

Celtic Cross

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Dear FPC Denton Church Family,

November is the month we talk about gratitude and blessings mainly because of the Thanksgiving holiday—but we really should be a thankful people and be a blessing to those around us every day of every year! Do you ever wonder whether you can make a difference to the lives of those around you?

There have been shows on television about those who search for people and causes that would benefit from financial support. It is, of course, heart-warming to see that so many people go out of their way to help others—people who work with the homeless, with teenage addicts, with disabled children for instance. The response of all these people was deeply moving. They were so grateful, and the causes they worked for benefited greatly. They were blessed and enabled to bring greater blessing to others. Another interesting aspect of the programming itself was that those who searched for the people helping others, were themselves blessed and their lives changed as a result. Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive”. (Acts 20:35)

Apply that to yourself and apply that to our church. Christians are called to be “blessing machines”. Not in the sense of robots, but in the sense of continually blessing others. We are to serve, not to be served. Help our Mission Committee find ways to help our community. Find a way that you can help someone in need this Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas season....and then repeat it over and over.



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REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 31ST

We are all very eager to meet and hear our new Staff Singers next week October 31~ ***Reformation Sunday!*** Thank you, Jacob (and Catherine) for your energy and coordination of this exciting new music-phase of worship at FPC!

November 7: Communion. All Saints Celebration of Remembrance.
If you have any names you would like remembered please contact Pat Edell, Church Secretary at (940) 387-3894 and she can get them added to the bulletin. Make sure to get with her as soon as possible.

Love Notes from Pastor Debbie

We are in the “great race” towards the end of the year! Thanksgiving will be upon us in no time and right after that comes Advent, Christmas, and the beginning of 2022! This year should be a real treat---with wonderful music led by Jacob Augsten and being able to celebrate Christmas back in our sanctuary—Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Here are the readings for November:



November 7: Communion. All Saints Celebration of Remembrance. Readings: Psalm 127; Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17; Mark 12: 38-44; Hebrews 9: 24-28. Sermon Title: “Once and Again” Hebrews 9: 24-28

November 14: Time to Give Thanks Sunday. Readings: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10; 1 Samuel 1: 4-20; Mark 13: 1-8; Hebrews 10: 11-25. Sermon Title: “God’s Blessings” Matthew 6: 25-33.

November 21: Christ the King Sunday. Nicene Creed. Readings: Psalm 132: 1-12; 2 Samuel 23: 1-7; John 18: 33-37; Revelation 1: 4b-8. Sermon Title: “Who Do **YOU** say I am?” John 18: 33-37

November 28: 1st Sunday of Advent. Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10; Luke 21: 25-36; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13. Theme: Wait! Sermon Title: “Wait, Watch, Be Alert!” Sermon Text: Luke 21: 25-36



3-Church Mission Project: “Winter Collection” (First Presbyterian, Collins Ministry, Denton Presbyterian Church) Benefitting Our Daily Bread



Collection dates: Every Sunday in November
Boxes will be available in the foyer
Delivery to ODB the first week of December

Shopping list available



Lesson Three

Ladies' 2021-2022 Bible Study

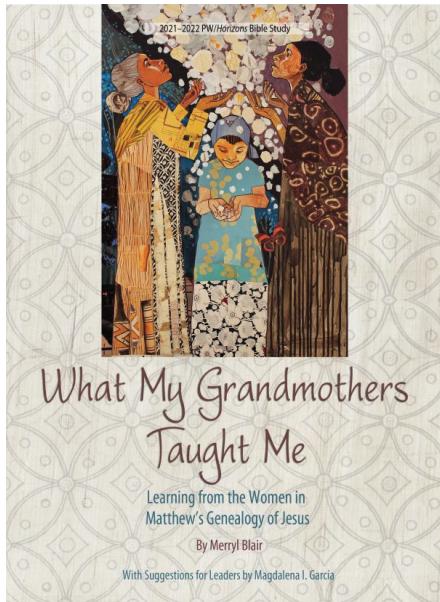
What My Grandmothers Taught Me

The Lineage of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel~

Leader is Carol Nance

Tuesday, November 9 at 10:00AM

Sybil Hopper Room



2021-2022

PW/Horizons Bible study

By Merryl Blair with Suggestions for Leaders by Magdalena I. García

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt, as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? And what can Jesus's grandmothers-of-the-faith teach us?

By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

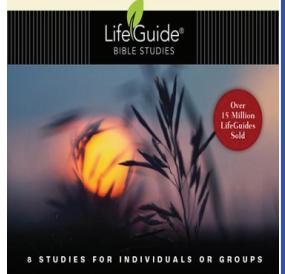
DOUGLAS CONNELLY

THE LORD'S
PRAYER

Disciples Class 9:30 AM

Bible Study

Began October 3, 2021 we will resume the Disciple's Class at 9:30 AM. We are studying "The Lord's Prayer" using the Life Guide Bible Study series books. In this eight-session study, author Douglas Connelly unpacks the Lord's Prayer section by section with additional texts that help you dig deeper into Jesus' teaching about how to pray. Study guides will be available. Please Join Us.



November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Birthday: Alexandria Rodriguez	2 Birthday: Gene Finlay Ladies Bible Study 10AM	3	4	5	6 Birthday: David Storrie
7 Birthday: Cheryl Briggs Disciple's Class 9:30AM Worship 11 AM 	8	9	10	11 Ladies Breakfast 9AM	12	13
14 Disciple's Class 9:30AM Worship 11 AM	15	16 Session 7PM	17	18	19	20
21 Disciple's Class 9:30AM Worship 11 AM Celtic Cross Deadline	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 Birthday: Linda Cassidy Anniversary: Larry and Pat Harberson	27 Birthday: Mike Steinel
28 First Sunday in ADVENT Disciple's Class 9:30AM Deacons 10:30AM Worship 11 AM 	29	30				

Live-Streaming of the entire service

The "online bulletin" with the YouTube hymn versions has been a real blessing to assemble these past nearly-two-years (!), but has now become "redundant"~ for soon we will begin live-streaming the entire service! Stay tuned for that NEXT new phase of worship at FPC, and please come join us! The advance copy of the in-person bulletin will continue to be sent on Saturday.—Beverly



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Check out [singing the old songs](#)
Follow this link story by Beverly Hoch

<https://issuu.com/muphiepsilon/docs/trianglefa21/s/13638439>



Thursday, November 11, 9AM

Sybil Hopper Room

LADIES' BYO Breakfast

(We will only have the one this month)

Come for an uplifting devotional and fellowship!

Session		
Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Terry Nobles (T)	Beverly Hoch	Larry Harberson (T)
Valorie Frederico		
Diaconate		
Pam Asher (Moderator)	Carolyn Smith	Vacant
Marlene Nobles		

In the Kitchen

In 2002, Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church published the revised edition of "In the Kitchen," their favorite recipes. The first edition was published in 1993. The ladies of the church, and some men, provided their favorite recipes.

I hope you enjoy looking back at these glimpses of times past.

Jim Welborn

Hamburger and Noodles Stroganoff (page 127)

½ pkg. noodles (4 oz.)	1 tbsp. flour
¼ c. butter or margarine	1 c. sour cream
½ c. chopped onion	1 can beef bouillon
1 clove garlic, minced	1 tsp. salt
½ lb. mushrooms, thickly sliced	¼ tsp. pepper
1 lb. ground chuck beef	½ c. chopped onion
1 8 oz. can tomato sauce	1 c. grated parmesan cheese

Cook noodles and drain. Heat butter; sauté onion, garlic and mushrooms. Add beef; cook until browned. Remove from heat. Stir in flour, tomato sauce, bouillon, salt, and pepper. Simmer 10 minutes. Stir occasionally. Blend in cream.

In lightly greased 2 quart casserole, layer a third of the noodles, then third of meat mixture. Repeat twice; sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 375° for 25 minutes.

Jean E. Leith



Households for Prayer

Let us continue to uphold our households in prayer with these members for

November 2021

Jim Adams

Pam Asher

Jacob Augsten

Helen Beck

Chris, Keely, William and Parker Briggs

Clay, Kelly, Henry, Charlie and Luke Briggs

Gerald and Cheryl Briggs

Bill and Linda Cassidy

Celtic Cross deadline is November 21 for publication on November 23rd. Please send your news and articles to
“Newsletter@fpcdenton.org

Session Meeting
Tuesday November 16
2021
at 7:00 PM
(third Tuesday)



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Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Protection for all healthcare workers, especially Valorie F, Ashley H, Kim T and Becky J. Continuing Prayers for Pam A, Helen B, Gerald B, Eunice C, Dee D, Pat H, Bob Hoch, Nadine Hoch, Louise K, Pat M, Don N, Bob N, Pat R, Don R, Irene R, Judy R, Buzz F, Kathy K, Karen B and Dorothy M, Annemarie V, Sam C, Noble C, Sara L, Rev. Tim Keller, Dick and Eleanor W.

Safety, Strength, Wisdom and Courage: every one of us the world-over as we navigate this extraordinarily unprecedeted time. Those impacted by recent natural disasters and civil unrest; rescue teams, fire fighters, first responders, police officers and other peacemakers; those who seek a spiritual connection, may they find it.

Our Church: Leadership - Pastor Spangler, Deacons, staff and all who give their time, talent and treasure to further God's purpose in the church, the community and the world. God's grace upon the works and projects of the Mission Committee, and wisdom for good stewardship of all our many blessings, past, present and future.

November Birthdays

- 1 Alexandria Rodriguez
- 2 Gene Finlay
- 6 David Storrie
- 7 Cheryl Briggs
- 26 Linda Cassidy
- 27 Mike Steinel



Feeding the Community

Anniversaries

- 26 Larry and Pat Harberson



Communion
November 7th

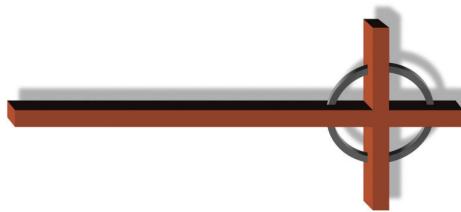


Deacon News
Next Denton Community Food Center
drive will be November 14th. *Thank you!*

Bible Readings November 2021

- 1 Matt. 5:1–12
- 2 Matt. 13:44–52
- 3 Matt. 13:53–58
- 4 Matt. 14:1–12
- 5 Matt. 14:13–21
- 6 Matt. 14:22–36
- 7 Luke 14:12–24
- 8 Matt. 15:1–20
- 9 Matt. 15:21–28
- 10 Matt. 15:29–39
- 11 Matt. 16:1–12
- 12 Matt. 16:13–20
- 13 Matt. 16:21–28
- 14 Luke 16:1–13
- 15 Matt. 17:1–13
- 16 Matt. 17:14–21
- 17 Matt. 17:22–27
- 18 Matt. 18:1–9
- 19 Matt. 18:10–20
- 20 Matt. 18:21–35
- 21 Luke 19:11–27
- 22 Matt. 19:1–12
- 23 Matt. 19:13–22
- 24 Matt. 19:23–30
- 25 Matt. 20:1–16
- 26 Matt. 20:17–28
- 27 Matt. 20:29–34
- 28 Luke 21:5–19
- 29 Matt. 21:1–11
- 30 Matt. 21:12–22

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