

# WEST END NOTES

NOVEMBER 2020

West End Presbyterian Church † 275 Knox Lane † West End, NC 27376

## Dear West End Presbyterian Church Family,

During the past 8 months the WEPC Session has been prayerfully putting plans into place for us to return to worship. Many factors have gone into their decision-making process. Above all, the session desired only to return to worship when they felt like they could provide a safe worshipping experience. We now know much more about this virus than we did in March. We know that physical distancing and the wearing of face coverings provide substantial protection for ourselves and others. We know that risks are lower when fewer people gather in enclosed spaces. There is still much we do not know.

With all of that in mind, the Session voted to return to an in-person worship service in mid-November. It will take a few weeks for us to get all the logistics in place, practice new technology, and share how it will work with you.

Our first step is to return to one in-person worship at 11am that will be open to a total of 50 people (including worship leaders/ushers/tech support) in the Crawford Center. There will be safety protocols in place, and the session expects everyone who participates in in-person worship to follow the safety precautions. One thing that will require a big adjustment for everyone is that reservations will be required for worship. This is so we can make sure that we do

not exceed our capacity and to help us provide contact tracing should it be necessary. As much as we all wish the pandemic was over, community spread continues and churches that have returned to larger in-person gatherings continue to emerge as hotspots for the spread of the disease. By limiting our in-person worship to 50, we are reducing the risk of viral spread.

For the health and safety of our congregation, staff, and worship volunteers, we are making this transition slowly. As we get a handle on this new form of worship, we will be considering adding an additional service in the future to further accommodate those who wish to attend worship in person. Your patience during this transition is highly valued.

Many of you have expressed that you are not comfortable returning to in-person worship or activities until there is a widely available vaccine. Please know that we will continue to provide the worship service virtually. As we adjust to another format of worship, we covet your continued grace, flexibility, and understanding. Because the service will be recorded on Sunday morning, it will not be available online until later in the afternoon.

The service will be in general a bit shorter than our pre-covid services. One reason for an abbreviated service is for the

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## SPECIAL DATES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
ALL SAINTS DAY  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3  
ELECTION DAY  
*Moore County use of the  
Crawford Center for voting.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
AMANDA BROWN 'S  
WEDDING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
SECOND SUNDAY EVENT  
GIVE THANKS DANCE  
AND  
PLEDGE CARD DEDICATION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11  
VETERANS' DAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
SESSION MEETS (ZOOM)  
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22  
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
FOR THANKSGIVING  
(NOVEMBER 26-28)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



comfort of those participating in person who will be wearing masks. Another reason is because we will not be able to have congregational singing. All professional church and secular music organizations have advised that singing, even with a mask on, contributes to significantly higher probabilities of transmission of the virus. As we have done throughout this challenging time, we will try our best to be creative in our approach to worship so that we can provide a meaningful experience for all participants.

There will be plenty of trial and error as we continue to reshape our life of faith together. We have all born much worry and stress. We have all had to adjust our expectations. We have all had to dig deep. For the sake of God's love and the good news of the gospel we must continue to be a people of faith who love God and neighbor and who demonstrate that love through means of grace.

Stay tuned for updates as we move to a new phase of worshipping together. It will feel different that when we have worshipped together in the past, but we can be certain that where two or three are gathered in Christ's name that God is there.

Let us continue to keep in our prayers those who are particularly affected by this pandemic season: those who are isolated and alone; families who are juggling the challenges of work and school from home; those whose work keeps them in public places and thus at greater risk for exposure, including health care workers; and those whose livelihood has been adversely impacted by the economy.

The staff and leaders of West End Presbyterian Church will continue to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

In the light and love of Christ,



Maggie  


**Maggie Frampton Beamguard**  
Pastor, West End Presbyterian Church

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY**  
@ WEST END PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CRAWFORD CENTER PARKING LOT  
NOVEMBER 8 @ 4:30PM

**HARVEST CELEBRATION  
& PLEDGE CARD DEDICATION**

Join us for some physically distanced line dancing led by our friend Rebecca Lapping from Community Presbyterian Church and the local band Sweet Tea. Dedicate your pledge card.



**PRECAUTIONS**  


# IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT WEST END PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

“What?! You mean I need a reservation to come to church?!” We know. It does not feel right having to reserve a spot to worship. And it will no doubt take some getting used to for all of us. These are not normal times. As much as we all wish the pandemic was over, community spread continues and churches that have returned to larger in-person gatherings continue to emerge as hotspots for the spread of the disease. **For now**, we are limiting our in-person worship gatherings to 50 people including our staff and worship volunteers. In order to help your worship leaders manage participation, you are asked to make a reservation.

The system for making a reservation may change as we gain more experience and knowledge. Our initial reservation procedures are:

1. The reservation window is between Monday at Noon and Thursday at 3pm for the following Sunday. Look for an email each Monday with a link to our online reservation page.
2. If you are not comfortable with making online reservations, you may call the church office between Monday at Noon and Thursday at 3pm. If no one is available to take your call, leave a voicemail with your name, number of people in your party, and a contact number, and someone will confirm your reservation with you.
3. Whether making reservations online or through the church office, you must register all family members and/or guests. When making an online reservation adding those attending with you as guests in the “guest” box. When making reservations through the office, make sure you indicate the number of guests participating to the person taking your call.
4. Reservations are first-come, first-served.
5. The reservations will close once the reservation list reaches 50 for that week. The church office will notify the congregation via email when the reservations are full.

### SUNDAY MORNING

1. If you are running a fever or otherwise feel ill, please rest at home and be well.
2. Always maintain 6 feet of social distance, even in the parking lots.
3. Properly worn masks/face coverings are required at all times on church property, especially in inside areas.
4. Enter the Crawford Center door at the picnic area. Line up by the cones that are spaced six feet apart.
5. When it is your turn to enter, stop at the registration table. Give your name to the Elder volunteer to be marked present. Extra masks and hand sanitizer will be available.
6. You will seat yourselves, beginning at the front row and working to the back. Chairs are arranged six feet apart. Family groups may move chairs to sit together, but family groups must remain six feet apart from others.
7. Be prepared for the service to be a little different: there will be no congregational singing or corporate prayers. (We will sing and pray in our hearts!). The order of service will be projected as bulletins and hymnals have been eliminated. Offering plates will be placed at the entrance and exit rather than passing them person-to-person.
8. Bathrooms will be open for two people at a time, but please limit your use to necessity.
9. The water fountain will be out of use.
10. At the end of the service, you will be directed to the exits by the ushers, beginning with the back row. Please exit quickly. Mingling in the parking lots is discouraged.

### VIRTUAL WORSHIP

The worship service will be recorded each Sunday and uploaded to YouTube. The service will be made available by Sunday evening. The link to the service will be available through a church-wide email, on our church website, and on our Facebook Page. We are not able to live-stream the service at this time.

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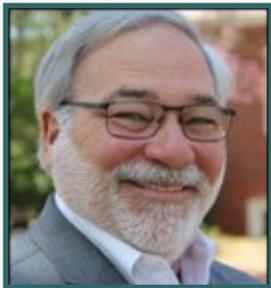


**READY TO SERVE?**

**ELDERS - CLASS OF 2023**



**DEACONS - CLASS OF 2023**



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**



*Serving GOD Together!*



**DESIGNATED ASSOCIATE  
PASTOR  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE**



# Hello NOVEMBER



**ALL SAINTS' DAY** will be celebrated during our worship video on November 1! We will commemorate the saints of our congregation who joined the church triumphant this last year. It is a source of encouragement and comfort for Christians to remember those who preceded us in faith and to consider their example.

**DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!** When you go to bed on October 31, set your clock back an hour and while you are at it...change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



**SECOND SUNDAY: THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM** invites you to join them on November 8 at 4:30pm in the Crawford Center parking lot for a Harvest Celebration and Pledge Card dedication.

**CHRISTMAS FOR MOORE** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission of offering support for individuals and families in **Moore County**, in need of assistance at Christmas time. With your generous support, our church again will be sponsoring multi families/individuals. If time has slipped away and you would like to provide for a family, contact Mac Clark, (910) 986-1252.



The Session has voted to begin in-person worship in the Crawford Center beginning November 22 at 11:00am. **For now**, we are limiting our in-person worship gatherings to 50 people including our staff and worship volunteers. In order to help your worship leaders manage participation, you are asked to make a reservation. (see page 3)

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** is November 29. Visit the church website, [www.westendpres.church](http://www.westendpres.church), find the advent logo and click on it. Watch the short video to find out how you can participate by creating a diorama for Advent. Please return your dioramas to the church before Thanksgiving day, November 26.





A NOTE FROM THE  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT



“Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son...

And now let the weak say, ‘I am strong’  
Let the poor say, ‘I am rich’  
Because of what the Lord has done for us’  
Give thanks...”



This Don Moen song has always been one of my favorite contemporary hymns because it is upbeat, the message is simple and proclaims the power of God to transform. November is that time of year where we, both individually and as a country, give thanks for our many blessings – family, friends, our church, our homes, our health, our food, jobs, etc. We are called to celebrate our blessings every day in our earnest prayers to God.

We all have had a rough go of things this year in one way or another. Sometimes its hard to acknowledge these difficulties let alone be grateful for them. “Living in Gratitude” is a big movement nowadays that self-

help gurus have just discovered whose followers’ lives are transformed through gratitude. But we as Christians have always had the key to the concept: “Gratitude is a word used to express thankfulness and praise. A general attitude of thanksgiving in both the trials and blessings of life distinguishes the Christian. The apostle Paul exhorts us in Scripture to give thanks for all things, in all circumstances (Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18), even in suffering (Rom. 5:3-5; James 1:1-4), and to do everything in the name of Jesus out of a spirit of gratitude (Col. 3:17).” (from BibleStudyTools.com)

This month, get into God’s Word and the many songs and hymns written in gratitude and praise. Give thanks with a grateful heart each and every day!

*Jennifer Thomas*  
*Director of Music*



*“There is one body, and one Spirit,  
Even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;  
One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
One God and Father of all,  
Who is above all, and through all,  
And in you all.”*

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism  
and welcome  
Eli James Kennington

Eli is the son of  
Virginia and Jonathan Kennington  
and the grandson of  
Kathy and Jimmy Kennington (Monroe, NC)  
and Julie and Mac Jones (West End, NC)

  
**STAY THE  
 COURSE  
 and  
 BE SAFE**

*Where your treasure is,  
 there your heart  
 will be also. Luke 12:34*

We hope you will prayerfully consider making a pledge to the ministry of West End Presbyterian Church. If you have not received a pledge card in the mail and would like one, please contact the church office 910.673.4341.

We encourage you to bring your pledge card to our 2nd Sunday Harvest Celebration Event, November 8. The event begins in the Crawford Center Parking Lot at 4:30 p.m. The local band Sweet Tea will be there to help us celebrate and our friend Rebecca Lapping from Community Presbyterian Church will lead us in some physically distanced line dancing. We will dedicate our pledges and take the opportunity to give thanks for all the lessons we have learned this year and the gifts we have received. It should be a grand time.



**Network - WEPC GUEST**  
**Password = welcome1**

The WEPC Network is up and running better than ever thanks mostly to our very own Tim Kline. There is now a Wi-Fi network called WEPC GUEST. It does not matter what building you are in, Church Office, Crawford Center, Hogan Youth Center or the Sanctuary...the network is the same.

## Youth Ministry

- ◆ Youth Fellowship is a little different this year.
- ◆ High School and Middle School groups meet separately.
- ◆ We only meet for an hour and will not have our shared Sunday night meal.
- ◆ Please make sure you bring a mask to wear and prepare yourself to maintain safe physical distance.



# NOVEMBER

1ST	MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH, 5-6PM
8TH	HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH, TIME TBA SECOND SUNDAY (ALL CHURCH EVENT)
15TH	MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH, 5-6PM
22TH	HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH, 5-6PM
29TH	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO YOUTH

# Gratitude Practices

## FOR FAMILIES

### 1. MAKE A GRATITUDE TREE.

Write all of the things you are thankful for on paper ornaments. Put a large branch in a vase and hang the ornaments on it.

### 2. MAKE A GRATITUDE PAPER CHAIN.

Add one new link per day with something that happened that day.

### 3. USE ALL OF YOUR SENSES.

What do you see, smell, taste, touch, and feel right now? How are you grateful for each of these things? Keep this in mind all day.

### 4. MAKE A JOURNAL

of the things you are grateful for. You can add writings, drawings or photos. Add to your gratitude journal

### 5. WRITE A NOTE OR DRAW A PICTURE

for someone you appreciate. Tell them how much they mean to you.

### 6. SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

using the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Thank God "For each new morning with its light — For rest and shelter from the night — For health and food, for love and friends — For everything Thy goodness sends."



# Puzzle!



In an effort to care for all of our members, we invite you to share with us when you, a family member or a friend is facing

an illness, hospitalization, death or major life transition. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or update someone's condition, please secure their permission and notify us by contacting:

REV. MAGGIE F. BEAMGUARD

843-822-1875, [maggie@westendpres.church](mailto:maggie@westendpres.church)

MARTHA PARKER, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

910-673-4341, [martha@westendpres.church](mailto:martha@westendpres.church)

You will find the prayer list attached to the weekly email or you may pick up a copy from the narthex or church office.

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER

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## DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.

Answer:

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## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS



### ELDER OF THE MONTH

SHARON KUETHE

### DEACON OF THE MONTH

KIM AUMAN

### LITURGIST SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 1

LINDA DEYOUNG

NOVEMBER 08

JAYNE LEE

NOVEMBER 15

JENNY MABRY

NOVEMBER 22

ALICE DROPPERS

NOVEMBER 29

JUDY LAUT



NOVEMBER 3	LAURA PITTS
NOVEMBER 5	LOGAN CIOKAN
NOVEMBER 7	KENT DROPPERS
NOVEMBER 8	MARGI SHEROFF
NOVEMBER 9	ELLIE LYONS
NOVEMBER 10	BOB HESS
NOVEMBER 13	GINNY LONG CINDY KLINE
NOVEMBER 15	KIM AUMAN TERRE CURRIE MICHAEL HRUBY GARY LEWIS ADDIE SCOTT
NOVEMBER 16	HENRY MACKIE
NOVEMBER 17	DAVID PETRIE
NOVEMBER 19	RON DUNNING
NOVEMBER 20	AMANDA BROWN
NOVEMBER 21	PETE CHASE
NOVEMBER 24	BILL LYONS
NOVEMBER 27	ED AUMAN EMMA LEWIS
NOVEMBER 28	TONYA WILLIAMS
NOVEMBER 29	LARRY MCCALLUM
NOVEMBER 30	JENNY MABRY



NOVEMBER 16	MISSY & MIKE HOLLAND
NOVEMBER 16	LIZ & BUD SALES
NOVEMBER 21	BECKY AND CHUCK WATKINS



# VETERANS DAY

**Please remember our Veterans, not only on  
Veteran's Day, November 11, but all year long!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>All Saints' Day</i>  Daylight saving time ends!  <b>MS Youth</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 Staff	<b>3</b> <b>Election Day</b> ~ Voting in the Crawford Center	<b>4</b> 3:30 Zoom WOW	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Brown Wedding
<b>8</b>  <b>2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday</b> ~ Harvest Celebration and pledge card dedication	<b>9</b> 10:00 Staff	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:30 Prayer Shawl 3:30 Zoom WOW	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>MS Youth</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00 Staff 6:00 Session  <i>December Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 3:30 Zoom WOW	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  <b>CHRIST the King SUNDAY</b>  WORSHIP ~ CRAWFORD CENTER (50)  <b>HS Youth</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00 Staff	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>    Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>  WORSHIP - CC (50)  <b>MS Youth</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 Staff	 <b>N O V E M B E R</b>				

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*This newsletter is sent with a blessing  
and a prayer to:*

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



## **THE CHURCH STAFF:**

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## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

The church office is opened Monday - Thursday from 8:30am to 4:30pm

**SAFE**  
Sanctuaries®