



“Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.” -Colossians 3:16b-17 CEB

Well, folks. I’ve blinked and November is upon us. It seems that Bonita and I have the same discussion each month when she says, “Tripp, you do know I need your SAC article by Tuesday, right?” I usually respond with some sort of disbelief saying, “Already? I just did one of those!” But inevitably, I come to the realization that both Bonita and the calendar never lie!

So here we are on the cusp of a new month, with Thanksgiving celebrations right around the corner. I love to hear what people are thankful for, and I hope that this year we are able to share with each other our words of thanks that we offer to God.

When we voice aloud the reasons we are thankful, particularly within a community of faith, it allows us to be witnesses to God’s goodness, grace, and love beyond our own lives and into the lives of our neighbors.

This year, though, I want to challenge us to go beyond just saying our thanks! When we read the scripture above from Colossians, we see that giving thanks is not just about the words that we say. It’s also about what we do. “Whatever you do, whether in speech or action...” Our prayer, our conversations, and our efforts can all be expressions of giving thanks to God.

If you’re looking for ways to put your gratitude into action, I can point you toward two things this month. The first is Dedication Sunday, November 7th, where we offer our pledges towards next year’s tithing as an offering to God and as a way to say thanks by giving back what God has given us. The second is to help folks with Thanksgiving meals by purchasing the ingredients and side items listed elsewhere in the SAC, or by contributing financially to help cover the cost of turkeys.

If you’re looking for more or other ways to get involved, let me know and I can get you plugged in. That way we’re all doing our part in giving thanks, not just with our words, but with our whole lives.

With gratitude for all of you,
Tripp

<u>St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2021</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
Clerk of Session.....	Stuart Strong
Worship	Linda Grissom
Member Care.....	Nellie Gates
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	Turner Matthews
Mission	Barbara Mouton
Communications & Outreach	Harold Culbert
Treasurer/Administration.....	Philip Gilbert
Finance.....	Greg Vogel
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Jean Coshow	11/2
Tom Meier	11/7
Faye Anderson	11/17
Barbara Allen	11/21
John Newbill	11/23
B.J. Breeding	11/28



Robert and Connie
Lawton
Nov. 1



As the advent season approaches, it is once again time to be thinking about placing your poinsettia order in memory of or in honor of the special people in your life. The cost is \$11 each plant. The deadline to order is Sunday, November 21. There is an order sheet in the church office. Please make checks payable to the church. You may take your poinsettia home following the Christmas Eve service.





Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Tuesday, November 2
10:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Leader: Cheryl Ellerbe

Lesson: "Rahab"

Joshua 2 and 6:22-25

"What My Grandmothers Taught Me"
Learning from the women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.



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CHURCH PICNIC 2021



CCC FOOD PANTRY

Collection the 1st Sunday of the month.



Items Needed Most

Grits/Oatmeal	Soup
Hamburger Helper	Crackers
Peanut Butter	Canned Greens
Canned Fruit	Pasta
Canned Veggies	Pasta Sauce
Dried Beans	Rice

Please leave items in shopping cart.



Thanksgiving Dinner Collection

Our yearly Thanksgiving meal collection is now in progress! A designated area at the Donation Location is set up for the items. Deadline is **Wednesday, November 17**. We will be accepting donations to purchase the turkeys in the church office. Make check payable to SAPC. Below are the items needed for a meal.

- Corn - 2 regular or one large can per meal**
- Green Beans - 2 regular or one large can per meal**
- Candied Yams - 2 regular or one large can per meal**
- Cranberry Sauce - 1 regular can per meal**
- Cornmeal – 2 lb. bag (or larger)**
- 1 boxed dessert item (if a cake, bring frosting)**
- 1 box of instant potatoes (no fresh potatoes)**



CARING HANDS MINISTRY: 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month, 1:00 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME! No skills needed, we will teach you.

COLORING GROUP: Meetings on Nov. 8 and 22 at 9:30 AM. Everyone welcome! . Please call Shelly Shull for more information. 256-340-9560.



Christmas Hope Chest (Shoebboxes) Project

Shoe boxes and instructions at on the table in the narthex. All boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 5.

Restart Team Update

With the decrease in COVID, the Restart Team has some changes for St. Andrew beginning Sunday, November 7.

- Wearing a mask will be optional. However, masks will be available.
- The congregation is encouraged to practice social distancing throughout the building, before, during and after the service.
- The kitchen will only be open on a limited basis for groups to bring in their refreshments. No cooking.
- St. Andrew will be open to approved groups with the understanding they will sanitize and practice social distancing.
- The choir will resume its normal routine for Sunday services with practice remaining in the sanctuary.
- Communion will continue to use individual packets.
- No Sunday School classes for children and youth.
- The nursery will remained closed.



Worship "Notes"

November not only brings us falling leaves and cooler temperatures, it also brings us the opportunity to give "thanks", worship Christ the King, and celebrate the first Sunday of Advent.

We will give thanks to God through our pledges on November 7th, celebrate Christ the King Sunday on November 21st, and begin the season of Advent on November 28th. Believe it or not, Christmas is coming!

This month the choir will sing "Beautiful Savior", based on Psalm 16, and one of their favorites, "Advent Prayer", as we begin the Advent season with hope, waiting for Christ's birth.

Unlike last year, we are now able to worship, pray, and sing together. Come and join us!

Linda Grissom



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November Worship Leaders

November	7	14	21	28
Liturgists	Barb Mouton	Bob Naumann	Greg Vogel	Stu Strong
Ushers	Stu Strong Betty Matthews Cerese Sweeley	Dave Ellerbe Don Foster Barb Mouton	Bob Naumann Jackie Naumann Doug Coshow	Harold Moore Greg Vogel

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 PW 10 am	3	4	5	6 
7 Dedication Sunday	8 Coloring Group 9:30am	9	10	11  Caring Hands 1:00 pm	12	13
14	15	16	17 Session 2:00pm Thanksgiving Dinners Due	18	19	20 DMC 10 am
21 Christ the King Sunday Poinsettia Deadline	22 Coloring Group 9:30 am Hanging of the Green 10 am	23	24 Office Closed	25 	26	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent	29	30				