

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

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COME AND WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY
Sunday School at 9:30 am. Morning Worship at 10:45 am.

November 2025

All Saints' Day

(November 1, 2025)

Everybody knows Halloween. Some of us remember some elderly grade school teacher who insisted that it be spelled Hallowe'en since it's a contraction of All Hallows' Eve.

So, what is "All Hallows?"

It's the old-timey name for All Saints Day, November 1.

In the early days, Christians had to meet secretly and developed traditions of honoring the anniversary of local martyrs' deaths.

However, during the terrible days of persecution under such emperors as Nero and Diocletian, the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each.

So, one day was established to remember them all. On the first recorded All Saints' Day, St. Basil of Caesarea in 397 A.D. invited all the Christians of the province of Pontus for a feast honoring the fallen.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2. Please remember to turn your clocks BACK one hour before retiring on Saturday.

Guest speaker

On Sunday, November 2, Rev. Deborah Messham will be leading our service.

Minister's vacation

Rev. Jeffries is on vacation through November 8. He will return to the pulpit on Sunday, November 9.

Bible Study

There will be NO Bible Study on Monday, November 3.

Deacons

The Deacons will meet on Sunday, November 9 following worship. Also, the loose offering collected that morning will be given to the Deacons for their projects.

Veteran's Day

(Tuesday, November 11, 2025)

Veteran's Day Tribute

When America had an urgent need,
These brave ones raised a hand;
No hesitation held them back;
They were proud to take a stand.

They left their friends and family;
They gave up normal life;
To serve their country and their God,
They plowed into the strife.

They fought for freedom and for peace
On strange and foreign shores;
Some lost new friends' some lost their lives
In long and brutal wars.

Other veterans answered a call
To support the ones who fought;
Their country had requirements for
The essential skills they brought.

We salute each and every one of them.
The noble and the brave,

The ones still with us here today,
And those who rest in a grave.

So here's to our country's heroes;
They're a cut above the rest;
Let's give the honor that is due
To our country's very best.

--Joanna Fuchs

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and also on Thursday, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 16 following worship.

Session

The Session will not meet on Sunday, November 16.

Women of Worship Event

The theme for the upcoming WOW Event is "Coming Home" and will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025. Refreshments and Door Prizes from 6:00-6:30pm. Rev. Deb Messham will lead the service beginning at 6:30. Women of ALL Faiths are invited to attend. Bring a Friend!

Christmas Parade

The Marshall County Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, November 22 at 2:00pm.

Thanksgiving Day

(November 27, 2025)

Hanging of the Greens

We will be decorating our church for the Advent & Christmas Season with "Hanging of the Greens" during the week before Advent at anyone's leisure. All Deacons plus anyone who would like to help with this joyful task are welcome.

First Sunday of Advent

(Sunday, November 30, 2025)

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, November 30 "1st Sunday of Advent". The Elders serving that morning will be Bill Groft, Sharon Burke, Jane McNinch, and Janet Marchlenski.

Opus Concert

The annual Christmas Opus Concert will be held on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00p.m. at the First Christian Church. Public is invited.

Remembering Our Shut ins

Barbara Blazer
402 Fern Lane
Glen Dale, WV 26038-1006

Jane Lipphardt
Cardinal Place
163 Meadow Park Drive
Cambridge, OH 43725-8782

Barbara Long
Moundsville Health Care Center
2200 Floral St. Room 106
Moundsville, WV 26041-1293

M. Lucille Strawn
Wheeling Continuous Care
236 Hullihen Place Room 160
Wheeling, WV 26003-8311

John Kerns
1 Wyndgate Drive Apt #113
Parkersburg, WV 26105-7672

Wayne McClintock
928 Lindsey Lane
Moundsville, WV 26041-4087

Rosalyn Rhodes
1006 Seventh Street
Moundsville, WV 26041-2108

A Soldier's Prayer

Lord, wrap Your arms around me
In this hostile, brutal place;
Let me draw peace and comfort
From Your restful, sweet embrace.

Help me do my duty
To uphold what is right;
Give me strength and courage
Each day and every night.

Lord, hear this soldier's prayer
To You in heaven above'
Protect me with Your power,
And sustain me with Your love.

--Joanna Fuchs

Always Thankful

It's easy to be thankful with a bounteous
table spread,
But could I offer sincere thanks for just a
crust of bread?
It's easy to be thankful when I'm feeling
well and strong,
But what about the pain-wracked hours
when time seems oh so long?
It's no effort to be thankful when the sun
shines all the day, but how about the other
times when things don't go the way they
should?
When friends misunderstand me and so
freely criticize?
When someone I most dearly loved quite
suddenly dies?
When bills keep piling up on me until
they're mountain-high?
When I can't seem to get ahead---no matter
how I try?
"In everything give thanks," I read; and this
I know is right;
The sacrifice of praise to God I know is His
delight;
So help me, Lord, to do the thing that
pleases Thee:

Count my rich blessings every day and
always thankful be!

--Roy B. Wilkins

A heritage hymn of Thanksgiving

O God of all, Who hears the prayers of every
generation,
Accept the thankfulness we feel for those
who built our nation,
For frontier path with oxen cart, for circuit
rider station,
For simple joy, for vision, for hope and
inspiration.

We praise You for those saints of old who
listened to Your call,
Who weathered storm and sacrifice to serve
both great and small.
They left a legacy of love; a church that
needs no wall—
But takes your Gospel through the world and
shares the Faith with all.

Walk city street and foreign shore with us,
Your Church, today.
Lift us to new horizons; show us Your Will,
Your Way.
Be in our thoughts, our hopes, our dreams, in
all we do and say.
Grant us Your benediction now, O Lord, our
god, we pray. Amen.

--Peggy Ferrell

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

I'm thankful for the things in my past.
Things that have brought me to where I am at
last.
All the lessons I've learned and more to come.
All help me to better become.
The people I've met and remain close with still,
Along with those that have gone on their will.
All good things come to those who wait,
Thank you God,
For the blessings on my plate!