The Main Thing

November 2026 MSPC



Thank God for Ordinary Sundays

November has a way of reminding us to count our blessings. We give thanks for our families, our homes, and the countless ways God has provided for us throughout another year. But I wonder if there is one gift we sometimes overlook precisely because it is so familiar: the ordinary Sunday.

Think about it. We get dressed, make our way to church, greet familiar faces, sing familiar hymns, hear God's Word, pray together, and eventually head home. For many of us, this routine has been repeated hundreds, perhaps thousands, of times. Yet hidden within that familiar rhythm is one of God's greatest gifts to His people.

In Acts 2:42, Luke writes that the early Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles 'teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." This was a church that had witnessed Pentecost and the remarkable growth of the gospel. Yet the pattern of its life sounds surprisingly familiar. They gathered around God's Word, enjoyed fellowship, broke bread, and prayed. Much of the Christian life was wonderfully ordinary.

Our Reformed tradition speaks of the "ordinary means of grace": the Word, the sacraments, and prayer. God has not told us to chase spectacular experiences in order to grow. He has promised to nourish His people through the means He has appointed. When Scripture is faithfully preached, when we witness a baptism or gather at the Lord's Table, and when we pray together, God is at work among us. These are no small things, even if we have grown accustomed to them.

And God is also at work through the people sitting around us. Consider the teacher who prepares a Sunday school lesson, the member who notices an empty pew and makes a phone call, the older saint whose faithfulness encourages a younger believer, or the parent patiently teaching a child to worship. So much of the life of the church consists of quiet acts of love that rarely receive recognition. But as Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12, every member of Christ's body matters.

Of course, no congregation is perfect. We misunderstand and disappoint one another. We are sinners still being sanctified. Yet this, too, displays God's grace: Christ has gathered imperfect people and is patiently teaching us to worship, serve, forgive, and grow together.

As a pastor, I spend plenty of time considering what our church might do next. Those questions matter. But in looking toward the future, we must not miss what God is already doing. Every Sunday His Word is proclaimed, prayers are lifted, burdens are shared, children are taught, and weary saints are strengthened. Jesus Christ is faithfully building His church.



So this Thanksgiving, thank God for the gift of His church. Encourage someone whose quiet faithfulness has blessed you. Reach out to someone you have missed. And the next time we gather for worship, remember that what seems ordinary to us is an extraordinary expression of God's kindness. One day, we may discover that some of His greatest gifts came disguised as ordinary Sundays.



2029 Revitalization Capital Campaign

Pledges and Commitments to date	$1,302,200
Revitalization 2029 Goal	$1,800,000
Balance Needed to Reach Goal	$497,800



Paige Pilkinton will visit Nov. 22

Last July, Paige partnered again with Josiah Venture to help lead Christian English summer camps for high school students in Slovakia. Over approximately two weeks, the team partnered with two local churches to lead a Christian summer camp. Their primary goal was to build relationships with students, share the Gospel, and encourage them in their walk with Christ. Daily activities, small group discussions, worship, and personal conversations offered them opportunities to help the students come to know Jesus more deeply and experience His love in a more meaningful way. They also endeavored to connect those students with local churches.

She is excited for this opportunity to personally express her thankfulness to every person who has partnered with her, whether through giving, encouragement, or prayer.

Please continue to pray with her for lasting spiritual impact on the lives of the students reached during the camp.

Paige will be sharing a Sunday School presentation on Nov. 22.

Less than 2% of young people in Central and Eastern Europe know Jesus as their personal savior. King Josiah led his nation back to God **by the time he was 26.** Josiah Venture desires to see the new generation of youth in Central and Eastern Europe to do the same.

Read more:

https://www.josiahventure.com/

ABC's 50th Anniversary Event Celebration



On September 24, 2026, ABC marked 50 years as a mission with a dinner celebration in Jackson, Mississippi. With more than 120 friends and supporters in attendance, it was a night of shared stories, inspirational remarks, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship. The highlights of the event had to be the remarks from Nell Chinchen, co-founder of ABC, and a presentation from the ABC Liberia alumni who were able to attend. (They are pictured above with her.)

Special thanks go to the sponsors of the evening, First Presbyterian Church-Macon, Georgia; Frances and George Holman; the Eye Group Foundation; Rhonda and Mark Baird; The Grove Church-Chandler, Arizona; Becky and Mark Linsz; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Penny, and Michelle and Lee Sonius.

Main Street has made a special donation to ABC Radio, which Nell founded, in honor of her 100th birthday.

See photos from the special night here:

https://www.africanbiblecolleges.org/50theventphotos/?vcrmeid=N44cV799kK006Cj8mYIag&vcrmiid=vB9LSYdFNUOyoSwjqPqQwg

30 Days of Prayer Beginning Sunday, November 1, the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Dear PCA Church and Friend of MTW,

For over 50 years, MTW has encouraged fellow believers to join in an annual season of prayer for world missions. And every year churches in the PCA and their congregants have faithfully prayed. This November, will you join us again for 30 days of prayer?

November is our month of prayer for world missions. Click here to access our online prayer calendar or to print a copy: https://mtw.org/30-days-of-prayer/?utm_source=2026_30_DOP&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email_1/

Sunday, November 1, is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. We invite you and your congregation to join with Christians around the world on that Sunday as we pray for our oppressed brothers and sisters. For each of the other days in November, we will highlight a different need from one of our MTW fields. Please plan to join us in praying each day for the spread of the gospel around the globe.

We do covet your prayers for world missions. Your prayers are critical for the growth of the Church!

Your friends at MTW **Homepage - Mission to the World**

MTW is the global missions-sending agency of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

You prayed. You sent. God answered.

In 2016, MTW Coordinator Lloyd Kim challenged the PCA to pray that the Lord would send an additional 1% of its membership to the mission field.

You answered the call! God answered our prayers! The 1% Challenge concluded in June 2026. A survey that year showed that together, responding churches have sent 1.9% of their members to the mission field.

We praise God for the workers He raised up during the 1% Challenge. We pray He will use them to continue to build His Church and make disciples throughout the world.

MMi
Ministry to the Military & Internationals

www.MMiChurches.com

Friends, 23 September 2026

I do not often use this forum to speak about ministry I have been doing, but my wife and I recently had a ministry opportunity in Alaska. I was able to preach 6 Sundays to some saints in Fairbanks and Kenai. We met with 2 PCA pastors (Anchorage and Kenai), spoke at length with a PCA chaplain serving there, and visited in the homes of several families. Most of those in-home visits were with those either currently serving in the military or have retired from the military. Some were aware of MMI (and even attended and/or visited our churches) and all were thankful to hear of our work. Well over half of the families in the Fairbanks reformed church (not in the PCA) were either in the military, retired military or worked on one of the 2 large bases in the Fairbanks area (Ft Wainwright and Eielson AFB). Additionally, a good majority of these families had been members of PCA churches in the past. These families could easily be assigned one day near one of our churches.



The Fairbanks church looked just like an MMI church in so many ways—most were young military families or singles, others were locals, and there was a steady stream of vacationers. The Kenai PCA church afforded me the opportunity to share during the covered dish fellowship after church. The pastor said that he was thankful for the testimony that God's people are meeting all over the world. This church had National Guard members, former military and families with loved ones currently serving in the military.

We met with the Anchorage PCA pastor for coffee and he gave us a great picture of his church. It too has a heavy military presence as Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson is on the north-side of the city. There have been former MMI families who have attended that church, and former families from that church have attended some of our churches.

This visit was a great reminder that there is one body of Christ and our ministry has tentacles in places that most of us would never dream of visiting or living. We are also thankful there are those who love Jesus in these churches.

Thank you for faithfully supporting our ministry. This was a great reminder that the fields are white for harvest!

Pray that our Lord would send laborers. –Jn 4:35.

Chester Replogle
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Main Street Presbyterian Thirdmill Fall 2026 Impact of Giving Report

Dear Friends at Main Street Presbyterian Church,

We are so thankful and blessed by your church's partnership! Please share this with your pastors and missions committee.

We are so thankful for your partnership with us in Gospel ministry! Please find below your Impact of Giving Report detailing many ways in which the Lord is using your generosity to grow the Kingdom of God, all over the world!

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions, or if we can be in prayer for you, your church, or your family.

Please click the link below to read the report

Thirdmill Fall Impact of Giving Report 2026.pdf

Philippians 1:3

Becky Pratt

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Growth You Helped Fuel

This past year, Thirdmill saw:

1. 21.7% growth in Thirdmill Institute total students, now serving more than 20,005 Institute students worldwide.
2. 17.7% growth of Thirdmill offline students, ensuring pastors without internet access can still receive high-quality theological education.
3. A growing network of 619 organizational partners in 146 countries, working together to train leaders where the Church is growing fastest.

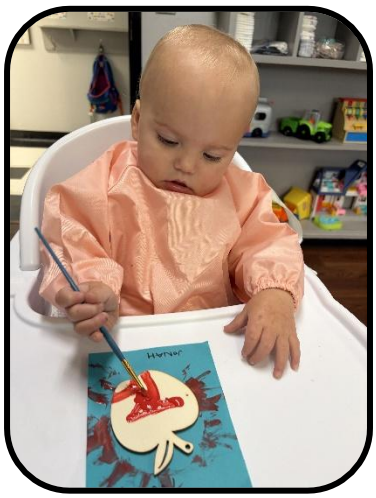


MSCS Newsletter

Fall time is in full swing and we are enjoying it fully at the preschool! We are thankful for the cooler weather and we are soaking up the sunshine on the playground!

The 1's class is growing and learning so much already this school year! We are learning to share, to say our prayer before snack, to be kind to our friends, and to be patient and wait our turn! Our littlest students are doing so well! We've loved painting and playing with toys most of all! While we are having a great time at school we are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving and enjoying a break to be with family! We will use the time before break to talk about thankfulness and other topics that come along with the fall festivities! We're excited for what fun and new things the rest of the year will bring!

Kailee Chilcutt (1's Teacher)











MONTHLY CHURCH LUNCHEON

The weather has changed and we're enjoying cooler mornings with leaves showing colors of red, yellow, and orange. As always, those leaves also manage to land in piles that need to be raked and gathered. Our children seem to enjoy it best because they can run and jump into those leaves!!! Isn't fall wonderful?

It's November and time to look ahead to Thanksgiving. There may be families traveling to other destinations to gather for that "special" turkey dinner or may be greeting family and friends here in Columbus. With that said, we will **NOT** have a luncheon in November.

Our next luncheon will be in December for our annual "Mingle and Jingle". A date has not been set, and details will follow in due time. There will be inserts and announcements to help with planning.

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday this year. Each and every day is filled with so many blessings. Let's remember those traveling both near and far as well as those expecting loved ones here.

Enjoy **YOUR** 4 F's…Fellowship, Family, Fun…WITH A LITTLE FUSS!!

Lynda

Budget Report
September 2026

$ 44,062

All tithing including online

November Counter



Jon Zarandona





Usher Line Up for November 2026:

Nov 1: **Jay Nail,** Key Pittman, Jesse Duncan, Jacob Wright, Josh Wodrich

Nov 8: **Jack Chilcutt,** Sammy Clemons, Dan Williams, Tom Tait, Cameron Denney

Nov 15: **Brinton Fisackerly,** Joseph Crandall, Jon Zarandona, Mike Meharg, Phillip Goodwin

Nov 22: **Bryant Bean,** Jeff Hilfiker, Russ Russell, Nick Hairston, Allan Brewer

Nov 29: **Trip Hairston,** Doug Bateman, Carson Miller, Bertram Jenkins, John Bean

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COMMUNION (Remember Clocks rolled back overnight!)	2	3 Turner Kilpatrick WIC 10:30	4 Bess Swedenburg Fried Chicken	5	6 Bethany Hairston Russ Russell	7 Proximity Pass Along Party 5:00
8	9	10 Ladies Night Out 6:00 Huck's	11 Reed Williams Hotdogs	12	13	14 Mike Meharg
15 Ed White	16	17	18 Lasagna	19	20	21
22	23	24 Family Movie Night 5:30 (Please RSVP to Laurie Chilcutt)	25 No Supper	26  Church Office Closed	27 Ann Chilcutt Shirley Swoope Church Office Closed	28
29 NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	30 Landon Kilpatrick					

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week-tentative

Nursery Volunteers



November 2026	11/1/26 Team 2	11/8/26 Team 3	11/15/26 Team 4	11/22/26 Team 5	11/29/26 Team 1
Coordinator	Frances Glenn	Lisa Suber	Hannah Nail	Meryl Fisackerly	Janie Williams
Nursery Volunteer	Sarah Bean	**Volunteer Needed!**	Camille Pittman	Brittany Cofield	Robin/Katie Tait
Nursery Worker	Tara White	Tara White	Tara White	Tara White	**OFF**
Nursery Worker	Destiny Spraggins	Destiny Spraggins	**OFF**	Destiny Spraggins	Destiny Spraggins
Toddler Sunday School	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley
Sunday School Monitor	Dan Williams	Jay Nail	Brinton Fisackerly	Dan Williams	Jay Nail



- MSPC Elders, Deacons, and Pastors
- Karen Livingston, Nicki Leggett, Oop Swoope, Jane Berry, Rachel Lucas, John Rogowski, Kathy Forester, Diane Stone, Martha Turner, Rebecca Mancill Buswell, Bob Wilbur, Family of Frank Webb, Family of Colleen Meek, Family of Abigail Beard, and Christ Presbyterian Church Misson
- Expectant Moms: Riley Sullivan and Sierra Kilpatrick
- Washington Officials, President Donald Trump
- State, City, and County Officials
- Governor Tate Reeves, Mayor Stephen Jones, Police Chief Garland Ward, Sheriff Eddie Hawkins
- Helping Hands, Life Choices Pregnancy Center, Palmer Home, all Columbus Churches and Pastors



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Main Street Presbyterian Church

(A Presbyterian Church in America Congregation)

Sunday Schedule
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 Evening Study: Psalms
Wednesday Schedule
5:30 p.m. Supper
6:00 p.m. Children Activities and Adult Bible Study