

November 13, 2022

Pennies for Hunger: December 4

**November missions offering:
The Shepherd Center of Uganda**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Services are live-streamed **each week**, on www.alamancechurch.org.

THE SHEPHERD CENTER OF UGANDA cares for street children of Kabale District in Southwest Uganda; providing a safe and loving home where they are nurtured, educated, and counseled for a better future.

VETERANS DAY, the federal holiday honoring U.S. military veterans, is officially observed on Nov. 11. As a sign of respect for all veterans in the congregation, the United States flag is displayed in the sanctuary **today**. A limited number of 2022 APC Veterans Day booklets is available in the narthex and Gathering Place.

MAYOR OF ALAMANCE. Winning candidate will be announced **today, Sun., Nov. 13**.

KIDS R.O.C.K.: Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom is a fellowship group for 2nd-5th graders; meets **4:45-5:45p** on **Sun. This week, Nov. 13: Time & Talents (Luke 19:1-10)**. **Next week: Serving Others (Matthew 25:35-40)**.

YOUTH GROUPS: No youth groups on Nov. 13.

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH MEAL is **Wed., Nov. 16**. Sign up to help: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1267005862041792064/false#/invitation> (**No Open Door Nov. 16**.)

POTTERS HOUSE MEALS: Supper at Greensboro Urban Ministry, on the **third Sat. of odd months**. Next time to serve: **Nov. 19**. Contact Darren Hadley(darren.hadley@triad.rr.com)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT Sunday is **Nov. 20**. Bring your pledge cards to worship with you, and we'll dedicate them to God.

THANKSGIVING MEAL: Sun., Nov. 20, immediately after worship, in Brown Hall. Meat provided, you bring sides and desserts. THEN, jog back upstairs for Hanging of the Greens.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSE Nov. 24-25 for Thanksgiving.

NEW CHURCH SEASON BEGINS: Sun., Nov. 27 is the First Sunday of Advent. It is the beginning of the new Church year. We begin following the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A.

PASTOR JESS'S BOOK CLUB: Meets on **last Tuesdays at 7p. Nov. 29** book is **Peculiar Treasures: A Biblical Who's Who** by Frederick Buechner. Contact Jess Rigel to join.

NEXT OPEN DOOR MEAL: Wed., Nov. 30, 5:45-6:55p. This semester, we study sin and confession.

A VISIT WITH SANTA is **Sat., Dec. 3, 2-5p** in Brown Fellowship Hall. The L.I.F.T. Circle sponsors this annual community-wide event.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Meets on **even months** in the Coble House for a meal and fellowship. Next meal: **Mon., December 5, 11:30a**. Call church office to reserve your seat.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA, presented by church musicians, is **during worship on Sun., Dec. 18**.

POINSETTIAS will decorate the sanctuary on **Sun., Dec. 18**. Deadline to order them is **Mon., Dec. 5**. Use the order form in your bulletin packet, or in Nov. issue of *The Relay*.

FOLLOW THE STAR, a progressive event, is **Sun., Dec. 18, in the evening**. Drive from spot to spot, stopping at each for one act of the Christmas story. End at a to-be-disclosed location with a live Nativity.

STEPSOULS EXERCISE CLASS meets **M-Th, 4:30-6p; Sat. 8:30-10a** in the Community Room under sanctuary. Details: APC website and Phyllis Monroe (phylmonroe@gmail.com).

OPEN MEETING: 12-step recovery program (AA); **7p every Thurs.**, in the Gathering Place. All are welcome to join this group.

Christmas Card Mailbox 2022

Look for a Christmas Card Mailbox in the breezeway entrance. Bring Christmas cards for church members, and deliver them with the alphabetized mailing system (by LAST name, please.)

Retrieve cards delivered to YOU anytime during the season. If you visit a friend or neighbor, take their cards to them! Great effort will be made to ensure that each card finds its way to its intended recipient.

Church Staff

Dr. Kyle Goodman, Lead Pastor

Rev. Jess Rigel, Discipleship Pastor

Andrew Long, Dir., Youth Ministries

Joy Thomas, Dir., Children's Ministries

Katie Long, Director of Music

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CHURCH OFFICE

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During normal business days, the church office is open

8:30a-2:30p on **M-T-Th-F;**

8:30a-12:30p on **Wednesday.**

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Martha Brown: Wed., Nov. 20, 1p in the Coble House.

Red Hat: Check with your moderator about the November meeting.

Agapé: Check with your moderator about the December meeting.

L.I.F.T.: 9a every Sun., Uffman room.

Food Pantry

NO MORE egg cartons — for now!

Special collection for November: Dry pasta, spaghetti sauce

A large RED bin behind Brown Fellowship Hall is for shelf-stable food donations. A tall golden box in the Gathering Room is for shelf-stable food and clean, dry, plastic grocery bags. (We use these to distribute food to our guests.) **Contact the Food Pantry to donate fresh produce or meat.**

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: Food Pantry Team **needs** you. **Go here to sign up:** <https://signup.com/go/FLfKFNp>

Team needs: unpackers, shelveers, phone answerers, grocery cart fillers, takers of info from clients in their cars, putters-in-cars of each client's groceries, fetchers of weekly donations from Food Lion.

ONLINE GIVING:

www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.

To give by Text: text the word "give" to **336-396-6133**. Follow the prompts to set up an account and make donations.

It is physically impossible for our regular church phone numbers to accept text messages.

Need to make changes to your account? Contact Dana Adams: 336.697.0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org.



We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2022 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Centering Music *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* - arr. John Carter

***Call to Worship**

One Voice: To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose.

All Voices: There is a time for building up, putting in the work, and making a difference.

One: There is also a time to rest from our labor and enjoy what we have accomplished.

All: There is a time for diligence and focus.

One: There is also a time for play and recreation.

All: There is a time for daily chores and tending to others' needs.

One: There is also a time for sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening.

All: There is a time for long conversations and deeper insights.

One: There is also a time for quiet walks and silent reflections.

All: There is a time for checking our phones and reading the bulletin.

One: There is also a time for vibrant worship and joyful song.

Now is that time.

All: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

I've Got Peace Like a River

Song sheet

Confession & Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess our idleness and apathy. We are people who complain but do not volunteer. We are people with expectations but not commitments. We are people who feel entitled but are not invested. God, we also confess to being too busy and overburdened. We do not make time or space for the things that truly matter most. We do not always make way for you. We want everything done our way, but we never seem to get it all done. God, we are out of rhythm and out of balance. We are out of sync with you. Forgive us, and help us follow in step with your son, Jesus. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you can, both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line, we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace. If you are with us in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

***Sung Response** *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* Song sheet

The Word

First Scripture Reading *Isaiah 65:17-25*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message *The Rhythm of Stewardship* Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman

Thanksgiving & Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer King James Version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if your words differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *They'll Know We Are Christians*
- arr. Edward Broughton

*** Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

*** Sending Hymn** *Together We Serve* Song sheet

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

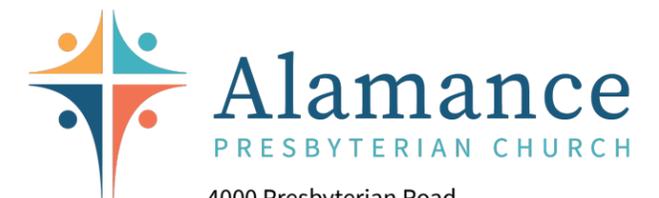
Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, *unless otherwise noted.*

A lectionary is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study. This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.

Lectionary Year C for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, **November 13:**
Isaiah 12, 65:17-25; Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

Lectionary Year C for Christ the King Sunday, **November 20:** *Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 1:68-79, 2:33-43.*



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We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action Congregation.

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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