

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The Session approved a recommendation from the Back to Church Task Force on Wednesday, November 10 at the Joint Officer meeting. They recommend *setting aside* the following protocols (barring any drastic spikes in COVID cases):

- 1) Disinfecting the sanctuary following each worship service
- 2) Taking temperatures of those who attend church
- 3) Requiring reservations
- 4) Assigned seats

Out of consideration for those who prefer social distancing, we consider the back 5 rows and the balcony to be "distance zones." Those are places where people self-select to sit apart.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 14

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Alleluia Chimes Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. - Committee on Committees

Monday, November 15

- 7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 16

- 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, November 17

- 1:00 p.m. - Outreach Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Saturday, November 20

- 9:00 a.m. - All church workday - Wilbanks Hall **WE NEED YOU!**

Sunday, November 21 - Thanksgiving Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Alleluia Chimes Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
- 6:00 p.m. - Men's Council Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday through Friday, November 24 - 26

- Church Office is Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Alleluia Chimes Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

All Church Workday, Saturday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m.

We need your help. We are going to be working to get the Wilbanks Hall building put back together. Most importantly the kitchen and the fellowship hall itself. There will be many boxes to unbox and dishes to wash, refrigerator to clean, tables and chairs to be set in place. The more helpers we have the quicker this task will go. Please prayerfully consider lending a helping hand.

Thank you,
David Howard, Property Chair



Alleluia Chimes

Who: All Youth and Children over the age of 5

What: You are invited to participate in a Young People's Chime Choir for a special presentation

When: Sunday, January 9 at both services the choir will chime in the sanctuary

Where: Practices will take place at 9:30 and end at 10:00 AM on each Sunday until we present.

Note: You will be dismissed in time for Sunday School. Masks to be worn during rehearsals and performance.

The First Practice will be today. Sunday, November 14!

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY

IN THE WELCOME CENTER

Men's Council - 96th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Let us give thanks together.

We have options and want to be inclusive no matter the choice.
Option 1 - Men's Council (homemade goodness)
Option 2 - Individual Prepackaged Meal from Boston Market



Sharing Life Community Outreach is collect food items needed for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. If you would like to donate food, we are collecting non-perishable items.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your donation by **Sunday, November 14**, the suggested amount is \$30 for a basket.

You may also drop off perishable items directly to them.

The Women's Retreat Committee is selling pecans.

A table is set up in the narthex and a committee member will be there to assist you. Please make your purchase after the worship service concludes.

1 lb. bag of halves \$12

1 lb. bag of pieces \$12

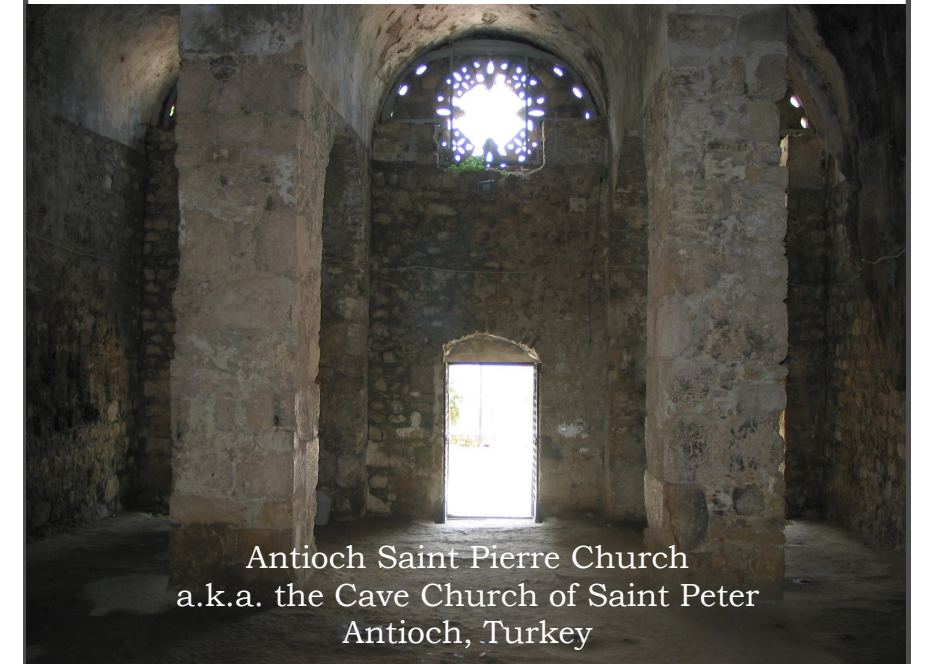


THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we go forward in 2021. Let us carry on THE CHALLENGE to collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our current total for November is **61 items. Thank you to all for your continued support.**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 14, 2021



Antioch Saint Pierre Church
a.k.a. the Cave Church of Saint Peter
Antioch, Turkey

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Let us worship God!*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Lani Smith

*INTROIT *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Catherine Winkworth
(11:00) Chancel Choir (vs 1)

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; 1 Peter 1:3*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Blessed be the God and Father and our Lord Jesus Christ! Be the great mercy of God we have been born anew to a living hope. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God; we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient people. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, and we have rebelled against Your love. We have not loved our neighbors. We have refused to hear the cry of those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A—men. A—men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Wreaths Across America*
(8:45) Zoe Futrell; (11:00) Mary Claire Doughton

ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter
(11:00) Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

All knowing God, as we hear Your Word read and preached, may we hear today Your special message to us, may we gain insight for the week ahead, and may we see Your larger purposes for our lives in Jesus' Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 16:13-18*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Acts 11:19-26*

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 330 *Our Help Is in the Name of God*

SERMON *The Glory of the Antioch Church* Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION

*HYMN 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *God, We Honor You* James E Clemens
Chancel Choir

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

*VOLUNTARY *Fantasia on 'Azmon'* arr. Todd Kendall

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr Carol Stephenson (8:45); Kay Alvarez (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers - Terri Bragg,
Bryan Sanders and Michael Johnson

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Daniel and Kay Alvarez giving thanks to God for Kay's 20 years of remission.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries
Ryoji Shimpō, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus