

# Park Presbyterian Church

Thursday, October 21, 2021

## Weekly Park Branches

### This Week's Sermon

"Enough to Make You Question"

### Scriptures

Psalm 34

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This past week, we finally experienced some of the chilly weather that the autumnal equinox signaled should be coming. As the weather cools and the daylight grows shorter, the leaves on the trees have begun to change colors. And drop. In my yard.

I took out the lawn mower last weekend for what I hoped will be the last time this year. Rather than rake, I opted to kill two birds with one stone and mulch the leaves that had fallen thus far while simultaneously mowing the grass. I do not look forward to when I will need to actually rake.

Despite the dread I feel looking out at the leaves through my back window, I love the fall season. I love the fog that settles over the hillsides every morning. I love the crimson, orange and amber of the leaves. I love Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Some feel that first cool autumn breeze and are excited for sweater weather, but some feel that first cool autumn breeze and know that winter is coming, and that winter means cold, and that cold means snow, and snow means shoveling, and shoveling means there will never be anything good in the world ever again.

Perspective sure can be funny. Do we look about and see only the decay of the leaves and the darkness of early sunsets? Can we see the beauty in the world around us? Do we see God at work in the world?

Our lectionary text this week, Psalm 34, expresses praise and gratitude to God for the psalmist's deliverance from fears and troubles. The psalmist sees God at work despite their hardship and invites us to taste and see that the LORD is good. The psalmist invites us to see the beauty that they see in the world around in them.

Will you join them?

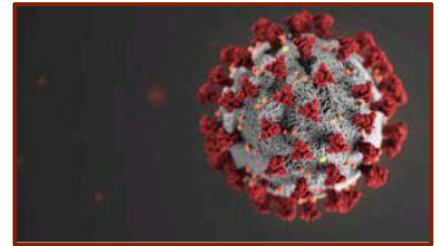
—Mat Meyer

## Sunday Worship as Park Apart

The worship video will be available on Sunday at 11:00 am and you can continue to find us anytime thereafter at <https://www.parkpres.org/swl-sunday-worship-live>. The bulletin for the service can also be found on the [Sunday Worship page](#) of our site. If you have announcements or prayer requests, please send them to Pastor Todd on Sunday morning via text at 612-554 6527 or email at [revallen@parkpres.org](mailto:revallen@parkpres.org).

## Mask Policy

Due to the highly transmissible nature of the Delta variant and the recent spike of cases in Beaver County, the Session strongly encourages masks to be worn by all, vaccinated or unvaccinated, out of consideration for fellow church members and guests. Should you forget your mask, disposable masks are available in the sanctuary.



Thank you for your cooperation in this new policy as we strive to serve one another well.

## October Is Pastor Appreciation Month!



We are so blessed to have our new pastor, Rev. Todd Allen! We look forward to a long and exciting season of ministry together!

**We appreciate you, Pastor Todd!**

## Monthly "Fellowship Sundays" Following Worship



Beginning next month, we will enjoy time together with friends and neighbors following worship on the first Sunday of each month. For November, there be an additional time of fellowship on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Christ the King Sunday, as we celebrate and give thanks for the Kingship of Christ and the blessings of our lives. We are seeking volunteers to host these events. A sign up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Area.

## Beaver Area School District Opportunity

Beaver Area Middle School (Grades 7-8) in the Beaver Area School District is looking to fill one of our currently vacant Teaching Assistant (TA) positions. Through this position, this individual would work closely with our special education staff as well as our content area faculty to ensure that students' needs are being met daily. With the role of the teaching assistant, there is also a great deal of work that is done with individual students who may need academic support. This may include pushing into content area classes to support and redirect students, provide small group testing for learners, and assist with organization, among other duties. Applicants must be able to provide their PA Criminal History, PA Child Abuse, and FBI Fingerprint clearances and must hold at least an associate degree equivalency. The hours for this position are 7:20 a.m. - 2:55 p.m. daily, and the hourly rate is \$11.00/hr. All interested applicants can email Mr. Steve Katkich, Beaver Area Middle School Principal at [katkichs@basd.k12.pa.us](mailto:katkichs@basd.k12.pa.us).

## **Presbytery Meeting Summary - September 28, 2021**

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, using a Hybrid format, in-person and via Zoom. The meeting was hosted by Covenant Church, Butler, where John Silbert serves as pastor. *This was the first time presbyters were able to be face-to-face in 18 months!* Moderator Elder Judy Lipsak presided over the meeting.

### **STATED CLERK REPORT:**

- Clerk Byers referred the presbyters to two additional reports regarding the installations of the Rev. Todd Allen, Park Church, Beaver, and the Rev. Brian Hauser, Mars Church, Mars.
- Clerk Byers announced to the Presbytery that after 28 years in the Office of the Clerk, he will be retiring as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, effective December 31, 2021. The Clerk emphasized the honor and privilege it was for him to serve.

### **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT:**

Rev. Dr. Harmon reflected upon his past seven months service as Executive, including churches and sessions visited.

### **COORDINATING TEAM:**

#### **Celebrated the following Minister Ordination Anniversaries:**

- 10 Years: Connie Frierson, Mark Allio
- 25 Years: Judy Angleberger, Keith Black, John Porter
- 40 Years: John Tuft
- 60 Years: Tom Clyde, Bill Jackson, T. Neil Severance
- 70 Years: John Shettel

### **MINISTRY & VOCATION COMMITTEE:**

The Ministry & Vocation Committee moved, and the presbytery approved, an increase of 3.5% in the 2022 Minimum Terms of Call for Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Certified Christian Educators.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

The Personnel Committee moved, and the presbytery approved, a 3.5% COLA for 2022 for the Presbytery Staff.

### **ACTIONS TAKEN:**

- Approved the 2022 Per Capita amount at \$31.52 per member.
- At the Church Session's request, the Presbytery will match \$.50 per dollar, up to the Church's assessed and remitted Synod and/or GA Per Capita. The deadline for this match will be December 1, 2022.
- Approved the 2022 Budget.



**Celebrating Birthdays  
next week:**

Jerry Madden 25<sup>th</sup>

Lucy Flynn 27<sup>th</sup>

Joe Budicak 28<sup>th</sup>

Laura Correll 30<sup>th</sup>