



# Spirit of Faith

Pastor Jim Deal  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
Of East Wenatchee  
November 2024 News Letter

...to inspire and challenge believers to seek deeper ways of serving Our Lord, to motivate all people to follow Jesus Christ, and to nurture one another.

## A Season of Gratitude

*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*  
Psalm 95:2

November is the month which includes the celebration of Thanksgiving, when we remember the feast that the Pilgrims shared with the Native Americans, so many years ago. It is a time for remembering our blessings, and for spending time with family and friends. Some might even add that it is a time for rest, and even watching sports on TV! Yet thankfulness is the heart of the holiday.

Yet it could truly be said that every month ought to be a time of thanksgiving for us. For thanksgiving to God is a major theme of the scriptures. A quick search on the web revealed 55 scriptures about thankfulness! Wow! Giving thanks to God must be important to our Lord.

For brevity's sake, I will not list all of those verses, but here are a few top gratitude verses:

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)*

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)*

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)*

Yet our world is often more into complaining, than giving thanks. Many prominent voices in the media encourage us to be discontent, and to voice our gripes. Yet rarely does complaining make us feel better. Not only that, but it often only invites more negativity!

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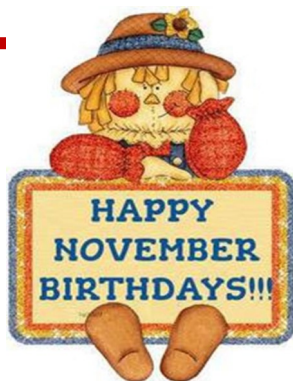
Therefore, I would encourage you to try to replace your complaints with gratitude. Practice listing your blessings. You may very well find that you are far more blessed than you realize. God is so good to us! Rejoice in His blessings! Count them! Celebrate them this month! And every month!

Have a happy month of Thanksgiving this November.

Faithfully yours,

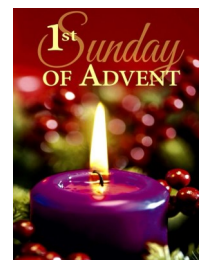
Pastor Jim

PS. Jeana and I want to thank you so much for the very kind expression of appreciation given to me on Pastor's Appreciation Sunday. We are indeed blessed to be serving you. The cards and the chocolate were greatly appreciated, as was the gift from the congregation. Thank you, Lynne Barnhart, for organizing that special Sunday for us!



Nancy Uhlinger.	11/03
Georgia Rae Stanfield	11/07
Jeff James	11/07
Rusty Clark	11/09
Wayne Smith	11/16
Kevin Kane	11/17
Wendy Smith	11/19
Mary Weldy	11/20
Claudia Patterson	11/25
Christine Reed	11/25
Craig Sears.	11/26
Elsie Abbott	11/27

### December 1st First Sunday of Advent



10:00am Worship Service,  
with Communion  
11:15am Fellowship Time  
3:00pm Redeemer Church



Josh & Shannon Weldy  
11/16  
Danny & Frankie Zumwalt  
11/19

*Happy Anniversary to you!*

Greetings!

November marks the beginning of our annual financial stewardship campaign for the coming year. As Christians, we recognize that everything we have – our time, talents, treasures, relationships, and influence – are gifts from God, entrusted to us for His purposes. As James 1:17 reminds us, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights”. This verse serves as a powerful reminder of God’s provision in our lives and our responsibility to use these gifts faithfully for His glory.

We are planning a Stewardship Dedication Sunday this year on November 17th. During the service, there will be an opportunity to bring forth a pledge, or a commitment, of financial resources, our financial resources that ultimately come from God. These pledges will be dedicated to Him for use in funding the various ministries of our church, including our operating expenses and capital project needs for the coming year.

During my time serving on Session and the Finance Ministry Team, I have been blessed to witness how God provides for our church. Although we are a small congregation, we’ve faced large financial needs, such as the 2016 Raise the Roof and 2020 building remodel campaigns, where we raised significant funds to repair and upgrade our facilities. More recently, God provided once again as we funded the Patio of Praise and remodeled our Nursery. We are truly blessed to have such a generous congregation, and I pray this continues. I ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge this year, and if possible, to consider pledging more than last year if it is in your heart. Please know that whatever you can give is greatly appreciated. Your pledges, as well as all contributions, are kept confidential and are only seen by our Receiving Treasurer, Shannon Weldy.

Pledge forms can be found in the monthly newsletter and will be made available in the church foyer or office. While we will gladly accept pledges after Stewardship Dedication Sunday, we ask that, for administrative and budget planning purposes, pledges be submitted by mid-December.

Thank you very much!

Josh Weldy, Elder

Pledge Forms can be returned as follows all with the attention to Shannon Weldy:

By mail to our mailing address:

200 South Kentucky Ave.  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Drop off at the church office during office hours (W-F 9:30am-12:30pm)

By email to Shannon Weldy at [shanandjosh@hotmail.com](mailto:shanandjosh@hotmail.com)

# *A Pledge to Help Our Church Thrive in Twenty-Twenty Five*

## Faith Presbyterian Church of East Wenatchee Stewardship Form for 2025

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Regular Financial Stewardship Commitment to help us thrive in 2025**

Grateful for God's love, I (we) make the following commitment to support the regular mission and ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_ week \_\_\_ month \_\_\_ year

*“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”*

Galatians 6: 9-10

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Please return this form on Stewardship Sunday (November 17, 2024).

Or, you may return it by mail, or drop it by the church office,  
through the mail slot in the office door.

We would appreciate receiving all pledges by the middle of December.

### ***Who will know about my pledge?***

*Only Shannon Weldy, our receiving treasurer, will know the amount of your pledge.*

### ***What if I need to change my pledge during the coming year?***

*Pledges may be adjusted, either upward or downward, by contacting Shannon Weldy*

Faith Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Kentucky Ave. E. Wenatchee, WA 98802

# The Giving Tree: A Special Fundraiser for Tall Timber

Camp needs your help! Donations have been lower than normal this year and we are facing some incredibly difficult challenges financially to make it through the end of the year.

**We invite you to take part in our Giving Tree!**

For any donation over \$100, we will add an engraved leaf with the name of your choosing to the Giving Tree sculpture being created in the Main Lodge. Make a donation in someone's honor, or as a gift to a loved one.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by the end of the year.

Please consider helping in keeping camp alive and thriving!

Thank you for all your unending love and support of Tall Timber.

Just as summer turns to fall, Tall Timber is in the midst of a significant transition. To be honest, 2024 has been an extremely hard year for Tall Timber. We have experienced numerous staff transitions and the cancellation of summer camps. Fortunately, we have a faithful and gracious small staff who have enabled us to continue hosting Guest Groups.

The Board is currently looking for the next executive director of Tall Timber who will guide us into a new era of service and ministry.

The camp will be in a period of sabbath for the fall and reopening in January 2025 for Jan Term, with students from Whitworth University. During this time, staff will be on the grounds as caretakers and security, prepping for the coming season of retreats and camps. New 2025 bookings are being scheduled.

Finances are critically low, and we need your support. The Board is steadfast in believing in the call of God to continue to build upon our history and grow into the future. Our hope is that those of you who have made up the community, the family that invested in Tall Timber in the past, will now join us in this moment, and make a significant donation towards Tall Timber's future.

Our hope is that together we can raise \$100,000 to help Tall Timber bridge the fall closure and enter the new year from a position of strength and stability.

Your gift and continued support in numerous ways will be a great encouragement to the Board and staff and help us in practical ways each new day.

Thank you for all the ways you have supported Tall Timber's Ministry of spreading the word of Jesus in the past and thank you for all your love and support for the future.

You can donate by mailing checks to 27875 White River Rd, Leavenworth WA, 98826.

We prayerfully look forward to seeing how God will help us, together, through this time of challenge and opportunity.

Sincerely, The Tall Timber Board

## **Church Potluck on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

On Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a church potluck, immediately following worship. You are welcome to bring a dish to share. Even if you are unable to bring something, please do come, as we always have plenty of food. We look forward to seeing you all at the November Church Potluck!

## **On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Come and Decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas!**

We're having a Church Decorating Party. We will have a special pasta dinner after worship on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will then spend time decorating our facility for Advent and Christmas. This will ensure that our church is decorated by the first Sunday of Advent on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do join us for this very special pasta dinner and decorating party on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

