



*And Jesus said to them,  
“Follow me and I will make  
You fish for people.”*

*Mark 1:17*

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Anita Duhon, Secretary/Newsletter Editor  
November Elders: Leah and Wade Marcantel  
December Elders: Thomas Logan & Amy Stark



### Your Session Hard at Work in October

Thanks to the hard work of the session and their committees. We are making steady progress towards rebuilding our Sanctuary. Highlights of our progress in October and early November meetings are listed below.

- On motion by Amy Stark and second by Thomas Logan, the session elected Mary Lou Burke to be St. Andrew's commissioner to the PSL meeting on November 2.

The PSL meeting was held on November 2 from 9-2 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sulphur, LA. Having it so close was a fantastic opportunity to see how our Presbytery functions and to meet other Presbyterians in our area. Several St. Andrew members attended the meeting and a few volunteered to help at the meeting.

- On motion by Amy Stark and second by Wade Marcantel the session voted to sell or donate the old pews and buy new seating for the Sanctuary.

The pews have been stored in a warehouse but are in bad shape after going through the hurricane, being moved, and being in unairconditioned storage. The Property Committee has been investigating buying new seating for the Sanctuary.

- On motion from the Property, the session approved paying the \$8065.00 invoice from Kudla Architecture.

Since the Sanctuary Roof has significant leaks, the Property Committee decided that re-roofing the Sanctuary would be our top priority in the rebuilding process. On motion from Property on behalf of the Building Committee, the session approved hiring MorCore Roofing for \$58,500 to re-roof the Sanctuary with 160 mph Tamko Titan shingles.

- Leah Marcantel, chair of OMG, met with the Evergreen Advisory Board on September 27th to discuss events and service opportunities. Rosa Alfred, the director of development, is planning a fundraiser on March 27th, 2025. The goal of the fundraiser is to raise funds to build a greenhouse at their Lake Charles facility for their clients. We will have both sponsorship and participation opportunities for this event. Leah also reported that Evergreen invited our ruling elders to attend their Clergy Day event on Thursday, October 24th at 9:00 AM at Pujo Street Cafe. This was an opportunity for us to visit with some of the staff and clients and learn about possible service activities. Leah and Wade Marcantel, and Jack Verret participated.
- Leah Marcantel, chair of NSG, also reported that Fall Bowl was held on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Petro Bowl at 2pm. Nine of our youth attended and enjoyed the opportunity to get together for fun and fellowship. NSG also arranged a Halloween celebration. Children were invited to wear their Halloween costumes to church on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Candy donations from the congregation were accepted to pass out at the tables.
- The Fellowship Committee provided a meal after worship for the congregation on September 29. The committee also provided refreshments after worship on November 3, so the congregation could meet and socialize with Co-Moderator of General Assembly Tony Larson, who filled our pulpit that Sunday.
- On motion from Worship, the session voted to approve GA Co-Moderator Tony Larson to fill the pulpit and serve communion during worship on November 3.
- Presbyterian Women had a garage sale on October 19 to raise money for missions. They made record profits to benefit their missions. Thanks to the many people who donated items to sell and/or helped with the sale.
- A big thank you to Melinda Sharp, Ronnie Fountain, and Courtney Fountain who conducted an internal review of our Treasurer's records as required by Presbytery and approved the records. Another big thanks goes to our treasurer, Diana Lewis, for doing such an excellent keeping our financial records.

St. Andrew is truly amazing. Many people from Presbytery have expressed how well we have coped, losing both our Sanctuary and our pastor. The good news is that by this time next year we may have the opportunity to hire our own home-grown preacher, Thomas Logan. And we hope to celebrate Christmas 2025 in our Sanctuary. We are truly a loving, caring, giving, and hardworking family of Christ.

Love in Christ,

Anne Dye, Clerk of Session

## Prayers and Concerns

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for those who visited this past month.

Remember in your prayers the many members and friends in need of support during the trying times of their lives: Linda Cannon; Virginia Conrad; Mary Davis; Jody Flanagan; Linda Latour; Liam Simon; Alivia Simon; EJ Smith; Carol Bell's son, Patrick; Pastor Bobbie Yellot; Rachel, Leah Marcantel's sister.

Condolences to the family and friends of Chuck Peterson, Anne and Joe Dye's brother-in-law.

Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past month. May the peace of the Lord be with them.

**First Presbyterian Church** of Lake Charles has invited St. Andrew to join them for their Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 24, at 1:00 p.m. They would like an estimate of how many will attend. This will be a great opportunity to build our relationship with First Church. If you think you will attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall and indicate how many will be in your party.

### Birthdays

11/02 Helen Lum Nji  
11/08 BrieAnna Ardito  
11/11 Ronnie Fountain  
11/15 Courtney Fountain  
11/25 Sue Long  
11/27 Alex Aguillard

### Anniversaries

11/02 Robert & Charlene Aguillard  
11/16 Ryan & Katie Keenan  
11/18 Wade & Leah Marcantel

### Pulpit Supply

11/10 Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder  
11/17 Reverend Constance McIntosh  
11/24 Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder

**The Thank Offering** is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries.

### Thank Offering Current Recipients

Six of the projects serve people in the United States, and two are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than forty percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.

#### NATIONAL

##### SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

Dakota Presbytery  
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation  
Waniyetu Consulting  
Welcoming of the Child

##### SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC

Presbytery of the James  
Voices of Jubilee  
Crossing Borders Accompaniment

##### SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC

Presbytery of New Hope  
SAFEchild  
Technology at SAFEchild Advocacy Center

##### SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC

Central Florida Presbytery  
Forward Paths Foundation, Inc.  
Homes to Independence—Housing for Homeless Youth

##### SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

Presbytery of Carlisle  
Peace Promise/Kitchen Renovation

##### OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Office of Immigration Issues  
Public Affairs Software  
Platform for Grassroots Advocacy

#### INTERNATIONAL

##### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

Presbyterian Church in Congo (CPC)  
Presbyterian Ministries with Vulnerable Children  
Protecting Children in Greater Kasai

##### HAITI AND SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA

Heartland Presbytery  
Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope  
Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, Kansas, fiscal sponsor  
Surgicenter Ambulance

The Presbyterian Women's Horizon's Bible Study for 2024-2025 is "*Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*" by Patricia K. Tull. The study explores many ecological issues and theological questions that point us to act and engage in healing the environment, in small and large ways. Lesson One jumps in with Ezekiel's vision about the coming harm being done by humans. Join the study on Fabulous Friday, November 8, in the Richardson Room at 10:30 a.m. It will be followed by a sack lunch. Mission Stitchers will meet in the Sewing Room after lunch.

*Ezekiel 33:21; 34:8; 17; 18-19*



# November Calendar



Elders for November: Leah and Wade Marcantel  
 Elders for December: Amy Stark, Thomas Logan, and Wade Marcantel

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9am-1pm Lake Charles Music Academy  12:30-3pm Art class	1 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	2 9-2pm PSL Mtg @ Westminster  12:00pm New Beginnings AI-Anon
3 11:00 am Worship Service w/communion- (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM)  Pulpit: Tony Larson, co-moderator of GA	4	5	6 6:00 pm New Beginnings AI-Anon mtg  6:30 pm Choir Practice	7 12:30-3pm Art class	8 Fab Friday 10:30 am- Bible Study 12pm sack lunch 1pm Mission Stitchers	9 12:30 pm New Beginnings AI-Anon
10 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM)  Stated Session Meeting after Worship  Pulpit: Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder	11	12	13 6:00 pm New Beginnings AI-Anon mtg  6:30 pm Choir Practice	14 12:30-3pm Art class	15 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	16 12:30 pm New Beginnings AI-Anon
17 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM)  Pulpit: Reverend Constance McIntosh	18	19	20 6:00 pm New Beginnings AI-Anon mtg  6:30 pm Choir Practice	21 12:30-3pm Art class	22 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	23 12:30 pm New Beginnings AI-Anon
24 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM)  Pulpit: Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder  Thanksgiving Luncheon at 1pm at First Presbyterian Church	25	26	27 6:00 pm New Beginnings AI-Anon mtg  6:30 pm Choir Practice	28 Office and Church Closed- no meetings  Thanksgiving	29	30

