



## The Link November 2020

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### Psalm 138

**I give You thanks, O LORD,  
with my whole heart;**

**before the gods I sing Your praise;  
I bow down toward Your holy temple,  
and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast  
love and your faithfulness,  
for You have exalted above all things  
Your name and Your Word.  
On the day I called, You answered me;  
my strength of soul You increased.  
All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O  
LORD,  
for they have heard the words of Your mouth,  
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.  
For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,  
but the haughty He knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
You preserve my life;  
You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of  
my enemies,  
and Your right hand delivers me.  
The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;  
Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

We find ourselves “in the midst of trouble” as Thanksgiving approaches, and our prayers for a speedy end to the covid-19 pandemic have been met with the consistent “wait” answer. Under the stress of a contentious election, we are hard pressed to find things to be thankful for. But this psalmist still was thankful: thankful that his life was spared, that the strength of his life increased, that God’s Name and God’s Word are exalted, and even the kings of the earth will bring their thanksgiving to God. Why? Because in times of trouble, we have to face this truth: we are not in control. Wealth, power, status, none of these are of much

use in the face of a virus that we can’t even see. It is God Who is in control, Who looks on the lowly with favor, Who saves our lives and builds us up spiritually, even in isolation. We, who know God, have the inside track, that eventually even political rulers will realize: they must turn to God for help. And when God delivers us, even kings and presidents and prime ministers and senators and congressmen and judges will join us in thanksgiving and praise; they will see the undeniable evidence that God’s Word is true, and that God’s ways are right. Believers will be leading the song that everyone will take up, because of God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

In the meantime, with the psalmist, be assured that God will fulfill His purpose for us, and will not desert us, for we are the work of His hands. So start now, thank God with your whole heart, sing God’s praise for His steadfast love and faithfulness, and know that His eye is on you for blessing. Eventually even the politicians will catch on.

Blessings,  
Pastor Beth Stone

**Church News:** Operation Christmas Child is requesting toy cars and trucks small enough to fit in the shoeboxes for November.

Fort Logan Ministries is hosting a Christmas event Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> at the Christian Living Center to provide gifts for needy families in our community. We have been asked to buy gifts for girls and boys aged 3 to 11. These will be on display at the center, and parents can pick out gifts for their children. There will be a wrapping station, too, so presents are ready to put under the tree. Volunteers will be needed for setup and breakdown, as well as escorting parents and manning the tables.

Barley Basket continues with monthly distributions of groceries. Cans of peas, corn, green beans, chicken, tuna, fruit and boxes of instant potatoes, noodles, mac & cheese, spaghetti, ramen noodles are our staples for the bags.

Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 15 will be for the election of officers, for the adoption

of our new Manual of Operations, and for the publication of the budget adopted by session. Officers on ballot: elder: Ted DeFosset (2<sup>nd</sup> term) and Mike Taylor (1<sup>st</sup> term); deacon: Hank Smith and Jason McKinley (both 1<sup>st</sup> term). Nominating committee for 2021: Janet Booth, Janet Baird, and Roseann Downey. Nominations from the floor are welcome, just ask beforehand if the person is willing to serve.

Pastoral Nomination Committee has finished our mission form and it will go live on the leadership web site soon. Interviews will then be open.

Session voted to give Stephan and Sharon Kern \$1000 for mission work in Africa with Ethnos 360°. This is from our mission budget, which was unused this year due to the pandemic.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out one of the forms in our pews and put it in the office or hand it to the pastor. If you want to put someone on our prayer chain on One Call, please call the pastor on her Kentucky number. These requests are only published on our printed newsletter and on One Call. They do not go out on our Facebook page, on our website, or our online newsletter.

### **Stanford Presbyterian Church**

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. – online

Worship on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

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**Reverend Elizabeth Stone, pastor**

**Wednesdays:** Sr. High Revive – 6 p.m.  
Choir – 7 p.m.

### **November**

- 1 – All Saints' Day; Food donations collected  
Daylight Savings Time Ends – fall back!
- 3 – Election Day! Pray for our nation and vote!
- 7 – Community worship rally will be virtual on FB
- 8 – Deacons meet at noon  
Be the Bridge book study; Chapter 8
- 10 – Mary Circle at church, 11:30 a.m.
- 11 – Veteran's Day: thank our veterans!
- 12 – Martha Circle at church 7:00 p.m.
- 15 – Congregational Meeting after worship
- 22 – Pastor on vacation  
Barley Basket 5 pm
- 26 – Thanksgiving Day
- 28 – Hanging of the Greens
- 29 – First Sunday of Advent; Communion  
Session meets at noon  
Be the Bridge book study – Chapter 9

### **December**

- 4,5 – Fort Logan Ministries Christmas event
- 7 – Mary Circle
- 10 – Martha Circle
- 13 – Deacons meet after worship  
Be the Bridge book study – Chapter 10
- 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight service with communion.

### **Fall Calendar 2020**

**Tuesdays:** AA