

NEWLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

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November 2024

NOVEMBER MESSAGES (SERMONS)

By Pastor Bill Wright

November 3 “THE BREAD OF LIFE” John 6: 41-51

Bread is a basic food. One piece of bread on a plate is nothing grandiose. Bread is common. Bread by itself is simple. Jesus announced: “I am the bread of life.”

That was His way of pointing out to us that, like bread,

He wanted not to be a grandiose braggart but rather simple, humble. Manufacturers selling products on TV and radio and politicians running for election make bold claims; and portray themselves as the opposite of basic, humble. Let us chose instead to be like Jesus who said, “I am the bread of life.”

November 10 “RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE” Psalm 139: 1-12

Wherever we are, God is there. That truth can provide us with comfort and courage. We are never alone!

November 17 “GOD CHOSE YOU” Jeremiah 1: 4-10

This message, or sermon, I am writing with Alex Neal in mind, who will confirm his faith in God and be received as a Full Member of the church on this day. But you can also benefit from listening God’s word speak to you through the prophet Jeremiah.

November 24 “ENTER GOD’S COURTS WITH THANKSGIVING” Psalm 100

As Christians, we believe all good things come to us from the hand of God. This message will lead into celebrating Thanksgiving in our homes just four days later.



Prayer Requests

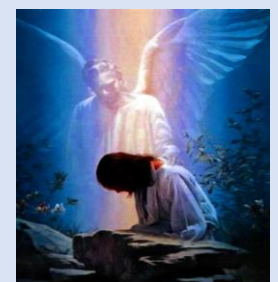
People who live in the areas where hurricane Helene and Milton has caused much damage and flooding.

All those going through surgeries, tests and treatments.

Military and their families as war continues overseas.

Those suffering from natural disasters, displacement and loss from severe weather.

Prayers for linemen and first responders. Prayers for those we hold silent in our heart.



PASTOR ON CALL

Pastor Bill Wright is available to visit church members anytime, anywhere, either for emergency situations or casual conversations. Feel free to call Bill at (810) 858-7033

Motivational Quotes for November

“The month of November makes me feel that life is passing more quickly. In an effort to slow it down, I try to fill the hours more meaningfully.”

Henry Rollins

“November woods are bare and still. November days are bright and good. Life’s noon burns up life’s morning chill. Life’s night rests feet which long have stood.”

Helen Fiske Hunt Jackson

“Fallen leaves lying on the grass in the November sun bring more happiness than the daffodils.”

Cyril Connolly

“Don’t wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!”

Charmaine J. Forde

“Have you seen my heart, somewhere in your castle of yellow leaves?”

“That soft autumnal time, the woodland foliage now is gathered by the wild November blast.”

John Howard Bryant

“True forgiveness is when you can say, ‘Thank you for the experience.’”

Oprah Winfrey

“Thanksgiving Day is a good day to recommit our energies to giving thanks and just giving.”

Amy Grant

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

Mahatma Gandhi

“When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in.”

Kristin Armstrong

“Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.”

Robert Brault

“How sad would be November if we had no knowledge of the spring”

Edwin Way Teale

“If I can’t do great things, I can do small things in great ways.”

Martin Luther King Jr

“Happy November! Let the cold nights and sunny days remind you that the best thing about life is its balance.”

Bible Verses for November

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him, my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song, I give thanks to him.”

Psalm 28:7

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

Colossians 3:15

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!”

1 Chronicles 16:34

“I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”

Psalm 9:1

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

Psalm 27:1

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 1:3

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.”

Hebrews 12:28

“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.”

Nahum 1:7

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.”

2 Corinthians 9:11

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 3:17

“Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.”

Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

“For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.”

1 Timothy 4:4

What Does November Mean Spiritually

What does November mean spiritually? November is a time for reflection, introspection, and introversion. It's a time when we can come together as a community to celebrate our differences. November is also when people take stock of their lives and consider what they want to accomplish in the coming year. It's a good time to look back over your life and make sure that you're headed in the right direction.

November is also when we are reminded of how precious life is and how important it is to make the most of each day we have. November brings us back into balance by encouraging us to slow down. And, spend more time at home with loved ones instead of rushing around from place to place, trying to do too much at once.

November is the month of giving thanks.

What does November mean spiritually? November is the month of giving thanks. This is a common theme that we can all learn from and practice this time of year, no matter our religious background. In its simplest form, gratitude is the act of giving thanks to someone or something other than yourself. And, the universe and everything in it, really—for what they have done for you or given to you throughout your life. Gratitude has historically been referred to as an attitude towards life rather than just a feeling. It's something that can be learned and practiced to receive great benefits physically, mentally, and spiritually. Practicing gratitude can even help increase your happiness levels by increasing positive emotions!

November brings us the energy of reflection.

November is a great time to reflect on your spiritual path. Reflection means being conscious of your thoughts, feelings, and actions and how they affect the world around you. It's important to reflect on how you can improve yourself to become more aligned with who you truly are. You may find some things that need to be changed to feel more at peace with yourself or have better relationships with other people.

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What does November mean spiritually? Like every other one, this month is full of lessons that can guide us on our spiritual path. We will all have the opportunity to reflect on what needs to be changed within us to make that possible. All months carry messages and offer guidance for our spiritual growth and development. Take the time to reflect on what you want to change in your life and what you have learned from past experiences or mistakes. You can even use this time as an opportunity for forgiveness with yourself or others if needed!

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This is a time where we can reflect on what needs to be changed within us to make that possible. It's a time to look at our heart, soul, and even life. We can use this as an opportunity to see the dark of winter coming and be ready for it when it arrives. This will help us manage any difficult times that come our way at this time of year. This is also a great time to reflect on your successes throughout the year so far. How have you grown spiritually? What have been some of your highlights? It's important not only because it will help remind you of how far you've come but also because it will motivate you to grow even further!

Pay attention.

What does November mean spiritually? As we approach the winter solstice, one of the year's longest nights, we encourage you to pay attention. This is a time to reconnect with your dreams and intuition and listen to what they say. We also take stock of what we're grateful for in front of our fireplaces or on Thanksgiving tables with family and friends during this time of year. The days are shorter now, but there's still plenty to be thankful for! Please pay attention to how people around you are feeling right now: their pain, sadness and anger, and vulnerability as they open up about their experiences during this tumultuous election season. Paying attention means being present with those feelings rather than trying to ignore them. And, avoiding them altogether so that we can get back on track with all our "important" responsibilities (like getting groceries before the stores close). We need lessons from both those who disagree with us politically as well as those who agree. We should be seeking out those who challenge our beliefs because it helps us grow even more than hearing only voices echoing back our own opinions.

November's message is about change and evolution.

What does November mean spiritually? The message of November is about change and evolution. Change is a natural part of life, but it can be scary, especially when unsure of what the future holds. On the other hand, evolution is a choice we make to grow as individuals and learn from our experiences.

We'll find that November's message inspires us to reflect on our personal growth over time. We'll also learn how important it is to accept change for ourselves or others around us to evolve emotionally or physically.

Change may come unexpectedly at times, but with reflection on how far we've come since last November or earlier this month so far. And, by looking forward to December. We will be able to see all of these changes as something positive rather than negative because they help us grow spiritually!

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 1

All Saint's Day
Pumpkin Destruction Day
Forgiveness & Happiness Day
Cinnamon Day

National Play Outside Day
Sausage and Kraut Day

Nov 2

Cookie Monster Birthday
Zero Tasking Day

Nov 3

Sandwich Day
Color The World Orange Day
SOS Day

Nov 4

National Easy-Bake Day
Use Your Common Sense Day

Nov 5

Firewood Day
National Love Your Red Hair Day
Play Monopoly Day
Wiggle Jiggle Jell-O Day

Nov 6

National Men Make Dinner Day
National Nachos Day
Stout Day

Nov 7

International Merlot Day
National Bittersweet Chocolate with
Almont's Day

Nov 8

Dunce Day
Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day

Nov 9

World Freedom Day
National Child Safety Council Day

Nov 10

Sesame Street Day
Windows Day

Nov. 11

Forget-Me-Not Day
Red Lipstick Day
Veteran's Day

Nov. 12

Chicken Soup For The Soul Day
Fancy Rat & Mouse Day
Hot Buttered Rum Day
National French Dip Day
World Pneumonia Day
Football Day

Nov. 13

Sandwich Day
World Kindness Day

Nov. 14

National Teddy Bear Day
National Block It Out Day
National Family PJ Day

Nov. 15

National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day
Roc Your Moc's Day

Nov. 16

National Button Day
National Check Your Wipers Day
Stir Up Sunday

Nov. 17

Homemade Bread Day

Nov. 18

Family Day
Mickey Mouse Day
National Apple Cider Day
National Princess Day

Nov. 19

Have A Bad Day Day
Red Shawl Day
Rocky and Bullwinkle Day
World Toilet Day
International Men's Day
National Zinfandel Day

Nov. 20

Great American Smoke Out
National Childs Day
National Peanut Butter Fudge Day
Use Less Stuff Day

Nov. 21

World Television Day
National Red Mitten Day
World Hello Day

Nov. 22

Family Volunteer Day
Humane Society Day

Nov 23

Mother Goose Day
National Espresso Day

Nov 24

Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day

Nov 25

International Hat Day
National Play With Dad Day
Orange Day

Nov. 26

National Jukebox Day
National Milk Day
Tie One On Day
World Olive Tree Day

Nov. 27

Slinky Day

Nov. 28

Flossing Day
National Day of Listening
Random Acts of Kindness Day
Sinkie Day or Dine Over Your Kitchen
Sink Day
You're welcomegiving Day

Nov. 29

Square Dancing Day

Nov. 30

Blue Beanie Day

WEEK EVENTS

- Wk.1 National Fig Wk
Drowsy Driving Prevention Wk
Polar Bear Wk
National Book Awards Wk
- Wk 2 National Cider Wk
National Split Pea Wk
World Kindness Wk
- Wk 3 National Young Readers Wk
American Education Wk
- Wk 4 National Farm-City Wk
GERD Awareness Wk
National Bible Wk
National Family Wk
National Game & Puzzle Wk
Better Conversation Wk

MONTHLY EVENTS

- Adopt A Turkey Month
Banana Pudding Lovers Month
Family Stories Month
National Peanut Butter Lovers Month
MADD's Tie One On For Safety
Holiday Campaign
National Georgia Pean Month



From your little Library in the corner....

“The neighbors we encounter these days do not always hold the same religious beliefs as we do. This is a fact of contemporary life, exemplified by the diversities of places of worship we see as we travel: synagogues, churches and mosques.

“Those with religious sensitivity realize that in today’s culture it is important, on many levels, to understand what our neighbors believe. This book seeks to provide easy access to beliefs of three major world religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.” From **What do our neighbors believe?** by Howard R. Greenstein, et.al. (Blue Dot - Christianity)

“Sometimes you feel like you can conquer the world! You are exploding with joy...or peace...or happiness. Other days you may be worried...or unhappy...or sad. And you want to talk to God!” From **Psalms for Kids**, by Robert Baden. (Yellow Dot - Children)

“Here is the story of the Bible from beginning to end as you’ve never read it before – told with exciting detail and passionate energy. (This book) reads like a fine novel, bringing a wise and beautiful rendering of the Bible....” From **The Book of God: The Bible as a Novel**, by Walter Wangerin, Jr. (Purple Dot – Fiction)

Winter is coming! It’s a great time to snuggle up with a book! These are only three of the many books available in our little Library! You may be surprised what you find!

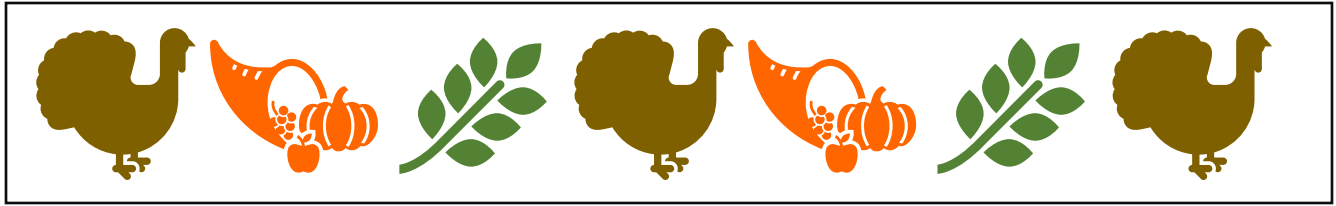


6th Ashley Fockler
14th Diane Todd
15th Connor Kinsley



22nd Will & Emily O'Connor

Dates to Remember



NOVEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 	2
3 10 am Worship with Holy Communion	4	5 	6	7	8	9
10 10 am Worship Confirmation Rehearsal 11 am	11 	12 6 pm Deacons 7 pm Session Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 10 am Worship with Youth Confirmation	18	19	20	21 Food Truck Valiant Ministries 12-2 p.m.	22	23
24 10 am Worship	25	26	27	28 	29	30

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YOUTH CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

During the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 17th, Alex Neal, a ninth grade student, son of Jason and Angi Neal and grandson of George and Christie Brown, will confirm his faith in God and also will be received as a Full Member of

First Presbyterian Church of Croswell.

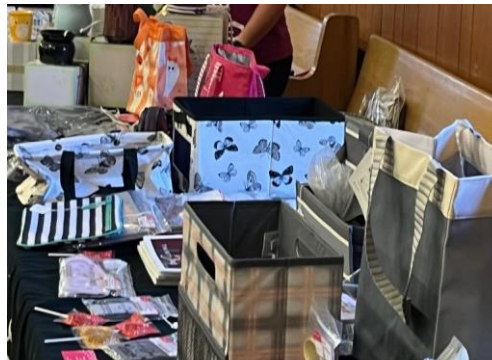
Persons who wish to become a Full Member of Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations answer these four questions, that in the Youth Confirmation curriculum is commonly referred to as The Big Four.

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and it's power in the world?
2. Who is your Lord and Savior?
3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and sharing his love?
4. Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Let us celebrate! God has chosen Alex!
And Alex has chosen God!

Holiday Marketplace, October 26th 2024

Great buys, great lunch and great items and wonderful bake sale items all in one place. Fun, comradery and friendship were had by all.



The PW wishes to THANK everyone who helped with this year's Holiday Marketplace. It was a HUGE success due to the support of our church family and community.

THANK YOU to all the vendors, those that donated baked goods and those that worked the baked goods table, those that donated the food for our luncheon, our CHEFS in the kitchen, our luncheon servers, those distributing the tickets, our raffle chair, the youth and young adults who helped us tremendously, those who helped at the Vintage table and of course our amazing PW Team that organizes and plans this event.

Special thanks to Christie Brown and Barb Pabst for the beautiful Christmas quilt and to Al and Cheryl Hosler for the toy chest. All our tickets were sold out!

Special thanks also go to Diane Black and Diane Todd who organized and typed in all the recipes for our new cookbook!

God's grace and goodness was shining down on First Presbyterian Church-Croswell and we are a very grateful church family.

The money made from the Holiday Marketplace will be distributed to various missions, including local, national and international.

THANK YOU one and all! It was a delightful, blessed and joyful day filled with fellowship and laughter!

FYI: The New First Presbyterian Church Cookbook is now available for \$10.00/ea. They make great gifts!



Family Word Scrambles

Unscramble the family themed words below.

1. iymlaF

2. grTteeho

3. eoLv

4. eaUnnrtdsidgn

5. roesgtniF

6. Peantr

7. niCuoss

8. tnooAdip

9. slinbSgi

10. Hoem

11. tHaer

12. oBnd

