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NEWSLETTER

November 2024



Sunday Worship

Sunday Morning Worship is central to CPC and begins the week connecting to God in Jesus Christ. Join us in-person or online. Children are welcome throughout worship. For those who choose, we do have professionally trained childcare for our youngest ones. Blue Activity bags hang on the walls in the worship space for our young ones.

8:30 a.m. in/from the Fellowship Hall Music led by our band

10:45 a.m. in/from the Sanctuary Music led by our pianist and choirs.

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November 3rd: Communion and Dedication of Pledges for 2025

Scripture: Exodus 16:22-36

Sermon: Making God Known in the World

Liturgist: Catherine Botts

4 p.m. Compassion Connections Memorial Service

November 10th: The Purpose of CPC

Scripture: John 15:12-17

Sermon: A Relationship with God

Liturgist: Barbara Taylor and George Muncrief

November 17th: The Purpose of CPC

Scripture: Luke 2:8-11

Sermon: Joy vs. Happy

Liturgist: Juanita Garcia

November 24th: The Purpose of CPC

Scripture: Galatians 3:23-29

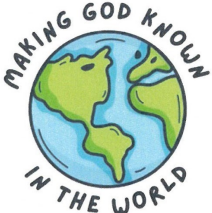
Sermon: An Inclusive Church

Liturgist: Andrew and Nathan Robinson

Stewardship and Finance News

Thank you. Your financial support of the General Fund in 2024 has helped us do so much of what we have felt God calling us to do throughout the world. Our theme for 2024 has been: CPC is a CPC. CPC is a Caring, Passionate Community. And oh how we have lived up to that and continue to do so. We encourage you to continue your giving even as we transition into a new year.

In 2025, our theme is: Making God Known in the World. We are exploring, with greater intentionality, how we can make God known to others and invite them into a relationship with God through Jesus the Christ. We invite you to continue your support, and increase it as possible. Our Estimate of Giving pledges will be dedicated on November 3rd. We ask that you join others in this effort that helps guide our Session Leadership Team to know we are behind them as they lead us in 2025. Pledge cards are available through the church office.

<p><i>CPC is a CPC</i> 2025</p> <p>I/we have made the following pledge to the Christ Presbyterian Church 2025 Stewardship Campaign</p> <p>\$ _____ per week, or \$ _____ per month, or \$ _____ per year \$ _____ Additional amount for PC (USA) support</p> <p>Please retain this stub as a reminder of your 2025 Estimate of Giving</p>	<p>I/we want to support the Annual Stewardship Campaign for the Christ Presbyterian Church ministries and mission.</p> <p>I/we plan to give the following:</p> <p>\$ _____ per week, OR \$ _____ per month, OR \$ _____ per year.</p> <p><small>Tear Here</small> In addition, I/We will donate \$45.00 per member for our PC (USA) membership costs.</p> <p>Name _____ Address _____ E-mail _____</p> <p>Please return this portion of the Estimate of Giving card at church services on 11/3 or mail to: Christ Presbyterian Church, 6565 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, Arizona 85710.</p>	<p>STEWARDSHIP 2025</p>  <p>CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TUCSON, AZ</p>
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Sunday Funday

Sunday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
For children K-5

Sunday Funday is in full swing! The children are learning about the life of Moses while the youth are digging deeper into the Bible through group discussions. Join us!



2-4 Youth Fellowship

Youth in 6th – 12th grades are invited to join us for fun and fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings of the month, 5-6:30 p.m. Pastor Steve and Debbie Melde are the fellowship advisors and coordinators.

November 10: Bowling

November 24: The Great CPC Baking Show



Faith Studies on Sunday Mornings



Journeys in Faith

9:30 a.m., E/F

Zoom ID: 868 3291 1992

Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m., A/B In-person only

Greetings Saints!

If you haven't joined either of our Adult Education offerings, now is the perfect time to start. Beginning the first Sunday of November, the Bible Study group will undertake an in-depth study of one of the Bible's most misunderstood and challenging books: Revelation. If you've ever wondered about the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse and what's the deal with the New Jerusalem, this is the time to join that group at 9:30 on Sundays in Room A/B. In-person only.

Journeys in Faith, our other Adult Education offering on Sundays, is designed to help us, as Christians, navigate the murky waters of a secular world. Our classes almost always end with this important question: What would Jesus say about this?

November 3: The Status of Women in the World: Not just for females only!

November 10: The Election: Thoughts on the campaign and "results"

November 17: Evangelism for Presbyterians: DO NOT BE AFRAID!

November 24: Evangelism for Presbyterians: DO NOT BE AFRAID!
Schedule subject to change

Shalom,

Lesley



CPC Women's ADVENT EVENT



We are so excited that we have this amazing opportunity to embrace the Christmas spirit as Advent begins. We hope you'll join us and invite your friends as well! This is a great holiday tradition and a wonderful opportunity to introduce others to CPC.

Here are a few details we'd like to share:

- The 2024 **Women's Advent Event** is **Saturday, December 7**. **New this year:** The Buffet and the Craft/Cookie Sale will be open 9:00-10:45 a.m. The Program will begin at 11:00 a.m.
- The **Craft, Cookie, and Candy Sale** will be open on the Patio 9:00-10:45 a.m. Cash, checks, and credit cards (with \$10 minimum) will all be accepted at the sale. Refer to the Crafty Ladies' Kiva article if you'd like to donate baked goods or pre-order Hershey Snow Friends or Nutcrackers.
- The **Buffet** is open seating in Fellowship Hall between 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. so folks may eat/sit at their leisure. **New this year:** We will have a small number of 'reserved' tables available in Room E-F for parties of 6 or more. **Inquire when buying tickets.**
- The **Program** will start at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary and include music, laughter, reflection, and inspiration as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. Our speaker is our beloved Janet Rowe and, yes, the Steves and the Bobs will also be with us!
- **Tickets** continue to be just \$10 and will be on sale on the patio before and between services on Sundays, Nov 17, 24, and Dec 1. Payment should be in cash or check made out to CPC with WAE in the memo line. If you're unable to be at worship, folks can also purchase tickets through noon Monday, Dec 2, by calling Stella in the church office at 520-886-5686. Don't worry if you don't have your physical ticket with you on Dec 7 as we will have a full list of all purchasers and your name tag will be ready! Upon arrival at the event, please first stop at the Welcome Table to get your pre-printed name tag.
- **Men**, this event doesn't happen without you! Please sign up to participate as greeters/helpers and as part of the "Bobs" on the patio during ticket sales or by reaching out to Julie at misbehavinswings@yahoo.com. Plan to wear a white (or other solid color) button down shirt and black pants if you have them. Stop to get your red bow tie in room A/B behind the kitchen and meet in the Sanctuary at 8:30 for 'rehearsal' and instructions. Paul Dye is leading again as "Bob" captain. **New this year:** As we 'step up our game' this year, we will have an additional non-mandatory but encouraged rehearsal. Date/Time TBA.
- For those of you unable to be with us in person at the Women's Advent Event, the program will be available for viewing on the CPC website and Facebook pages; and the Craft/Cookie/Candy Sale will continue on the patio on Sunday, Dec 8, between worship services.

Let us know if you have any questions!

We look forward to experiencing Advent with you!

Pam Cullop: 520-271-6678 or pjcullop@gmail.com

Julie McCrea: 520-861-8131 or misbehavinswings@yahoo.com



CPC Compassion Connection Memorial Service
Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 4 PM
Join us as we
Remember...Honor...Celebrate

With a Church Wide Memorial Service for all our Loved Ones who have entered into The Kingdom Of Heaven!

We will give thanks for all our loved ones who have passed on:



MUSIC SCRIPTURE

PRAYER POETRY

COMMUNION PHOTO MONTAGE

We will remember loved ones who have gone before us with a photo montage. If you would like to include a photo of your loved ones, you may do so by sending a digital photo to Steve Brownson at: sbrownson52@gmail.com Please include in the email your name, the name and relationship of the individual in the photo and their birth and death dates to include in the montage.

If you do not have a digital photo, you can provide a photograph to be scanned. Place it in an envelope and put it into the mailbox of the Coordinator for Congregational Care in the church office. Please be sure to provide all of the information listed above.



Our Session Leadership Team developed a new mission statement for CPC that will guide us in our ministries and missions. Pastor Steve will be preaching on segments of the statement in November. Join us as we celebrate a renewed purpose and focus on developing our relationship with God in Christ.

CPC Mission Statement

The purpose of Christ Presbyterian Church is to help people build a relationship with God through Jesus the Christ, and grow in faith, whether in person or online, by:

- Glorifying God through engaging worship experiences;
- Serving others and building God's Realm through the teachings of Jesus;
- Studying God's Word for inspiration and guidance;
- Creating a joy-filled and inclusive community where all belong; and,
- Learning to share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ with others in respectful and inviting ways.

Talk About it Tuesday

Tuesdays at Noon Zoom ID 839 0008 2868

Every Tuesday at Noon (Tucson Time) Pastor Steve hosts a Zoom conversation about the previous Sunday's worship and sermon theme. Join with others as we take our faith deeper.

Wednesday Message

Most Wednesdays Pastor Steve sends out a special email just for a little faith thought and inspiration in the middle of the week. This is a special group mailing, so if you would like to be a part of it, send him an email and request to be put on the Wednesday Message list:

PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com

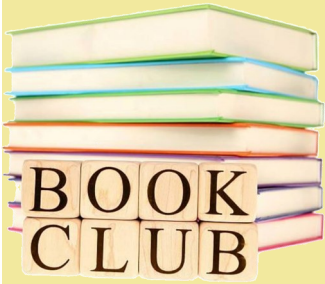
Faith Filled Fridays

Each Friday at Noon (Tucson time), Pastor Steve broadcasts a few moments of faith and inspiration. Join him on any of our three broadcast sites (Just like Sunday mornings)

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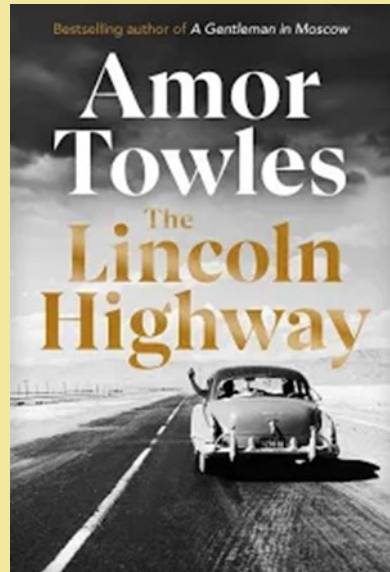
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The Book Club will meet on November 12 at 1 p.m. in the Patio Room. Would you like to join them? All are welcome!

Our book for November is
The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles.

In June 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the work farm where he has just served a year for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother and head west where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future.



“An absolute beauty of a book. Every character is a gem, the many locations spring to vivid life, the book is an intricate and moving exploration of journeys and the infinite unexpected turns they can take - and somehow Towles makes it all seem effortless. As soon as I finished it, I wanted to read it again” TANA FRENCH

FELLOWSHIP



ALL CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, December 15, 9:30 a.m. in and from Fellowship Hall

We'll be electing new Deacons and Elders in the coming year. We'll be voting on changing the terms of service to January 1 to December 31, and we'll be affirming the budget for 2025.

Men of Faith Breakfast

Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 a.m.

All the men of the church are invited to gather for breakfast. We meet monthly on the third Wednesday at Biscuits Café at 7026 E. Broadway Blvd. We pay our own way and have a lively faith discussion.



Mexican Train Dominoes

Join us on Wednesdays,
November 6 & 20
in A/B

Have fun playing this challenging game of dominoes. We will teach you!

First, third, and sometimes fifth Wednesday of the month.



Casa Maria Lunches

The Casa Maria Lunch Ministry meets the fourth Tuesday of each month to put together 200 lunches for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. If you would like to join them, contact Cindy at ridingsc@comcast.net. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 26, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Drop off your sandwich donations in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.





Flea Market News

**Secondhand Weekend – Saturday, November 9, 9-2 p.m.
Sunday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.**

This will be the final Secondhand Weekend for 2024. December is already quite a busy time at church and in our lives, so let's enjoy it to the fullest.

We would certainly appreciate any hours you can spare to process the latest flea market donations. Our goal is to get every last item sorted and stored to start 2025 with a clean donation closet. As always, lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

If you're in the spirit of donating, you may bring your goodies Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or on Sunday, November 10, from 9:30 a.m to 12 p.m.

For questions about donations, call or text: Claudia Howell at 520-850-0637.

For general Flea Market questions, call or text: Pam Cullop at 520-271-6678.

Please Note: After this Secondhand Weekend and throughout December donations will be accepted but should be brought to church when you attend on Sunday only, or by contacting Claudia for an appointment, especially with larger items.

Some folks have asked about **Pink Pick-Ups Furniture Taxi (520-268-5670)**. They are an independently owned moving company that will move your donations to CPC or your entire household to any location. The Flea Market Team hires them to move and store boxes after Secondhand Weekends and to do heavy lifting for the Flea Market each March. Since we don't collect donations, we encourage you to call Pink Pick-Ups' owner, Nathan Heuser for a free estimate. The charge hourly, with a one-minimum of \$125-\$150, depending on the volume and distance.

With gratitude in abundance,
The Flea Market Team



CPC Missions **CORNER**

Casa Maria - Help make or donate sandwiches on November 26, 8 a.m. Remember, the sandwiches should be meat and cheese and no condiments. Christ Presbyterian Church continues to meet the goal for sandwiches needed. Please keep them coming and thanks to all.

Market on the Move - Mark your calendars for January 2025 when Market on the Move returns to CPC at a new schedule: every first Saturday of the month until June 2025. Help is needed with food distribution, or drop by for the great deals on produce.

Exodus Community Services - These are the guys who help us every year at the Flea Market! It is a great organization that has been the beneficiary of donations from CPC. Exodus currently has three operating homes. They are included in the State of Arizona Tax exemption. Homes like these are now losing the support of the State of Arizona. So when you are thinking about your 2024 taxes and need a great State tax break, this is a good one to support. Arizona allows you to take a dollar-for-dollar credit on your state taxes when you donate up to \$470 for single filers, or \$938 for married couples filing jointly to a qualified organization. Their QCO Code is 20079

Christmas Offering: Watch for more information.



Gifs of Caring Tree

This Christmas season Christ Presbyterian Church is supporting families and children through several organizations. They include I Am You 360, Angel Heart Pajama Project, Courtney's Courage, and Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation. The tree with the tags will be on the patio Sunday, November 24th. We will provide information on the procedure for turning in your gift. Gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 8th.

Questions can be directed to Pam Raines at 520-405-8956
Thank you for your participation in this annual mission project!

Presbyterian Women of CPC



Introducing the 2024 Hershey creation **The Nutcracker!**

These charming wrappers will be the highlight (and theme) of the Crafty Ladies annual Christmas & Cookie sale on Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8. At just \$2 per bar, our Hershey creations are perfect for that 'little something' gift for teachers, work or casual friends, mail carriers, any service provider, table favors, stocking stuffers... and much more. (Former wrapped Hershey creations will also be available for those who like to mix it up.) If you would like to purchase quantities of twenty (20) or more, you have the option of placing a preorder by contacting Pam Cullop*.

Embellished chili Christmas cards will be for sale at \$7.50 a set (10). It is the perfect way to say Merry Christmas from Tucson! (FYI: variations of this design will be available, but each set of 10 will be the same).



Profits from our handmade crafts (and baked goods at the Craft sale) benefit a variety of Presbyterian Women Ministries. Our Main focus is benefitting missions that support women and children. When you buy PW crafts you are also supporting these ministries.

The Crafty Ladies meet each Wednesday (with very few exceptions) from 9 a.m.-noon, in north wing classrooms A/B. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Breaktime is typically around 10:30 when we pause for a light snack and coffee or tea. This is a relaxed crowd of ladies who enjoy laughter and exchanging funny and heartfelt stories, just as much as they do creativity. Join us some Wednesday and see if what we do is a good fit for you!

For questions, call, or text *Pam Cullop: 520-271-6678 or email: pjcullop@gmail.com.

P.S. For those who wish to bake cookies or provide other goodies for the annual Craft/Cookie sale, please contact the coordinator Lianne Puzzo 520-237-9308 to sign up.



Our November Birthdays!

1 George Muncrief
1 Leslie Courville
3 Kathy Kimball
3 Olivia Smith
3 Melissa Hodges
4 Jody Watkins
5 Carol Pyter
7 Jan Marshall
8 Carolyn Manka
8 Marilyn McConnell
12 Tina Bentley
15 Roger Werbylo
16 Beth Cullop

20 Phil Mendoza
21 Ben Koch
21 Bev Phelps
22 Jonathan Alberding
22 Chris Courville
23 Tom Bradley
23 Murray Short
25 Catherine Botts
25 Elsie Watkins
27 Beth Larsen
28 John Couzens
29 Katie Gilbert
30 Dale Rosene

If we've missed your birthday,
please let us know.

Happy Birthday



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Accepting donations of the following:

Ronald McDonald House: Pop tabs, disinfectant wipes, and chemo caps.

Lions Club Glasses: Lenses, frames and any glasses.



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Deadlines

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KIVA December 2024

Articles due by 12 p.m. on Friday,
November 15, 2024

**Weekly Bulletins and Friday
News, requests for flyers or
inserts**

Please submit your articles and
requests by **Wednesday at
noon!**

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