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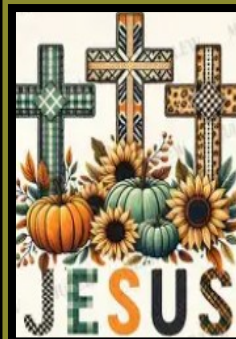
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*Please come and worship with us every Sunday at 11:00 A.M!*  
*We would love to have you!*



October

THE VISITOR

2025



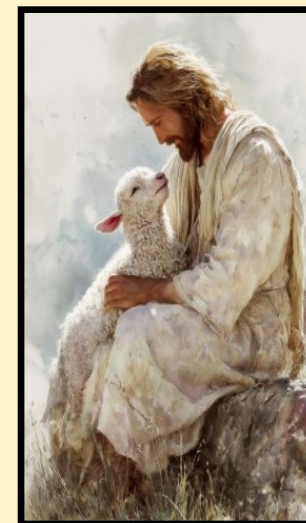
When the world gets loud, lean in to the Shepherd. The Shepherd still speaks in whispers. John 10:27: “My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.”

We have all probably felt the urge to slip away from life’s challenges, to close our eyes and pretend the world doesn’t exist for the moment. Our hearts ache for peace and yet, we are chased by distractions like the news, scroll feeds, and daydreams. Every escape can sometimes leave us even emptier.

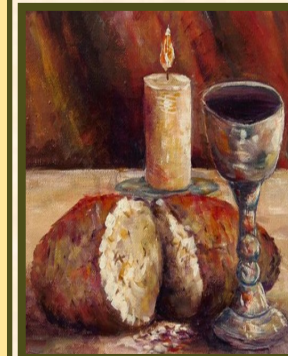
True rest isn’t found in *what* we run to, but in the ***One*** we run to. Jesus didn’t promise a life without storms, but He does offer a presence that calms the fiercest winds. When we lift our eyes off of the chaos of this world and fix them on Him, we will find rest for our souls.

In His light, reality transforms; broken pieces become a mosaic of hope, and every breath reminds us - *He is here, and He will not let go!*

**“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28**



**World Communion Sunday** is celebrated on the first Sunday of every October. It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus’ betrayal—when Jesus instituted what we now call the Lord’s Supper as a lasting remembrance — and of Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice.



**World Communion Sunday** is a time for remembering that around the globe in different languages and in different traditions, customs, and in various forms of liturgy of our Savior’s sacrifice and unconditional love for us. World Communion Sunday serves two purposes: it is both a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus’ sacred meal with His friends and a mind-opening exposure to different Christian traditions from all around the world. ***Come and join us at 11:00 AM on Sunday, October 5th for this beautiful worship service!***



If you have a loved one that has passed away since October 31, 2024 and would like to have their names included in our ***All Saints Sunday Memorial Service on November 2***, please submit their names no later than Monday, October 27th. There will also be forms located in the Narthex that you can complete and drop in the offering plate. Thank you to everyone for being a part of this heartwarming service of remembrance.



### October Worship Leaders

**Elders:** Ruth Saalweacher, Leader  
Steve Clodfelter, Back-up

**Communion:** Pam Backi &  
Doug Ramsey

**Greeters:** Pam Backi &  
Doug Ramsey





## CWF

Many thanks to the ladies who attended the dinner to benefit Senior Services Meals on Wheels program. We have collected to date \$1,190 with more checks coming in.

We made 120 large chicken pies and 100 small pies at our Chicken Pie Workshop. Thanks to all who came out to help with this workshop — we had a great group of helpers! A sign-up sheet to purchase pies is in the Narthex. We will reserve 20 pies for the Holiday Bake Sale.

**October 4th-** Twice Baked Potato Workshop. We will have a sign- up sheet for this workshop in the narthex.

**October 19th-** Crop Walk for Hunger sponsored by Crisis Control.

**October 21st-** we will meet at 1:00 pm to make chess tarts for our Holiday Bake Sale.

Looking forward:

**November 8th-** Holiday Baked Sale and Kitty's Treasures in the DFH

**CROP  
HUNGER WALK**  
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 ~ 2:30 PM**  
**Corpening Plaza in Winston-Salem**

PCC will be participating again this year in the 2025 Crop Walk! All money raised is used to support hunger alleviation programs. 75% of the funds goes to Church Wide Service and 25% stays in Forsyth County and is evenly split between Crisis Control and Sunnyside Ministry. Come out and join your church family and share a walk and some laughter as we help others. Please sign up in the Narthex.



Men, come and join us for our next Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast on **Tuesday, October 21** at Mama Zoe's Restaurant located at 2859 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem.

## Taste and see

Our next Taste & See Bible Study Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, October 8** in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall beginning at **11:30 AM**. Rev. Tejado Hanchell will be leading the study. Come and join us as we study the Bible and enjoy lunch together! You will be so blessed! Please sign up in the Narthex.

God of autumn,  
the trees are saying goodbye to their green,  
letting go of what has been.  
We, too, have our moments of surrender,  
with all their insecurity and risk.  
Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves  
lying in colored patterns on the ground,  
our lives have their own patterns.  
As we see the patterns of our own growth,  
may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights,  
there is always the dimension of mystery  
and wonder in our lives.  
We need to recognize your power-filled presence.  
May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain,  
many gifts of growth lie within the season of our  
surrender.  
We must wait for harvest in faith and hope.  
Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south  
for another season, your wisdom enables us  
to know what needs to be left behind  
and what needs to be carried into the future.  
We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers  
touched with frost and windows wearing white de-  
signs,  
may your love keep our hearts  
from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life,  
you believe in us, you enrich us,  
you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.  
For all this, we are grateful.

Amen.

Please Mark Your Calendars Now!

## Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

*presented on*

**Sunday, December 7**

**5:00 p.m.**

accompanied by Strings, Harp Flute, Oboe,  
Clarinet, Trumpets, Timpani, & Percussion.

Jill Gardner, guest soprano

Scott Rogers, guest tenor

A Reception will follow in the  
Upstairs Fellowship Hall



**“There is a time for everything, and a  
season for every activity  
under the heavens.”  
Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)**

*Fall is a beautiful, visual reminder that life  
moves in seasons. As the leaves change and  
gently fall to the ground, we're reminded  
that God has a purpose in every shift we  
experience. This Bible verse for seasons of  
change encourages us to trust that each  
moment—joyful or difficult— has been  
appointed by Him.*



## Prayer Requests

**Church Family:** \*Joan Hawkins in the death of her father, Donald Ellis; Bobby Joe “BJ” Carmichael, Jack Groff, Mary Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Skip Stanley, Rodney Stilwell, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

### Others:

Jason Brown: Son of Tim and Beverly Brown  
Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell  
Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter  
Faye Fincher: Jill Robertson's Aunt  
Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson

Hamlet family: (son) colleague of Tony Bryant  
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley  
Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt  
Regina Perry: Friend of Dan & Sharon Binkley  
Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter  
Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley  
Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer  
Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher  
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson  
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson  
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi  
Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty Clodfelter

Jean Wilkens: Friend of Shawn Widmeyer

\*Depicts new prayer request



Dear Pfafftown Christian Church,  
Thanks so much for the corn  
donation! Giving our clients locally  
grown food is such a blessing!

Thanks,

Patrick Sizemore, President  
Clemmons Food Pantry

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
Change your clock back an hour

**NOVEMBER 2**

