy and focus on Christ.

If you are looking for something simple to help you prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, I hope you can spend a short time with us next Tuesday. All ages welcome! Invite a friend!

What: Advent Worship Experience

When: 7-8pm, Tuesday, December 9

Where: FPC Sanctuary

What: worship, prayer, reflection

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

For October 2025

YTD Offering \$191,695.31

YTD Budgeted Expenses \$187,210.22

YTD Net Operating Income \$4,485.09

YTD Net Other Income/Loss \$35,342.52

(Includes; Interest, rents, special donations, gain or loss on investments)

YTD Net Income \$39,827.61

(Operating income plus other income)

Available Funds \$288,123.76

(This represents any funds available to FPC which session has not set aside for a specific purpose)



Nov. 22 - Faye Graham

Nov. 22 - Quintin Smith

Nov. 22 - Zach Stevenson

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Praises

Military Service: We have 7 young men & women serving in the Armed Forces. Please keep Abraham, Isaiah, Shannah, Christa, Steven, Ryan and Gaven in your prayers.

Prayer Needs

- Kadaimba in Sierra Leone - wind blew roof off school building
- Prayers for our country
- Prayers for victims of recent violence
- Pastor Albert
- Unspoken

Health Concerns

- **Jenny Reed - outpatient surgery & recovery on 11/24**
- Karen - health concerns
- Jessica - 2nd trimester high risk pregnancy
- Mayson White - injured HS football player
- Susan (James) Halliday
- Mark Lemon - cont'd prayers for progress
- Those needing/seeking mental health help
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Mike Sherrick - lung cancer
- Justin Myers - considering hospice
- Mariann Stutzman - pancreatic cancer
- Logan - 13 yr. old with brain tumor
- Nicki
- Janet Lee
- Diane Scott
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Condolences

- The family of Justin Myers
- The family of Diane Scott

The Deacons encourage you to send cards or notes of encouragement to those in the church family experiencing prayer needs.

The Children's Ministry Team has a special request for our church family. We are asking you to join with us in praying for the kids of the church and for growth and blessing in kids ministry. We are eager to see more children and families connect with our programming for kids; but as we work toward that goal, we are asking all of you to join us in prayer. We know that God is the one who can help us reach more children and so we want to be asking Him to be at work in these things. Each week in the weekly update we will be sharing a simple prayer prompt for each day of the month and it will be connected with a Bible reference that the prayer is based on. We encourage you to pray with us but lifting up the children in your life, or by praying a general blessing on the children of our community. Your commitment to join us in praying for these things is a blessing to us and makes a difference! Thank you!

Praying for Kids – November 19 - November 25

November 19 - Colossians 1:6

This same Good News that we teach in children's ministry is going out all over the world. I pray for those ministries, that they may bear fruit by changing lives, just as it changed my life from the day I first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

November 20 – Colossians 1:7-8

The children at our church are learning about the Good News from me and _____, my beloved co-workers. We are your faithful servants, and we have seen the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given my kids.

November 21 – Colossians 1:9

I will not stop praying for these children from the moment I meet them. I ask, God, that you give them a complete knowledge of your will and give them spiritual wisdom and understanding.

November 22 – Colossians 1:10

May the way children live always honor and please you, Lord, and may their lives produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, may they grow as they learn to know you better and better.

November 23 – Colossians 1:11-12

I pray that you will strengthen these children with all your glorious power so they will have all the endurance and patience they need. May they be filled with joy, always thanking you, Father. You have enabled us to share in the inheritance that belongs to your people, who live in the light.

November 24 - Romans 16:25-27

Now all glory to you, God, who are able to make kids strong, just as the Good News says. This message about Jesus Christ has revealed his plan for all these children, a plan you've held from the beginning of time. But now make this message known to children everywhere, so that they too might believe and obey you. All glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen.

November 25 – 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

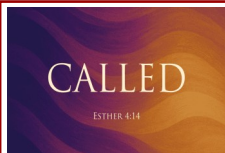
I thank you, God, for our children's ministry team, and pray for them constantly. As I pray to you about them, I think of their faithful work, their loving deeds, and the enduring hope they have been because of you, Jesus.

November Calendar

November 20	7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer
November 23	9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship
November 23	Church family meal
November 23	Decorate the church
November 25	<u>NO</u> Seasons Study Group tis week
November 25	7:30 p.m. The Grind
November 26	<u>NO</u> G.L.O.W. this week
November 27	<u>NO</u> Intercessory Prayer this week
November 27	Happy Thanksgiving
November 30	Sunday morning worship
November 30	1st Sunday in Advent

VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER 23

Greeters	Don & Joyce Rhamy Tanya Chupp
Ushers	Reid McKelvey Shawn McKelvey
Café	Wendy McKelvey
Nursery (Worship)	Kim Morrow
Nursery (2nd Hour)	No 2nd Hour
Kidz Jam	Bridget Rhamy
Kids 2nd Hour	No 2nd Hour
Elder Assist	Earl Rhamy
Safety Team	Joe Chupp



Esther 4:14 "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

ECO's National Gathering is coming February 2-5 in Atlanta Georgia. Guest speakers for the event include Esau McCaulley, Mandy Smith, James R. Edwards and Toni Collier. There are break-out session on everything from "Healthy Teams and Leaders" to "Global Engagement". Pastor Jos will be attending as well as delegates chosen from Session. In addition, the Gathering is open to anyone who is interested. The website is

<https://www.econationalgathering.org/>

You can reach out to Pastor Jos for additional information if you are interested in attending.



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Changes to schedules for the week of Thanksgiving

- No Seasons Study Group 11/25
- No GLOW 11/26
- No Intercessory Prayer 11/27



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JOIN OUR TEAM!

NOW HIRING: Director of Music and Worship

FPC is looking for an enthusiastic and respectful Director of Music and Worship who demonstrates an active faith in Jesus that falls in line with ECO's theology, and is skilled in vocal and instrumental music leading. This role also requires good verbal and written communication skills and works well in a highly collaborative setting.

RESPONSIBILITIES (include but are not limited to):

- Coordinate worship experiences for the whole church; provide guidance for all worship experiences; work to incorporate worship in all areas of church life
- Coordinate music, media, and overall worship service with Pastor, Worship Team, Music Team, and Tech Team
- Lead music at regular Sunday morning worship services and other services of worship throughout the year
- Offer suggestions and observations which would improve FPC's music/worship ministries
- Assume other duties as may be assigned by the Pastor; participate in regular staff meetings

To learn more about this position and/or to apply, please email a cover letter and current resume to: jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org

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Please share
this
information
with anyone
you think
might be
interested in
joining our
team!



Attention Prayer Intercessors

Starting Thursday November 20th, there is a change to our meetings for the winter. It will be the same time (7:00pm) and the same day of the week (Thursday). But for the winter we are going to do a Zoom Meeting instead of meeting at church. Please contact Melodie Stroud at melodie@itsimplifying.com with your email address or call or text her 330-464-5157.

"Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spirit of God" - [World Network of Prayer](#)
There is no meeting Thursday November



November 23rd Final Sunday to Order Poinsettias.

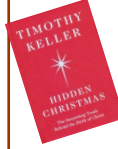
There is a sign up sheet in the Gallery. The cost is \$7 for a 4 1/2" pot. Colors available: red, white, pink, marble & jingle bells

ADVENT READING

Looking for something to read during Advent? Here are a few suggestions from the Worship Team. These were selected from a search on christianbooks.com But are also available on Amazon.



[In the Manger](#) by Max Lucado



[Hidden Christmas](#) by Tim Keller



[Come Let Us Adore Him](#) by Paul David Trip



[Behold the Lamb of God](#) by Russ Ramsey



[Advent - The Season of Hope](#) by Tish Harrison Warren

NEWS FROM OUR OUTREACH TEAM



Help Needed For the Cookie Walk - "INSIDE" Cookie Volunteers are needed on December 10th at two different times. First, at 12:30pm to package the cookies in the Fellowship Hall. And, second, from 5:30-8:00 pm in the Church Gallery to greet guests and pass out the cookies and books. A new sign up sheet will be located in the Church Gallery this Sunday or you can text/call Erika at 330-466-5684 to sign up to help inside the Church.

The Live Nativity is also still "in the works" for the Cookie Walk.

Volunteers are still needed, please reach out soon if you are interested in helping with the Live Nativity. You can talk to Erika Schuch or Michelle Wood for additional details, and more ways to help.



Outreach Opportunity—Blessing our Backyard Buckeyes



The Ohio State University campus just up the road in Wooster houses hundreds of students from the Agricultural Technical Institute and the Agricultural Research Center.

What a lot of people don't realize is that the campus does not have food service in the evenings or on the weekends. Some students may not have transportation or might not be able to afford to buy meals, so an on-campus Buck-I-Eats Pantry provides free food and personal items to ATI and graduate students to fill the gap.

The outreach team is providing food and personal items for Buck-I-Eats to show these students that we care about them and are praying for them. The team is purchasing the food necessary to put together shelf-stable meal kits which includes everything necessary to make an easy meal (recipe included). We will also add a prayer, scripture, and an invitation to worship with us. We will be assembling these meal kits **at a later date, so watch for that opportunity to help us so we can deliver them before the second semester begins in January.**

Check out the Buckeye Christmas tree in the lobby to help us provide personal items for the pantry (thanks to Veronica for putting it together!). There are tags with various personal items and prayer reminders. Please take a tag or two and bring those items in and put them under the Christmas tree (unwrapped) by December 14 to bless our Backyard Buckeyes. If you have any questions, see Veronica Styer or any of the outreach team.