

# WEEKLY NEWS

The First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby

*Christ the King Sunday*

*November 20, 2022*

*The Rev. S. Shane Nanney – Worship Leader*

*Lectors – 9:00 – Harriet Speece; 11:00 – Dale Ralph*

*The Scripture readings for Christ the King Sunday are:*

***Colossians 1:11-20 and Luke 23:33-43***

***Sermon: “Tragic Death and Transforming Victory”***

**WELCOME!**

*“God is faithful; by him we were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (1 Corinthians 1:9, NRSV) Welcome to worship.*



Sanctuary Flowers

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are provided today in celebration of Sally Bunnell’s birthday!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** – An informational class about being a Presbyterian and/or becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church takes place **TODAY at 10 am**, led by Pastor Shane Nanney. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church, or becoming a member here, is invited to join the class **in the CE Wing Conference Room at 10:00.**



**PRAYER CONCERNS** ~ We pray for all of our members and friends in need of prayer for concerns of any kind. Names are not included here for privacy on the internet. We also pray for peace in the world, all those affected by the hurricanes, and for all those affected by the COVID-19 virus.

**PRAYER CHAIN** – If you have prayer requests – of concern or joy – and would like to share them with your church family, please send them to the church office at [office@fpcwilloughby.org](mailto:office@fpcwilloughby.org) and **indicate whether the request is for sending out on the prayer chain, listing in the bulletin, or both.**

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND**

Sending cards to our homebound friends would perhaps brighten their days. Please consider dropping a note in the mail or giving them a call. Printed directories are available in the entry hall of the church. If you need addresses or phone numbers, please contact Gail in the church office.



**TODAY – November 20 – 12 pm**  
**The church is being decorated for Advent/Christmas!**  
**Please join in and help! Welcome to all!**

## **SIGNS OF OUR FAITHFULNESS – November 13, 2022**

Offerings: \$ 2,999.00

Online Offerings: \$ 450.00

Attendance: 81 In person 38 Online

Thank you so much for your consistent giving. Your dedication is so very much appreciated!

To give, you may:

- place your offerings in the Offerings Box in the Sanctuary
- send your gifts through the mail
- bring your gifts by the church (place in the big black mailbox outside)
- set up automatic payment through your bank
- or give online through our *PayPal* button at [www.fpcwilloughby.org/Giving](http://www.fpcwilloughby.org/Giving)



### **2023 Stewardship Pledges**

Please remember to fill out your 2023 pledge card and drop it in the Offering Box in the back of the Sanctuary or mail it to the church.

Pledges help us plan our income and expenses for the full year. Even a pledge of \$5/week or even \$1/week can help tremendously!

We must each spend time with God in prayer about how we can best utilize the gifts He so generously gives us.

Pledge cards are available in the narthex.

Thank you for your pledge and commitment to our ongoing ministries!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHURCH THIS WEEK?

Sun, Nov 20	9 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	10 am	Coffee Fellowship
	11 am	Traditional Worship Service
	12 pm	Decorating the church for Advent/Christmas
	7 pm	Adult Sunday School via Zoom
Mon, Nov 21	12 pm	One Step at a Time AA Meeting – WPG
	4:00 pm	Free-Food Distribution
	7:30 pm	Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG
Tue, Nov 22	1:00 pm	Bible Study at BV North conference room
	7:00 pm	Bible Study at church – Zoom or in person
Wed, Nov 23	1:00 pm	Lake County Women AA Meeting – WPG
	6:30 pm	Families Anonymous Meeting – Parlor
	7:30 pm	Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG
Thu, Nov 24		Happy Thanksgiving! – Church Office Closed
	7:00 pm	NO Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Stepping Up Al-Anon Mtg – Room 1
Fri, Nov 25		Church Office Closed
Sat, Nov 26	1:00 pm	Shankland Saturday AA Meeting – WPG
Sun, Nov 27		First Sunday of Advent
	9 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	10 am	Coffee Fellowship
	11 am	Traditional Worship Service
	7 pm	Adult Sunday School via Zoom

## MISSION COMMITTEE FREE-FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Requested food donations for the month are:

**Cereals and oatmeal, jelly or jam, Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper, cans of meat or tuna, and paper towels and body soap.**

You are invited to place your donations in the grocery cart at the church entrance on **Wednesday and Thursday morning each week**, or on Sundays when you come to Worship. Your kind donations enable us to feed the hungry and help those in need in our community through our Free-Food Distribution at 4:00 pm each Monday.



***The Nominating Committee is working hard to find committed Elders and Deacons for the next term. If you are feeling called to serve or know someone who can share their Spiritual Gifts in this capacity, please contact Kristy Somerlot - 440-749-1959 or [kristy@impactcommunications.com](mailto:kristy@impactcommunications.com) or Pastor Shane - 440-813-4645 or [shanenanne@gmail.com](mailto:shanenanne@gmail.com) to submit the name for consideration.***

**DEFINITION OF RULING ELDER FROM THE BOOK OF ORDER (G-2.0301)** - “As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God’s Spirit and governance of God’s people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they “lord it over” the congregation (*Matt. 20:25*), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of Word and sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.”

**DEFINITION OF DEACON FROM THE BOOK OF ORDER (G-2.0201)** - The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.



***Check out the Library Cart in the narthex today.***

***New titles – old favorites!***

***Care Cards too!***

***Feel free to sign out a book and take it home.***

***New Members Information Class TODAY!***

***10 am in Room 1 of the CE Wing***



## **Thanksgiving Community Dinner!**

A huge thank you to our wonderful congregation! We asked for help with our November Thanksgiving *Agape Feast!* and you really came through! Your donations of money, food, and time were overwhelming! You helped us provide a delicious meal that was greatly appreciated by all who attended. Thank you!!!

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

*Church Office Hours M-F 9-5*

*The Office Manager & Financial Secretary (Gail Schemm) is in the office and available too by phone or email. Please call or email if you need her for anything!*

*Pastor Shane is in the office Mondays-Thursdays. Please call or email if you need him for anything!*

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