

Let Your LIGHT SHINE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OWASSO
NOVEMBER 2020

Fall Mission Focus - FPCO Blessing Box!

Join us in stocking our Blessing Box in the parking lot! The Box has nonperishable foods and small packs of toilet paper and diapers. Our most needed items are peanut butter and jelly, diapers, tuna, canned chicken, canned ravioli, mac-n-cheese, spaghetti, pasta, & rice. This box is being used over 100 times a week, serving at least 50 families! Thank you for your donations!



Stewardship is Heart Work

You have received a stewardship letter from Mark, and a pledge card in the mail. We invite you to bring your 2021 pledge to worship **Sunday, November 8th**. Or you can mail or email it to the church office. Stewardship is using our hearts-through *time, talent, and*

treasure - to work for God's Kingdom here on earth. Your generosity grows your faith and relationship with Jesus, and it truly changes lives! Join us in this season of giving!

PLEDGE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 8TH

Stewardship
HEART
Work

*First Presbyterian
Church of Owasso*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30am In Person Worship,
& YouTube worship

11:30am Kids and Youth

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

4:00pm Zoom Prayer

www.fpcowasso.org

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE FOOD!
DONATE TIME!
DONATE MONEY!



November Birthdays

- 3 Casey Freeman
- 14 Angela Porter
- 15 Ed Bell
- 16 Em Ford
- 19 Rob Sheader
- 26 David Bratcher

Congratulations!

Join us for Worship!

Available every Sunday morning at 10:30am on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChc7GC6lg2oxCi1qrjM8fZQ> This worship is shorter, and more casual. We celebrate ‘virtual communion’ online on the first Sunday of the month, with whatever you have at home for the bread and cup. We hope you’ll use your Home Worship basket, with the Christ candle, cross, and home communion set. Our worship service is available to view online any time day or night! During this month each home will receive an advent wreath, candles, and devotional materials!



WELCOME BACK!

We are now having in person worship at our usual 10:30am time, with all of the precautions listed below. *And online worship is streaming for all who wish to be at home*, worship is ‘streaming’ at the same time on YouTube and available afterwards.

We also want to keep everyone safe, so we are asking that people *stay home* if they are experiencing any respiratory symptoms, fever, or have been exposed to COVID. If anyone who attends church tests positive, we will shut the church for cleaning for 14 days, and ask people to self-isolate.

OUR COVID PRECAUTIONS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

- Signage as you enter
- Temperature check at the door
- Masks required (we have extras)
- Socially distant seating in sanctuary
- Sanctuary doors open for air flow
- No gathering in the lobby, or refreshments
- An offering box upon enter/exit, instead of passing plate
- No singing at this time (just listening to music)
- Church cleaned and sanitized before service
- Hand sanitizer stations around church, disinfectant wipes in restrooms
- Attendance will be taken (used if needed for contact tracing)
- If anyone who attended tests positive, church will be shut down for 2 weeks and people instructed to self-isolate

Check us out online!

Listen to the sermons, check out our current events, or read the newsletter online at www.fpcowasso.org or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FirstPresOwasso, for video devotionals from Rev. Natalie, and other events.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, November 1st

We have lost so many dear family and friends in 2020. Please email Pastor Natalie the names of those you wish to be honored in worship November 1st.

(fpcowassopastor@att.net)



PRAYER GROUP

Wednesdays 4:00pm

Join Pastor Natalie for online prayer and support! Email her for the Zoom link and password!



THANK YOU!

Our Toy/Garage Sale for missions raised over \$1,700 last weekend! A BIG thank you to Jenny Wood, and to all our dedicated volunteers and donors!

30 Days of Thankful

In November, we will be following a devotional called *30 Days of Thankful* from Nov 1-30th.

Get your booklet at church, via email, or ask the office to mail one to your home!



KIDS & YOUTH ON THE LAWN

Sundays after worship at 11:30am

Starting Nov. 8th - weather permitting

Join Ms. Susan for fun! Bring a brown bag lunch, and a 'welcome mat' or blanket to sit on! Bring your scooter, skateboard, or hoverboard for fun in the parking lot! We'll be socially distanced, and masks are required. We'll enjoy our meal, prayer, 'camp songs' and energizers, and a Bible lesson.

Join us! Our theme in November is **Gratitude!**



NOVEMBER WORSHIP

- 1st All Saints' Sunday
Matthew 5 - Beatitudes
- 8th Pledge Sunday
Matthew 25:14-30
- 15th Elder Mark Hrachovec preaches
Matthew 25:1-12
- 22nd Christ the King Sunday
Matthew 25:31-46
- 29th First Sunday of Advent
Mark 13

Good News!



We have hired a new Music Director, who began on Sunday, October 25th. Alan Parker is a lifelong music minister and a Special Ed teacher at Tulsa Memorial High School! Praise God!



HANGING THE GREENS

Advent starts November 29th

Join us as we hang the greens on Nov 22nd!

SESSION MEETING

November 17th- 6:30pm on Zoom

November 2020 Newsletter Pastor's Letter

Are you tired of COVID? I am! It's a frustrating and difficult season for all of us. I don't know anyone who is feeling great. Between the pandemic and the election, we are exhausted! Everyone is on edge. Emotions are high. Conflicting news is everywhere.

Unfortunately, Oklahoma is setting records for COVID cases, deaths, and hospitalizations, especially in Tulsa County. Our local hospitals are reaching capacity with COVID admissions. We pray for all those who have been sick or lost loved ones.

This is why we at FPCO are taking COVID seriously. It is out of concern and love of neighbor—the mission of our church. We are encouraging the 3 *Ws*: *Wash your hands, Watch your distance, and Wear your mask*. We are following the CDC, the Ok Dept of Health, the Tulsa County Dept of Health, and our Presbytery for guidance. You can find this information here: <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/>, <https://www.tulsa-health.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/tulsa-county-covid-19-data>, and you can sign up for our Presbytery email newsletter updates at www.eokpresbytery.org

We are trying to do the best we can, with current information, and the prayerful discernment of our church leaders. No decision is made lightly. We know that not everyone will be content with all decisions during this difficult time. There are some who want more precautions and others who want less. We are trying to care for our neighbors the best way we can.

After much prayer and discussion, we have decided to continue our current precautions—including temperature checks, masks, distancing, and no singing. We will continually revisit the precautions and the current situation. We have made improvements to maximize and increase our available seating, especially as we near the holidays, and an usher can help you find a seat.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, as we work together to love one another in a difficult season. Please keep our entire church in your prayers.

Grace and Peace to you,

Pastor Natalie



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We are filling a Thanksgiving basket for OCR this year (and we are collecting Thanksgiving food items for our Blessing Box)! Please sign up to donate items in the foyer, and bring items to the collection basket in the foyer! All donations are due by Sunday, Nov 22nd!

2 Packages of Rolls

2 Cans of Corn

2 Cans of Green Beans

1 Can of French Onions

2 Cans of Cream of Mushroom Soup

2 Boxes of Stuffing Mix

1 Can of Chicken Broth

1 Pie (Bakery Style or Pie Crust & Canned Pie Filling)

1 Can of Cranberry Sauce

1 Can of Pumpkin

2 Cans/Jars/Packages of Gravy

1 Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes

\$25 Gift Card to Walmart (for Turkey or Ham)

Additional Suggested Items:

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Cake or Brownie Mix

Sandwich Bread

Canned Baked Beans

Canned Peas

Fresh or Canned Fruit

Mayo or Miracle Whip

Marshmallows

Canned Carrots

Jello

Mac & Cheese

Juice



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! NOV 3RD

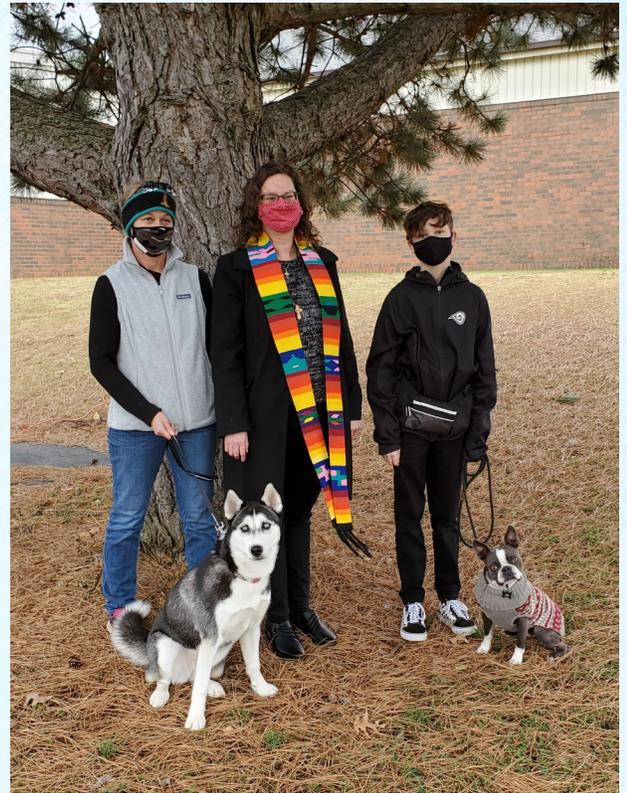


PASTOR NATALIE ON LEAVE

Pastor Natalie will be on study leave Monday, November 9th-Sunday, November 15th. Contact the office, Elder Mark Hrachovec (hrach2@aol.com), or Pastor Bill Wiles (918-607-2309) for emergencies.



(left) Praying over the Blessing Box



(right) Pet Blessing 2020

CONTACTING THE STAFF

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The office is open Tues -Thursday, 9:00am-12:00pm.

Rev. Natalie Bell can be reached Tuesday-Thursday at the Church or on her cell. **Monday** is Rev. Natalie's Sabbath.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Patti Perkins (Nov 4-back surgery), David Bratcher (knee surgery), Ron Brewer (COVID), Janet Parker (praise report-hip surgery), Kristi Buster, Laura Marty (Allen's granddaughter -missionary), Dorothy and Floyd Stevens, family of Florence Rambo (Danny's relative), Anne Klein, Claudette Howe, Rev. Natalie's Uncle John-cancer, Sheader's friends--Frank Flanagan (COVID) and Sandy Marsh (cancer), Sandy Freeland, Mary Ellen Johnston – for improved eyesight, Sue Thornton (friend of the Brewers), Patti Perkins, Burnes Family, Eileen Croslin, Fornwald Family (Patti's sister), Judy Jones, Amy Lachney, Barry Lutz, Barbara Lytle, Paul Warne, Cathy Streight (Susan Hammond's sister), Judy Owens, Nikki Lalonde, Nora Sheader and her sister, Jerry Pinkerton, Margie Hawkins, Anna Strom, Cheryl Brooks, Barry & Mary Beth Ward, victims of COVID-19, victims of storms, victims of violence, prejudice, and persecution, our country, our leaders, first responders, our military men and women, our veterans, our sister church in Malawi, and our church staff. *Please let us know of any updates!*