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## WEEKLY NEWS

First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby

Advent I – November 28, 2021



### Worship Leaders

The Rev. S. Shane Nanney – Pastor

Lectors: 9:00 – Gary Costas; 11:00 – Judy Smith

**SUNDAY – November 28 – Worship at 9 and 11 am**

The Scripture readings for [First Sunday of Advent](#) are:

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 and Luke 21:25-36**

Sermon: **“Hope”**

### **Welcome!**

Happy Advent! We direct our hearts and our worship now toward the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at the end of time. Welcome.

**Sanctuary Flowers** today are provided by Bruce & Beth Hutton in loving memory of Bruce's father **Andrew Hutton** for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrated in heaven.

### **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.

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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.



**SYMPATHY** – Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our longtime member, **Thomas “Tom” Lewis** who passed on November 20. Funeral services were private. Arrangements through McMahan Coyne Vitantonio Funeral Home in Willoughby.

Our sympathies are extended to the Sidhu family as well upon the death last weekend of Jesse’s Air Force pal, **Gunnar Schultz**, in an auto accident. We hold his family and the Sidhu family in continued prayer.

**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 28– 9 and 11 am - Worship Services – Advent I Sunday, Nov 28 – 7 pm  
– Adult Sunday School via Zoom

Monday, Nov 29– 12 pm – One Step at a Time AA Meeting - WPG

Monday, Nov 29 – 4 pm - Free-Food Distribution

Monday, Nov 29 – 7:30 pm – Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG

Wednesday, Dec 1 – 1 pm – Lake County Women AA Meeting – WPG

Wednesday, Dec 1 – 7:30 pm - Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG

Thursday, Dec 2 – 3:30 pm – Stewardship & Finance Meeting – Room 1 (tent)

Thursday, Dec 2 – 7:30 pm – Stepping Up Al-Anon Meeting - Parlor

Saturday, Dec 4 – 12-3 pm – Shankland Saturday AA Meeting

Sunday, Dec 5 – 9 and 11 am - Worship Services – Advent II – Communion

Sunday, Dec 5 – 2 pm - Holiday Crafting! by Zoom and in person at the church

Sunday, Dec 5 – 7 pm – Adult Sunday School via Zoom

***Everyone is invited to send/bring their Christmas cards to the church!  
They will be displayed on the bulletin board in the narthex  
to be shared with your church family.***

***Merry Christmas!***

## ***A Congregational Meeting***

***for the purpose of electing Deacons, Session members, and congregational members to the Nominating Committee for 2022, has been called by the Session for Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.***

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## Signs of our Faithfulness

November 21, 2021

Attendance: 63 in person; 83 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)
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**Please change your online giving from Pushpay to [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) today.**



**PLEASE HELP US TO PLAN THE 2022 BUDGET BY RETURNING YOUR  
PLEDGE/COMMITMENT CARDS  
TO THE CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE . . .  
PARTICULARLY IF YOU WISH TO HAVE OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022.  
THANK YOU!**

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## First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby

### 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.*

**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.



**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-**

**8 pm** 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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# “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).

## 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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## **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. Please call or email if you need him for anything!*

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