

# One Body, One Spirit

Connecting the Faithful

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

-Ephesians 4:4-6



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## Letter from the Pastor

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Dear friends,

Thank you for your warm welcome to Rev. Emmie Arnold last Sunday while I was on vacation.

This Sunday will be our celebration of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday of the church year. We will start another new year with the First Sunday of Advent on Nov. 27. This special service was instituted as a feast day in 1925 by Pope Pius XII in response to what he saw as the secularism and ultra-nationalism of his time. In the Reformed tradition, at the Feast of Christ the King (Feast of the Reign of Christ) the church gives thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign.



The service of music and readings tells the story of the life and ministry of Christ and was designed by my husband, Jim, for his congregation in York, PA. It has continued to evolve over the years—the music and the readings—with every church I have served. At the end of the hour, you will feel as if you have worshiped from Advent through Christ the King. You will have listened and responded to the call of the gospel through Word and song, including many favorite hymns of the church year, from “Away in a Manger” to “Joy to the World,” “Christ the Lord Has Risen Today” to “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” and others.

Thank you to Dr. Pablo Lavandera and all our ringers and singers, soloists and ensembles, who will offer their musical gifts and talents, once again, to help us worship Christ our King, whose Kingdom is not of this world.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Karen

### Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends their burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

### Question for Reflection

In Luke 23:33-43, Jesus asks God to forgive those who crucified him, saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." What does it mean to offer forgiveness to others before they are aware of their offense?

### Morning Prayer

God of the new day, at the dawning of the first day you spoke creation into being and declared it good. You crafted each flower and vegetable and bird of the air and beast of the land, and there at all of it was Jesus the Christ. We give thanks for the dawning of this day and pray we might know your Holy Triune presence in all we see and do. Guard our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies that we, too, might sing the goodness of creation and remember your call to be good stewards of it all. Amen.

### Evening Prayer

Ever-present God, even on that dark day, in that dark place called the Skull, you were present to the suffering and those in pain. Be present to the suffering on this night, too, and rain down mercy and justice upon your beloved creation. Be with us and those we love this night, and bring us through to the dawning of a new day filled with righteousness, love, and peace. Amen.

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## *Highlights from the Nov. 15, 2022 Session Meeting*

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- Preparing the Presence is scheduled for Dec. 11, after worship led by our Young Disciples. We will have a light lunch in the Narthex and activities in the parish hall.
- The congregation is invited to go Christmas Caroling on Dec. 17 from 3 to 5 p.m.
- We will host Christmas Eve worship at 5 and 9 p.m. The 5 p.m. service will include Time with Young Disciples and an adult message. The 9 p.m. service will be livestreamed and include music by our choirs.
- We will host a simple Christmas Day worship service at 10 a.m., without the usual fellowship hour. The service will be live streamed.
- Session approved an updated wedding policy.
- Session is calling for a congregational meeting on Dec. 18 following worship in the sanctuary. The purpose will be to elect elders, deacons, and trustees, and select an auditing committee.
- Session will meet next on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the church.



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## PW Updates

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The Early bird Circle will not be meeting on Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Early Bird Christmas luncheon will be held on  
December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm at the Old Street Pub  
All women are invited

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## *This Sunday Begins Adopt-an-Angel*

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**Its Adopt-An-Angel time!** Our long standing Adopt-an-Angel program, helping children and families on Long Island begins early this season as we did last year. **To help provide more time to shop, we begin Sunday Nov 20 with a hybrid process.**

We are working with *Brighter Tomorrows* and *Hope for Youth*. And we are also able to include some families from *Dept of Social Services*. Angel cards will be available down the hallway after the Sunday morning service starting this Sunday Nov 20 and continuing November 27, and Dec 4.

**A mailing came to your home earlier this week with more details.** You can also donate monetarily with the same online process used last year at [www.fpcsmithtown.net](http://www.fpcsmithtown.net). The *Adopt-An-Angel* button is already up on the Contributions page. Or you can put checks in the mail or in the familiar Angel box in the Narthex.

We are excited to begin this year and serve many of our neighbors on Long Island.

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## Soles for Souls Program

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For our fourth year, the church-wide Soles for Souls program, sponsored by Presbyterian Women, begins in our church. The power of shoes is huge, as they are distributed domestically and internationally to many who are in need of this basic item for both health and safety for daily life.

The weather is changing and fall is here. Are you looking through your closets to see what fall/winter shoes need to be replaced? Have children outgrown last year's shoes/boots? **Please bring unwanted shoes to our church for our Soles for Souls program.** Remember that we can use all types of shoes for this church-wide campaign.



Gently worn shoes of all types are being collected in the 'shoe bin' located in the hallway by the little yellow food pantry wagon.

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## Stewardship Thought for November

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May you have abundance of things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

As a reminder, with the giving season upon us, please consider making an expression of gratitude through a Thanksgiving offering.

**Happy Thanksgiving!!**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.**

**1 Chronicles 16:34**



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## It's That Time of Year Again

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It's that time of year again, when the Stewardship Ministry reaches out to the congregation and asks for a commitment of treasures which we call **Pledging**. A pledge is a promise between the giver and God shared with the church for the purpose of being more faithful, accountable and generous. A pledge is an estimate of giving. Some may even call it a statement of intent.

Pledging helps the Stewardship Ministry plan their yearly budget. Most of our annual operating revenue comes from those that pledge and give regularly. Every contribution we receive serves to sustain the breadth, health and future of our ministry.

The contributions that the church receives not only pays staff salaries, but also supports the church facility and the manse and all the bills that come from owning two properties. Unfortunately, every year just as at home, our bills increase. Notably, our property insurance alone is currently \$27,000 per year. The Stewardship Ministry is requesting that, if possible, you increase your giving in 2023. Generosity is a Christian practice, as is praying and reading the Bible. It should be noted that bible scripture in general, and Jesus in particular, speak of money all the time.

The table below reflects giving (pledges, contributions, and the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings) of members of the congregation from January to December of 2021. The two important messages from this table are that 20% of our church families provide 60% of our income, and 45% of our church families give below \$1,000.

| Giving Units (Family) | Pledge/Contribution | Amount            | % of Total  |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 12                    | \$5,000-11,000      | \$ 88,577         | 44%         |
| 8                     | \$3,000-\$4,999     | \$ 31,550         | 16%         |
| 14                    | \$2,000-\$2,999     | \$ 35,962         | 18%         |
| 22                    | \$1,000-\$1,999     | \$ 31,067         | 15%         |
| 45                    | \$5 - \$999         | \$ 14,543         | 7%          |
| <b>101</b>            | <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$ 201,699</b> | <b>100%</b> |

During the next week, you will be receiving your pledge card in the mail. The Stewardship Ministry encourages you to think and pray about our church family and its ministry and your contribution. We are so thankful for your gratitude and support.

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## *Young Disciples Advent Worship Service*

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The Young Disciples Worship Service will be held on  
December 11 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

This service will not be live-streamed,  
so come enjoy this wonderful Advent celebration with us in-person!





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## Presbyterian Pet Corner

### featuring Minnie Crawford

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Would you like to share your pet with your church family? Email your photo and story to Tracy Henchey at [fpccommunications@gmail.com](mailto:fpccommunications@gmail.com).



Minnie, born June 18, 2022, was adopted by Karen and Jim Crawford in September. She is a toy poodle, less than 4 pounds. She is friendly, affectionate, and surprisingly quiet, rarely barking except when we are trying to sneak her into Sunken Meadows State Park in a backpack.

She is in a chewing stage and gnaws on bones of all sizes, her frayed rope toy, and a hedgehog stuffie, which was a gift from fellow dog lover Lillian Munro. She enjoys cuddling with her family, best of all.

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## November Birthdays

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Please contact the church office if you have a November birthday but are not on this list



November 1 - Lori Kenney  
November 4 - Heather Smith  
November 6 - Ron DeHart  
November 6 - Julianna Landi  
November 9 - Sue Nunziata  
November 12 - Marge Duddleston

November 14 - Karen Schilling  
November 16 - Harriet McMahon  
November 17 - Carolyn DeHart  
November 18 - Jean Belvin  
November 21 - Ellen Ames  
November 23 - Gregg Homeyer

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## *Trustee of the Week*

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November 18 - November 24 - John Agostini  
November 25 - December 1 - Ed Lipinsky  
December 2 - December 8 - Chris Park  
December 9 - December 15 - Rob Goodwin

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## *Deacons of the Week*

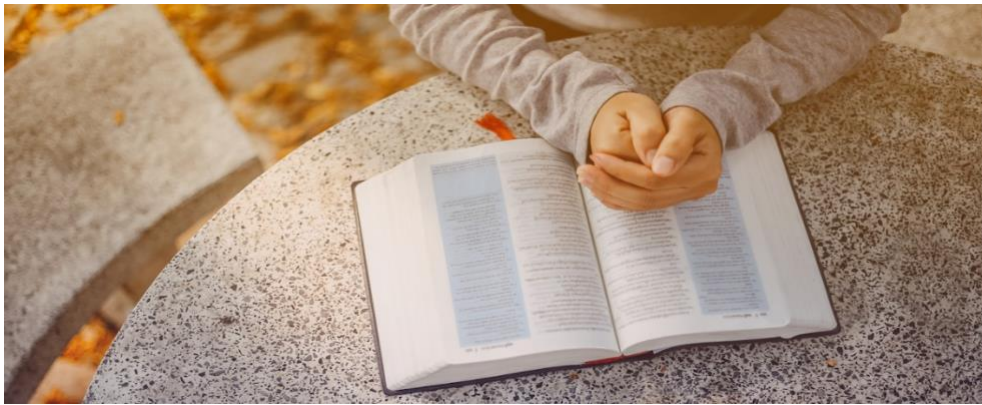
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November 20 - Suzanne Perri and Lisa Hubbs  
November 27 - Lucia Spahr and Beth Davidsen  
December 4 - Allison Brennan and Barbara Ruoff  
December 11 - Lisa Hubbs and Joyce Brozyna

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## *In Our Hearts and Prayers*

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- Tom Deakins
- Harold “Scotty” Scott, recovering at home after a neck injury
- Marie Blaszkiewicz
- Sue Nunziata
- Tom Sartain
- Bente Schmidt
- Caroline Kelleher
- Richard Heath, continuing recovery in a rehab facility after brain trauma
- Virginia Newcomb
- Richard Engel
- Eleanor Schwinn, at Luxor Nursing and Rehab at Mills Pond, Room 106, 273 Moriches Rd, St James, NY 11780
- Mary Charlene Harris, at Whisper Woods, 71 St. Johnland Rd., Apt. 207, Smithtown
- Harriet McMahon, at The Arbors, 1065 Smithtown Ave., Bohemia
- Evelyn Saddlemire, at Water’s Edge Nursing Facility, 150 Dark Hollow Rd. Port Jefferson
- Jean Lown, The Bristal Assisted Living, 2995 Middle Country Rd., Lake Grove
- Vivienne Grizzle-Jaber
- Ethel and Karl Kraft
- Andrea Mohabeer



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## How to Contact the Pastor or Church Staff

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# Christ the King

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 23:33-43 (NIV).



CHRIST THE KING

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