



Worship Service is at 11:00am every Sunday in person.

Sunday School Classes (9:45am)

- The Shurley Class: meets in room 7
- Men's & Women's Class: meets in the library



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A Note from Pastor Todd...

Prayers of the People

As followers of God we are, of course, a people of prayer. Even when our hearts are not sure God is listening – though our minds know God always is – we are supposed to talk to God about our lives and the world around us. The Prayers of the People time during our worship service is important to me as a pastor. Different pastors handle this in different ways. For some it is a chance to pray for the congregation, for some a chance to focus outside the walls of the sanctuary. I like to blend both of these together. I feel it connects all of us to hear the joys and concerns within our church community. I also try to be intentional about praying for others not gathered with us. Most of you probably know my affinity for writer and pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber. Recently she shared prayers she wrote for a friend's installation as dean of The Cathedral of St. John the Divine. I was moved by her prayers for our world and thought I would share some of them. May we all continue to be faithful in asking for God's vision for our world to be a reality.

Pastor Todd

We pray for your whole church – for those who call upon your name in every language and every manner. If agreement in doctrine eludes us, may our shared and desperate need for your mercy unite us. Knit us together with strands of your love, make us one, and help us to always take you more seriously than we take ourselves.

*Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

We pray for leaders of nations, that they may know that only you are God and act accordingly. We pray for peace that isn't just the absence of gunfire but the presence of dignity, and for justice that doesn't wait for the next election cycle.

*Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who suffer - and also for those who love them. For the sick and the dying, for the addicted and the incarcerated, for those whose pain is visible and those whose wounds are carefully hidden. We name them before you now, out loud or in our hearts...Comfort them, Lord.

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And we remember those who have died —may their faults be forgiven and their strengths be borrowed.

*Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

Gracious God, you have promised to be with us and today we are claiming that promise as our own as we drop these prayers at your feet. Grant us wisdom. Grant us courage. For the facing of this hour, and the living of these days, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.



*Through Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners we pray,
Amen.*

Our Prayer List...

Please keep the following individuals below in your thoughts and prayers.

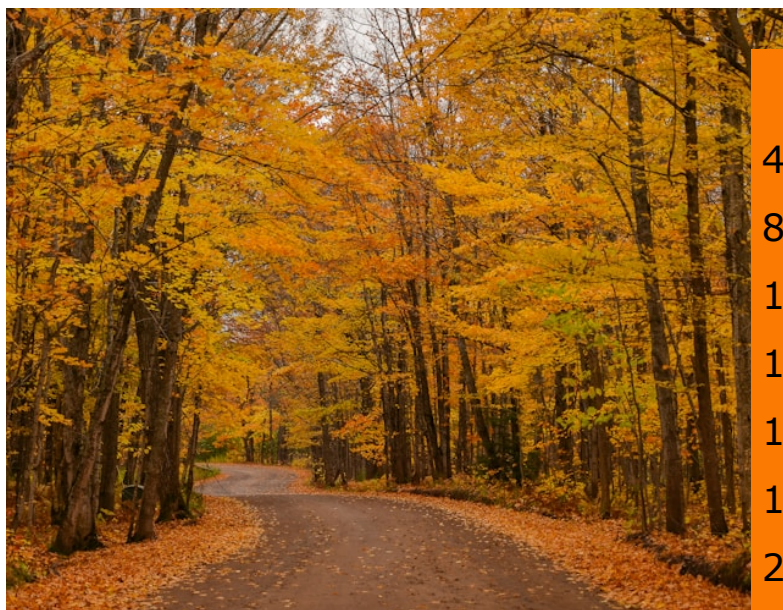
- Elizabeth Breckinridge
- Jane Monacell
- Marie Heath
- Laura Greer
- Joe Woodham
- Jan & Wayne Richter
- Leon App
- Joann & George McCabe
- Richard Young



Congregational Meeting will be held on
Sunday, November 16th, 2025 following
Worship service to present the slate of elders
for 2026-2027.

Pledge Sunday

Sandston Presbyterian Church's Stewardship season has arrived for 2025. The Stewardship, Administrative & Finance Committee asks for your participation in pledging your financial commitment for our 2026 budget. We invite you to assist our Sandston Presbyterian Church's continuing effort to keep "SANDSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VIBRANT and STRONG" on pledge Sunday **November 9, 2025!** We are expecting a good attendance on Pledge Day and hope all will participate in our **covered dish luncheon** right after our worship service in celebration of our successful pledge Sunday. So bring lots of great dishes and delicious desserts. See you there!



November Birthdays

4	Jack Oldham
8	Michael O'Berry
16	Jim Wagner
17	Karen Amstutz
17	Grayson Fitzgerald
19	John Monacell
26	Dell Shaff
28	Leon App

Thanksgiving Meals

The Christian Life Committee is working with Sandston Elementary School again this year to help four families right in our community with Thanksgiving meals. We will be collecting food items as well as monetary donations. We will have sign up sheets in the narthex of the church on November 9th with items that are needed for each family. All donations will need to be returned to church by **November 16th**. All food donations can be dropped off in the church office and if you wish to make a monetary donation please make checks out to Paulette O'Berry.



FYI... Daylight savings ends on November 2nd so remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour the night before.



Meetings this month...

The Beekeepers of Richmond will meet on **Tuesday, November 4th from 7pm to 9pm**. If you have an interest in bees this may be the place for you. If you have any questions please contact Arlo Amstutz.

The Highland Springs Garden Club will meet on **Tuesday, November 18th from 10am to 12:30pm** in the fellowship hall. *Anyone who loves flowers is encouraged to come and join us. If you have any questions please contact Pat Fitzgerald.*



Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **Sandston Presbyterian Church on Monday, December 1, 2025 in the Fellowship hall**. For more information grab a flyer outside of the church office!

YMCA MEI Collection Update...

For the month of October we were able to collect a total of 33+ cans of tuna for the MEI's walk up food pantry right here in Sandston, which will go to help families and individuals in need in this area. We thank everyone who supported this cause and be on the lookout for the next collection!



World Food Day Update...

The Presbyterian Women would like to "Thank" everyone for donating canned goods and monetary donations to the Henrico Christmas Mother for World Food Day. They were able to collect a total of \$325 and 75 canned goods. Thank you for everyone's support this year!

PW Circle Meetings...

- The Finley-Walker Circle will meet on **Wednesday, November 12th at 10:00am.**
- The Davis Circle will meet on **Wednesday, November 12th at 6:00pm.**



Decorating for Christmas The Presbyterian Women will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 4th at 9:00am. Everyone is invited to come join the fun and help get the sanctuary ready for this Advent Season!



Poinsettias...

We will start taking orders for poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas on November 16th. The cost is **\$15.00** this year. You can find forms in the bulletin in the coming weeks, and you can place them in the offering plate. **The deadline to place an order is Monday, December 8th.**

What's going on in our community...

Eastern Henrico FISH

We are collecting craft kits (rock painting, jewelry making, pottery painting, etc.) for the month of **November**. We know this isn't like our regular food items we normally do, but collecting craft kits for the month of November will help FISH out with Christmas time approaching. You can find these kits at Target, Walmart, Hobby Lobby, Michael's, etc. There is a box outside of the church office you can drop them off in. **The Deadline is November 30th**. For the month of **October** we were able to collect a total of 68+ children's toothbrushes and 29+ tubes of toothpaste. Thank you to everyone who donated this month!

Roma's on Williamsburg Road is having a spirit night to support Eastern Henrico FISH on **November 5th, 2025 from 4pm-9pm**. They will give a percentage of your receipt to FISH all you have to do is show them the flyer which is attached to the end of the newsletter/attached to this email. This is a great opportunity to support Eastern Henrico FISH and get some great food!

Camp Hanover

Mark your calendars! A **Hanover Christmas** returns Friday, **December 12th and Saturday, December 13th** for two magical nights celebrating the birth of Jesus. From **6:00 to 9:00pm** each evening. Stroll a candlelit path and experience musical performances and dramatic reenactments. A donation of \$10 per person to the Annual Fund for Camp Hanover is appreciated!

Covenant Woods Christmas Market

Covenant Woods is having their annual **Christmas Market** on **November 7 & 8, 2025 from 9:00am to 2:00pm**. Come shop over 25 vendors to find that special gift for yourself or anyone on your holiday shopping list. You will find hand-crafted wooden bowls, cutting boards, jewelry, beautiful artwork, notecards, purses, totes, holiday decor, baked goods and more. You can also enjoy lunch in their restaurant, Fireside.



Trunk or Treat Update...

The Christian Life Committee would like to "Thank" all of our amazing volunteers who helped make our 7th Annual Community Trunk or Treat a success! We had a great turnout with over 100+ kids from right here in our community. We thank everyone for all of the help and support.





November Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service & Communion	3	4 7pm-9pm Beekeepers of Richmond Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service Pledge Sunday & Luncheon	10	11	12 10am Finley-Walker Circle Meeting 6pm Davis Circle Meeting	13	14	15
16 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service Congregational Meeting	17	18 10am-12:30pm Highland Springs Garden Club	19	20	21	22
23 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	24	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29
30 9:45 Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service						

