



The Presbyterian Church NOVEMBER BLITZ NEWS

FROM THE PRESBY

A Season of Gratitude, Fellowship & Preparation

November brings a wonderful season of activity at The Presbyterian Church of Hamilton. As we celebrate Thanksgiving and begin preparing our hearts for Advent, there are many opportunities to worship, serve, learn, and connect with one another.

From community outreach and Bible studies to holiday traditions and special worship opportunities, we invite you to take part in the life of our church family.

As we enter this season of gratitude, may we remember the many blessings God has given us and continue sharing the heart of Christ, in the heart of the city.

CHURCH NEWS

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 1

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before heading to bed on Saturday, October 31!

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning, giving everyone an extra hour of sleep before worship.

Join us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Front Street or 11:00 a.m. at Court Street.



Is Your Church Directory Information Up to Date?

Work continues on our updated church directory, and we want to make sure every household's information is accurate and complete.

Please take a few minutes to review your family's information, including your name, address, phone number, email address, and household information. If you notice something that needs to be corrected or updated, please let the church office know.

We also want as many of our Presby families as possible represented with an updated photograph. If you have not yet taken care of your directory photo, please watch for information about upcoming opportunities.

Our directory is more than a collection of names and phone numbers. It helps us put names with faces, welcome new people, stay connected with one another, and strengthen the relationships that make The Presby a church family.

Thank you for helping us make it as complete and accurate as possible!

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HAMILTON

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Traditional | 9:30 AM

Front Street Sanctuary

Contemporary | 11:00 AM

Court Street Sanctuary

Main & High Halloween Trail

The Main & High Halloween Trail is coming to Downtown Hamilton, THIS Friday, October 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., and The Presby will be part of this big community outreach event!

We will set up along our High Street sidewalk to welcome families as they make their way through the downtown trick-or-treat trail. Our Youth Group will be serving hot chocolate, and we will also be handing out candy to children and families throughout the evening.

This is a wonderful opportunity for The Presby to be visible in our city, welcome our neighbors, and be part of a safe, family-friendly evening in Downtown Hamilton.

The more people we have participating, the more fun and welcoming our High Street stop will be!

Open Door Pantry Benefit Concert

Sunday, November 1 | 3:00 p.m.

Front Street Sanctuary

Join us for an afternoon of music in support of Open Door Pantry and its important work serving our neighbors.

Open Door Pantry continues to make a difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout our community. This special concert is an opportunity to celebrate and support that ministry.

We encourage our Presby family to attend and help support this meaningful outreach.

Christmas Poinsettias

Honor or Remember Someone Special This Christmas

Help us decorate our sanctuaries for the Christmas season by purchasing a beautiful poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special.

These flowers will add beauty to both of our worship spaces throughout the Christmas season while providing a meaningful way to celebrate those who hold a special place in our hearts.

Poinsettias are \$15 each.

Order forms and envelopes will be available in the worship bulletins or distributed on Sunday, November 1.

Order Deadline: Monday, November 23

All orders must be received by this date.

Poinsettias may be taken home following our Christmas Eve worship services.

Thank you for helping make our sanctuaries beautiful this Christmas!



CARE & CONNECTION

GriefShare: Navigating the Holidays

Sunday, November 15

The holiday season can be especially difficult for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. While the world around us celebrates, grief can bring feelings of sadness, loneliness, and uncertainty.

The Presby invites anyone navigating grief to join us for a special GriefShare gathering focused on finding comfort and encouragement during the holidays.

Two opportunities to attend:

- 10:45 a.m. | Front Street, Mix & Mingle Room
- 12:30 p.m. | Court Street, Adult Sunday School Classroom

Whether your loss is recent or happened years ago, you are welcome.

Please RSVP to Meg Brown by November 8 at meg@thepresby.org.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent Wreath Making & Luncheon

Tuesday, November 17 | 11:00 a.m.

Ladies, join us for a special morning of fellowship, lunch, and Advent wreath making as we prepare for the Christmas season.

Together, we'll create Advent wreaths for our homes while learning about the beautiful tradition of lighting the candles throughout Advent.

Lunch and candles will be provided. Please bring your own greenery, either fresh or artificial, to personalize your wreath.

Please RSVP to Meg Brown so we can plan appropriately for lunch and supplies.

Hamilton's Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 21 | 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Marcum Park

The Presby is excited to be part of Hamilton's holiday celebration!

Our Presby Youth will be serving hot chocolate during the festivities as our community gathers to celebrate the lighting of Hamilton's Christmas tree.

Come enjoy the sights and sounds of the season, support our youth, and celebrate Christmas in the heart of Hamilton.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 22 | Following Both Worship Services

Help us prepare our church homes for the Advent and Christmas season!

Following both our 9:30 a.m. Front Street service and 11:00 a.m. Court Street service, we invite everyone to stay and help decorate our worship spaces for Christmas.

Many hands make light work, and this is a wonderful tradition for our church family to share together.

All ages are welcome to help!

The Season of Advent Begins

Sunday, November 29

Advent is a season of waiting, reflection, and joyful anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the four Sundays of Advent, we will focus on the familiar themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Each candle reminds us of God's promises and the light of Christ entering our world.

Our Advent Sundays:

- November 29: Hope
- December 6: Peace
- December 13: Joy
- December 20: Love

We invite you to worship with us throughout this meaningful season as we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas.

Christmas Cantata: A Night for Rejoicing

Sunday, December 6 | 9:30 a.m.

Front Street Sanctuary

Celebrate the joy and wonder of Christmas through music as our traditional worship ministry presents A Night for Rejoicing, this year's Christmas cantata.

Join us for this special musical celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, featuring the beautiful sounds of the Christmas season.

The cantata will be presented during the 9:30 a.m. worship service only. Our regular contemporary worship service will still be held at Court Street at 11:00 a.m.

Presby Kids Celebrate Christmas

Sunday, December 13 | Both Worship Services

Our Presby Kids are preparing to share a little Christmas joy with our church family!

On Sunday, December 13, the children will sing during both the 9:30 a.m. traditional service at Front Street and the 11:00 a.m. contemporary service at Court Street.

We hope you'll join us as our youngest church members help lead us in celebrating the Christmas season.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Women's Bible Studies: Looking Ahead to January

New Studies Begin Tuesday, January 19

Our fall Bible studies have wrapped up, but we're already looking forward to another wonderful season of studying God's Word together!

Beginning January 19, we'll offer three studies:

10:00 a.m. | Finding God Faithful: A Study of Joseph by Kelly Minter. Study book: \$25.

1:00 p.m. | Revelation by Jen Wilkin. Study book: \$25.

6:30 p.m. | Daring Joy. Study book: \$20.

Whether you've participated for years or are considering joining for the first time, we'd love to have you!

More information about registration will be shared as January approaches.

Advent Bible Study at Berkeley Square

December 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 10:00 a.m.

Theobald Ballroom, Berkeley Square

Join us this Advent for The Heart That Grew Three Sizes by Matt Rawle, a Christmas study exploring the familiar story of the Grinch through the lens of faith.

Together, we'll reflect on how the Christmas story challenges us to open our hearts to the transforming love of Christ.

This four-week study offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, thoughtful discussion, and spiritual preparation during Advent.

Thursday Evening Men's Bible Study

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m.

Front Street, Mix & Mingle Room

Men of all ages are invited to join our weekly Bible study for fellowship, prayer, and meaningful discussion of God's Word.

Whether you've been studying the Bible for years or are looking for a place to begin, you're welcome to join us.

Come grow in faith and friendship with other men from our church family.

Senior High Youth - God Talk @ True West

True West | Saturday Nov 7, 14 21st at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Mark Provart.

Our senior high students are invited to continue growing in faith and friendship through Bible study and discussion.

These gatherings give students an opportunity to explore Scripture, ask questions, share experiences, and discover how faith connects with everyday life.

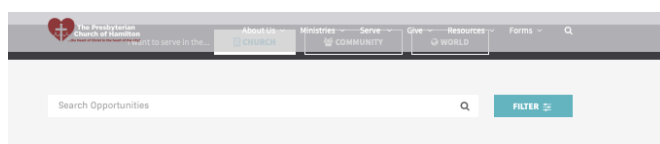


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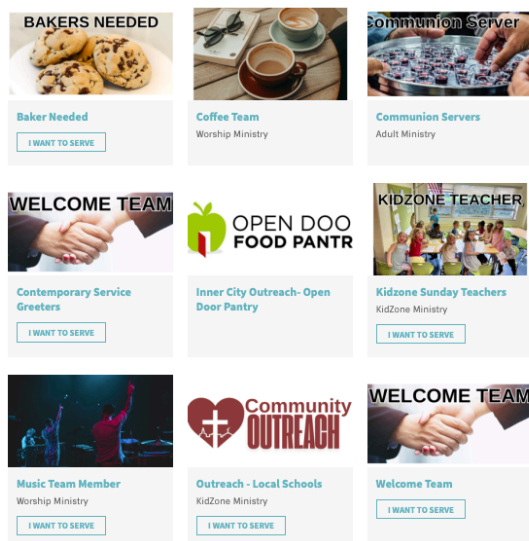
Share Your Time. Share Your Talents. Share Christ.

There are so many ways to make a difference at The Presby! Whether you enjoy welcoming guests, working with children, providing refreshments, sharing your musical talents, or supporting local outreach, there's a place for you to serve. We've made it easier than ever to explore volunteer opportunities through our website. Discover ministries that match your interests, abilities, and availability. Every act of service helps us live out our calling to be the heart of Christ, in the heart of the city.

Explore opportunities at thepresby.org/serve/serve.



Viewing All Church Opportunities



We're Hiring! Part-Time Sunday School Director

The Presbyterian Church of Hamilton is looking for someone with a heart for Christian education and a passion for helping children grow in their faith!

We're seeking a part-time Sunday School Director to help coordinate and strengthen our Sunday School ministry.

This position averages 8 to 10 hours per week and includes weekly Sunday morning leadership and teaching approximately one to two Sundays per month. Position will start January 2027.

Responsibilities include developing Sunday School programming, selecting curriculum, coordinating and supporting volunteer teachers, communicating with families, and assisting with special events such as Vacation Bible School and our Easter Egg Hunt.

Ideal candidates will have:

- An active and growing Christian faith.
- Strong organizational and leadership skills.
- A joyful, patient, and creative personality.
- A willingness to work collaboratively with volunteers and church leadership.
- Basic computer and communication skills.

A background check is required.

Compensation: Salary will be provided upon request.

Interested in applying or learning more? Contact Meg Brown at Meg@thepresby.org.

Please share this opportunity with someone who might be a wonderful fit for our church family!

DEACONS' CORNER

Deacons' Corner

Serving Our Church and Community with Love

Our Board of Deacons plays an important role in caring for our church family and the greater Hamilton community. Deacons serve on church committees, assist individuals and families with financial needs, provide meals and flowers for funerals and memorial services, and support church-wide events.

First Sunday is Deacons' Sunday!

The first Sunday of every month is Deacons' Sunday! The Board of Deacons relies entirely on the generosity of our congregation to support its ministries and outreach efforts.

Your financial gifts help make this important work possible. Donation envelopes are available in the pews. Simply write "Deacons" on your envelope.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Deacons in Action

Our Deacons have been busy sharing Christ's love through acts of kindness, service, and compassion.

Congregational Care

- Visiting and sending cards to our VIPs.
- Sending get-well and birthday cards to church members.
- Delivering handmade afghans to those experiencing illness, the loss of a loved one, or celebrating a new baby or baptism.
- Providing memorial donations to charities selected by members' families.

Community Outreach & Support

- Helping coordinate The Presby's involvement in community blood drives.
- Providing ongoing financial support to the Community Meal Center, Open Door Food

Pantry, Family Promise, and Serve City.

- Donating \$1,000 to the Shoebox Ministry.
- Providing financial assistance to a woman in need.

Community Blood Drive Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in October's community blood drive! Together, donors contributed:

- 28 whole blood units
- 4 double red units
- 1 platelet unit

Next Blood Drive

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Noon to 6:30 p.m. | Marriott

Your donation can make a lifesaving difference!

Help Us Care for One Another

Do you know someone who could use a little extra support, encouragement, or a friendly visit?

If you know someone in need or a homebound church member who would appreciate a visit, please contact a Deacon or call the church office at 513-867-5411.

Meet Your 2026-2027 Board of Deacons

Officers

- Sharon Kindness, Moderator
- Tim Ross, Vice Moderator
- Heather Lewis, Treasurer
- Suzette Wentz, Secretary

Board Members

Melinda Campbell, Ava Carr, Marcia Chrupka, Sandy Combs, Ashley Freidel, Susan Hileman, Bill Kincer, Carol Morris, Lynn Newton, Carole Squibb, Sherri Peters, Sandy Vitale, Winnie Wolfram, and Garry Yarger.

Thank you to our Deacons for faithfully serving our church family and community. Your compassion, generosity, and dedication are a beautiful reflection of Christ's love in action.

NOVEMBER 2026

CHURCH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30 Worship, Front St 11 Worship, Court St 9:30 Adult S.S., Court St 3 Open Door Concert	2 6:45p Zumba	3 10a Knitting Club 6p Special Olympics	4 6:30p Praise Band 6:45p Zumba	5 6:30p Men's Bible Study 5:30p Archery	6	7 10a Youth God Talk, True West
8 9:30 Worship, Front St 11 Worship, Court St 9:30 Adult S.S., Court St	9 6:45p Zumba 1p Christian Education 4p Nominating 5p Church Life 6p Mission & Outreach 6p Personnel 6:30p Trustees	10 10a Knitting Club 6p Special Olympics 6:30p SO Advisory Board	11 6:30p Praise Band 6:45p Zumba	12 6:30p Men's Bible Study	13	14 11:30a Archery Event 10a Youth God Talk, True West
15 9:30 Worship, Front St 11 Worship, Court St 9:30 Adult S.S., Court St GriefShare after services	16 6:45p Zumba 6p Deacons / Session	17 10a Knitting Club 6p Special Olympics 11a Advent Wreath Lunch	18 6:30p Praise Band 6:45p Zumba 5p SO Board	19 6:30p Men's Bible Study 5:30p Archery 12-6:30p Blood Drive, Marriott	20	21 5-8p Hamilton Tree Lighting 10a Youth God Talk, True West
22 9:30 Worship, Front St 11 Worship, Court St 9:30 Adult S.S., Court St Hanging of the Greens	23 6:45p Zumba Poinsettia order deadline	24 10a Knitting Club 6p Special Olympics	25 6:30p Praise Band 6:45p Zumba	26 6:30p Men's Bible Study	27	28
29 9:30 Worship, Front St 11 Worship, Court St 9:30 Adult S.S., Court St First Sunday of Advent	30 6:45p Zumba					

Calendar compiled from the November events list and newsletter. PEO events and Ghosting are excluded. Repeated duplicate entries are shown once.

NOVEMBER 2026

Printable Event List

Sun, NOV 1

9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Front St.
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School, Court St.
11 AM Contemporary Worship, Court St.
3 PM Open Door Pantry Concert

Mon, NOV 2

6:45 PM Zumba

Tue, NOV 3

10 AM Knitting Club
6 PM Special Olympics

Wed, NOV 4

6:30 PM Praise Band
6:45 PM Zumba

Thu, NOV 5

5:30 PM Golden Apple Archery
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Sat, NOV 7

10 AM Senior High God Talk, True West

Sun, NOV 8

9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Front St.
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School, Court St.
11 AM Contemporary Worship, Court St.

Mon, NOV 9

1 PM Christian Education
4 PM Nominating Committee
5 PM Church Life
6 PM Personnel Committee
6 PM Mission & Outreach
6:30 PM Trustees
6:45 PM Zumba

Tue, NOV 10

10 AM Knitting Club
6 PM Special Olympics
6:30 PM Special Olympics Advisory Board

Wed, NOV 11

6:30 PM Praise Band
6:45 PM Zumba

Thu, NOV 12

6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Sat, NOV 14

10 AM Senior High God Talk, True West
11:30 AM Archery Event

Mon, NOV 16

6 PM Deacons & Session meetings
6:45 PM Zumba

Tue, NOV 17

10 AM Knitting Club
11 AM Advent Wreath Making & Lunch
6 PM Special Olympics

Wed, NOV 18

5 PM Special Olympics Board
6:30 PM Praise Band
6:45 PM Zumba

Thu, NOV 19

Noon–6:30 PM Community Blood Drive, Marriott
5:30 PM Golden Apple Archery
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Sat, NOV 21

10 AM Senior High God Talk, True West
5–8 PM Hamilton Tree Lighting

Sun, NOV 22

9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Front St.
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School, Court St.
11 AM Contemporary Worship, Court St.
Hanging of the Greens after both services

Mon, NOV 23

Poinsettia order deadline
6:45 PM Zumba

Tue, NOV 24

10 AM Knitting Club
6 PM Special Olympics

Wed, NOV 25

6:30 PM Praise Band
6:45 PM Zumba

Thu, NOV 26

6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Sun, NOV 29

9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Front St.
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School, Court St.
11 AM Contemporary Worship, Court St.
First Sunday of Advent

Mon, NOV 30

6:45 PM Zumba