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THE LORD'S DAY – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
October 11, 2026 – 10:45 AM

Greeter
Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music Ministries.
Nursery
Children's Message
Jr. Church
Deacon of the Day
Deacon of the Month

Terri Clark
The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford
Kelly Jones
Randall Curtis
Lucy Wheaton & Ericka Dershimer
Diane Curtis
Molly Davis
Ken Stitt
Tom Mentch

WELCOME.....Pastor Janet
*(Please fill out the friendship book on the side of the pew and pass it down.
Newcomers also please fill out a welcome card from the pew and put in the offering plate,
so that we know your name and have your contact information.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Kelly Jones

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Congregation stands as able.
(Amen not sung at the end of hymns.)*

PRELUDE - "Sarabande" with variations.....G.F. Handel

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 124:6a, 8.....Kelly Jones
One: Praise be to the LORD.

**All: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

*(Please have children come to the front pulpit-side pew
by the start of the last verse of the response below.)*

*OPENING HYMN - "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated".....#458

CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH.....Diane Curtis
*(Infant-2 yrs return with the attendants to the nursery downstairs)
(Preschool thru 4th grade attend Jr. Church in the chapel)*

CHOIR ANTHEM.....Chancel Choir
"Way Maker".....Llyod Larson

CALL TO CONFESSION.....Pastor Janet

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, nothing that we have should be more important than you. All else is an idol. All else brings us to a state of covetousness and tempts us to steal. All else robs you of your glory. All else is sin. Forgive us we pray and transform our hearts, minds, and actions to be good stewards of all that you have given as our good and gracious king of the highest heaven. Nothing is higher than you, O Lord. Amen. *(silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Kelly Jones

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GOSPEL – Matthew 19:16-24.....Kelly Jones

¹⁶ Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” ¹⁷ “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸ “Which ones?” he inquired. Jesus replied, “‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁰ “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?” ²¹ Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

SERMON TEXT

EPISTLE – Romans 12:1-8.....Pastor Janet

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to **offer** your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the **grace given** me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith **God has distributed to each of you**. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different **gifts**, according to the **grace given** to each of us. If your **gift** is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then **give** encouragement; if it is **giving**, then **give** generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

One: The word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God

SERMON - "Offering Talents as Stewards of God's Given Gifts"...Pastor Janet

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER with The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE - "We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#515

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -Kelly Jones

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven & earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SECONDS FOR STEWARDSHIP of Talents.....Kelly Jones, Treasure

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING Tithes & Offerings.....Kelly Jones

OFFERTORY – "Sweet Hour of Prayer".....arr. William Bradbury

*DOXOLOGY - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Pastor Janet

SENT TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST

*SENDING HYMN – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”.....#370

*Responsive BENEDICTION.....Kelly Jones & Pastor Janet

**All: Seek First God’s Light, Grow as Followers of Christ,
 and Share His Good News in Love**

Pastor: in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

*POSTLUDE – “Postlude in F”.....Charles H. Rinck

VALUES of FPC:

Christ Centered Worship

Healthy Communications

Authority of the Word

Multigenerational Discipleship

Power of Prayer

Sense of Belonging

**Due to weather conditions, we are postponing the
Harvest and History Tour
at Oswald Farms**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Please take the opportunity to let Pastor Janet know how much she means to us and how thankful we are for the ways she is leading us during our transition. Card baskets will be placed near the front and rear entrances to the church for you to share your notes and cards of appreciation for Pastor Janet. We are grateful for the spiritual ministry and love and care she gives to all!

GIANT thank yous to all Covenant Partners that participated in feeding the Good Shepherd clients of Greenville last Monday. They appreciated all 29 of you that contributed foods, prepared, served, and delivered 224 meals for their enjoyment.

FYI: The Outreach Team will be the overseer of the FPC opportunity to prepare Good Shepherd meals on May 15 and October 4, 2027. If you have interest to spear-head these meals kindly contact the Outreach Team leader or the church office.

Matthew 25:40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'

NEW DAILY DEVOTIONALS "Our Daily Bread" is now available at each end of the sanctuary please help yourself.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY is underway. Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Tim Eckhardt is leading the study of Joshua "The Power of God's Promises" all men are welcome!

CHAPEL DOOR will remain locked on Sundays; you will be able to exit but not enter. All other doors will be locked 10 minutes after the service starts. If you are running late, ring the bell by the glass doors and a Deacon/Usher will kindly let you in.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

It's all about Jesus! It's shoebox time! It's not too early to start gathering items for your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Shoeboxes will be due back at the church by Sunday, November 15th. Shoeboxes can be picked up at a table in the parking lot entry way and the narthex.



GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING REQUEST

The Good Shepherd provides holiday meals for 300 households. FirstPres has been asked to provide just 75 boxed brownies to support the Thanksgiving distribution. Please lend a helping hand for the needs of our neighbors.

Multi-Generational Evening for youth in grade 6 through adults

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday

5:00 p.m. All Worship in Chapel

@5:30 p.m. Small Groups

6:00 p.m. Activity

6:30-7:00 p.m. All Gather for a Closing Meal/Calvin Hall

939 - PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

For their hope in Christ

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: M-F 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Pastor Janet is out of the office at an ECO pastor's retreat
 Mon.-Tues. 10/19-20

THIS WEEK

Sun., 10/11	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.-noon	Worship/Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Trip to Oswald Farms
Mon., 10/12	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Session Mtg./Conference Rm.
Tues., 10/13	1:00-2:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study/Conference Rm.
	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study/Conference Rm.
Wed., 10/14	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Full Staff Mtg./Conference Rm.
Thurs., 10/15	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study/Conference Rm.
	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Fri., 10/16	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
	11:30-12:30 p.m.	Jr. Church Mtg./Chapel
Sun., 10/18	9:30-10:30 a.m..	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.-noon	Worship/Sanctuary
	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Multi-Gen. gathering/Chapel