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# WEEKLY NEWS

## First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby

### Christ the King Sunday – November 21, 2021

#### Worship Leaders

The Rev. S. Shane Nanney – Pastor

Lectors: 9:00 – Cindy Skrabski; 11:00 – Tom & Julia Herlevi

**SUNDAY – November 21 – Worship at 9 and 11 am**

The Scripture readings for Christ the King Sunday are:

**Revelation 1: 4-8 and John 18:33-37**

Sermon: **“The Hardest Thing”**

#### **Welcome!**

Today we celebrate Christ the King, whose kingdom is grace and who rules by love.  
Welcome to worship.



#### **To all Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church:**

Please remember that everyone is asked to wear a mask inside the church building.  
If you do not have one, masks will be available at the door. Thank you for your  
cooperation, and your consideration of all.

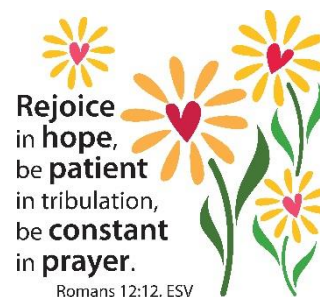
*The Session of First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby*

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## 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.

Please send an email to the church office if you have concerns you would like to have included in our prayers.



**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, sending cards to our homebound 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.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHURCH THIS WEEK?

Sunday, Nov 21 – 9 and 11 am - Worship Services

Sunday, Nov 21 – 7 pm – Adult Sunday School via Zoom

Monday, Nov 22– 12 pm – One Step at a Time AA Meeting - WPG

Monday, Nov 22 – 4 pm - Free-Food Distribution

Monday, Nov 22 – 7:30 pm – Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG

Wednesday, Nov 24 – 1 pm – Lake County Women AA Meeting – WPG

Wednesday, Nov 24 – 7:30 pm - Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG

**Thursday, Nov 25 – Happy Thanksgiving!**

Thursday, Nov 25 – 7:30 pm – Stepping Up Al-Anon Meeting – Parlor ?

Friday, Nov 26 – Holiday – Church Office Closed

Saturday, Nov 27– 12-3 pm – Shankland Saturday AA Meeting

Sunday, Nov 28– 9 and 11 am - Worship Services

Sunday, Nov 28 – 7 pm – Adult Sunday School via Zoom



## Signs of our Faithfulness

November 14, 2021

Attendance: 98 in person; 63 online

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

To give, you can:

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

**Please change your online giving from Pushpay to [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) today.**



### **PLEASE NOTE!**

*This year's **Christmas Giving Tree** is now up in the Narthex.  
Donations of gifts this year will be through  
the NE Ohio Adoptive Services and Asa's Angels.*

***Choose a tag from the tree and purchase the gift listed, bring it back to the church office.  
All the instructions are on the signs posted by the tree.***

*Thanks to all who participate!*

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### Christian Education

We are evaluating and continuing to adjust our programming as participation evolves. The following plans are in place, with changes announced when necessary:

**Childcare for infants to age 4 is available from 8:45 am to Noon Sunday mornings in the toddler room. Childcare will be available for Christmas Eve from 7-8 pm. The room will be closed on Sundays December 26 and January 2. Happy Holidays!**



- Pre-K (age 4) to Grade 5 meet in Room #4 from 10-10:45 am.  
    *"Grace and Gratitude"* Bible stories. Class will conclude for the year on November 21 and will resume January 9.
- Grades 6 to 12 meet as Youth Group only during this time of transition. Deborah Nanney and Pastor Shane are currently leading activities for this group. An email and texting group of parents and teens is being utilized to communicate meeting times and events.
- Sunday Adult Ed will meet at 7pm by *Zoom*. Advent Study: *Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt. Class will be on break December 26 and Jan 2.
- Tuesday night Bible Study meets at 7pm on *Zoom*. Topic: *Parables – On break until Jan 18.*



### "Christmas Connections"

Online Christmas Program coming in December 2021

**We are requesting and collecting photos from the entire congregation** to include in our program. We will be using photos from the recent past that have been taken for Church, as well as any that you may wish to share. We plan to include all ages and as many members and friends that we are able to collect in the next few weeks.

Please email photos to [CE@fpcwilloughby.org](mailto:CE@fpcwilloughby.org)

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**MISSION COMMITTEE FREE-FOOD DISTRIBUTION** - Requested food donations for November are: *canned tuna and chicken, pastas and sauces, peanut butter and jelly, canned vegetables, bathroom tissue.* Items can be placed in the grocery cart at the church entrance on Wednesday and Thursday morning each week. Your kind donations enable us to feed the hungry in our community through our Free-Food Distribution at 4:00 pm each Monday.



**The Nominating Committee** has been busy and meeting regularly to find new elders and deacons for this coming year. We are preparing a list of nominees, but **we would like to hear from the congregation about anyone you would like to have nominated for these important church positions.** You are welcome to nominate yourself if you are interested!

Please pray for our committee as we work to identify the future leaders of our church. Also, we ask that you prayerfully consider any nominations, if asked to serve.

*Kristy Somerlot, Nominating Committee Elder*

*Gary Costas, Nominating Committee Elder*

*Beth Hutton, Jeff Oviatt, Cindy Skrabski*



**GED Classes** - St. Noel Church in Willoughby Hills is offering free individual tutoring for adults wanting to get their GED certificate. The Adult Education Resource Center (AERC) is offering help with all four sections of the GED test. **Sessions are available on Monday and/or Thursday evenings from 6-8pm** at the church, 35200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills. Give us a call at 440-946-0887 or email [acamino@stnoel.org](mailto:acamino@stnoel.org) with any questions or to arrange for tutoring sessions.

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## **Holiday Crafting!**

**Sunday, December 5 at 2 pm by *Zoom*  
and in person at the church**

**Cyndi Oviatt will lead our time together.**

**There will be many options to create your  
candy cane craft.**

**Please rsvp to [ce@fpcwilloughby.org](mailto:ce@fpcwilloughby.org)**



**Please tell us if you will join us in person or by *Zoom*. For those who prefer *Zoom* we will send out a *Zoom* invitation and arrange drop off of supplies.**

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## NOVEMBER LECTIONARY

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| Nov 7  | Hebrews 9:24-28        | Mark 12:38-44 | 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost |
| Nov 14 | Hebrews 10:11-25       | Mark 13:1-8   | 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost |
| Nov 21 | Revelation 1:4b-8      | John 18:33-37 | Christ the King Sunday                  |
| Nov 28 | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 | Luke 21:25-36 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent        |

**Buy Once Give Twice Boutique** – the bi-annual Buy Once, Give Twice Boutique is happening the weekend of November 20-21 at **St. Noel Church**, 35200 Chardon Road in Willoughby Hills.

We have over 10 carefully chosen vendors whose mission is to help people, locally and internationally, move from poverty to sustainability.

Products are available from around the world.

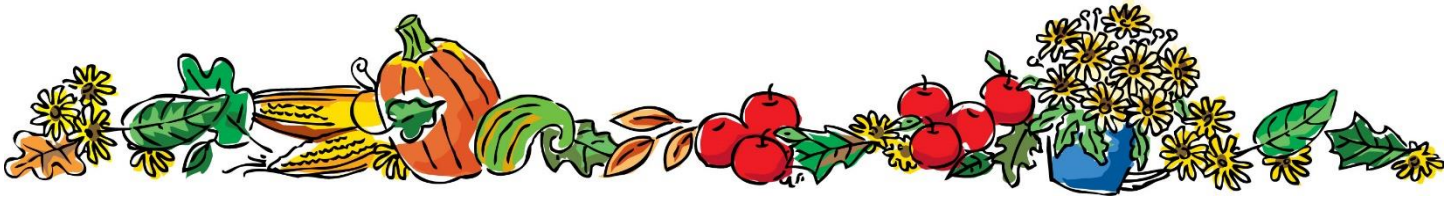
This popular event will run from 4-7 pm on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> and **9-1 pm on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>**.

The Buy Once, Give Twice Boutique is truly a way to put your purchasing power to good use. Call 440-946-0887 for information.

### Session Covid-19 Policy

- Masks are required for everyone inside the building. This includes singing (regardless of vaccination status)
- People who are speaking (during worship services) will not be required to wear a mask while speaking.
- Vaccinations and masks are required for childcare personnel.
- Vaccinations and masks are required for classes (persons teaching the classes will be vaccinated and wear a mask when in the church building).
- Unvaccinated persons shall maintain a 6-foot distance from other people, especially around children.
- The coffee hour will continue, but Bill Henrich and Rev. Nanney will decide on a week-to-week basis as to whether to continue further.
- Spray disinfectant in the Sanctuary between services will continue. This will also help with the flu and cold season and give members a sense of confidence that we are trying to eliminate surface transmissions of viruses.
- If and when we receive any mandate from governmental agencies or the Presbytery, we will comply.





## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

*The church building is open!! M-F 9-5*

*The Office Manager & Financial Secretary (Gail Schemm) and the Fellowship & CE Director (Lisa Hillegass) are in the office and are available too by phone or email.*

*Please call or email if you need them for anything!*

*Pastor Shane is in the office Mondays-Thursdays. He is always available by phone or email as well.*

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**Lisa Hillegass:** [tlkcp@ameritech.net](mailto:tlkcp@ameritech.net) & 440-384-0187