

Pres Notes

November

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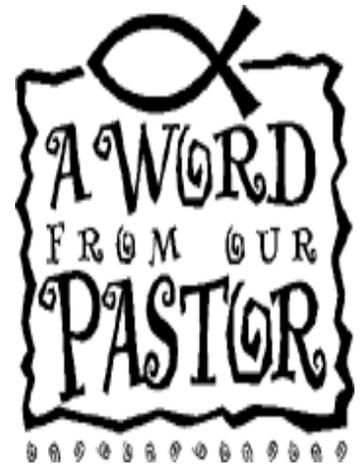
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
I Thessalonians 5:16-18



One of my favorite spiritual authors is the late Henri Nouwen who was a Catholic priest and psychologist. In an article entitled "**All is Grace**," Nouwen wrote about the call to gratitude. I would like to share just a few thoughts from this article.

"Gratitude in its deepest sense means to live life as a gift to be received gratefully. But gratitude as the gospel speaks about it embraces all of life: the good and the bad, the joyful and the painful, the holy and the not so holy. Is this possible in a society where gladness and sadness, joy and sorrow, peace and conflict, remain radically separated? Can we encounter the many advertisements that tell us, 'You cannot be glad when you are sad, so be happy: buy this, do that, go here, go there and you will have a moment of happiness during which you can forget your sorrow?' Is it truly possible to embrace with gratitude all of our life and not just the good things that we like to remember?"

"I am gradually learning that the call to gratitude asks us to say "everything is grace."

When our gratitude for the past is only partial, our hope for a new future can never be full. ..If we are to be truly ready for a new task in the service of God, truly to be sent into a new mission, our entire past, gathered into the spaciousness of a converted heart, must become the source of energy that moves us toward the future."

I believe that it is not only possible, but necessary to do so, if we are to live grace-filled lives. As we enter November and the beginning of the hustle and bustle in the calendar, may it be a grace-filled time. May it be a time of embracing the totality of life. May it offer us the wholeness we experience in Christ so that we may truly embrace the good and the bad, the joyful and the painful, the holy and the not so holy and in doing so experience the peace of God that is beyond our comprehension.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Cheryl Ann

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER



Friday, November 9th
4:30 pm



Nov 4, 2017 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Website and Facebook for our church

First Presbyterian Church of Horseheads now has both a website page and a Facebook page – the goal is to spread the word about the work our church is doing throughout our community.

Our website can be found at www.horseheadsfirstpres.org, and contains all activities of our church, our mission statement, a full calendar of those activities, and contact information.

We also now have a Facebook page on social media, @firstpreshorseheads – if you are a Facebook user, please like our page and then share with all your friends – **the work of our church will quickly spread throughout our community.**

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP INFORMATION

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4 Exodus 20:1-2, 8-11; Mark 2:23-28,3:1-6
“Ten Gifts from God”

11 Psalm 112; II Corinthians 9:6-15
“The Indescribable Gift”

18 Guest Preacher

25 Guest Preacher

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	LAY READER	HEAD USHER	Coffee Hour
4th	Judy McIntosh	Jim McIntosh	Deacons
11th	Doug Cotton	Doug Day	Community Meal
18th	Ellen Benedict	Guy Stillman	B&G / Mission
25th	Jan Stillman	Joe Matejka	Christian Discipleship

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:00a Men's Breakfast
4 10:30a Worship Service 1:00p Appleridge Service	5 10:00a Coffee & Conversation 6:30p PNC	6 10:00a Bible Study	7 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	8	9 4:30p Community Dinner	10
11 10:30a Worship Service 11:00a Session Meeting (after worship)	12 6:30p PNC Cheryl Ann Off - Continuing Education	13 10:00a Bible Study	14 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	15	16	17
18 <i>Deacon's meeting (after service)</i> 10:30a Worship Service - Guest Speaker	19 6:30p PNC Cheryl Ann - Vacation	20 10:00a Bible Study 1:00p LBA (widow & widower's group)	21 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	22	23	24
25 10:30a Worship Service - Guest Speaker	26 6:30p PNC Cheryl Ann off	27 10:00a Bible Study	28 6:00p Bell Choir 7:15p Choir	29	30	