



The Loudon Lamp

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THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday**- Session Meeting at 6:30
- **Tuesday – Thursday** Church Office open from 8 to 1:00
- **Wednesday** -
 - 5:30 Cumberland Kids
 - 6:00 Handbells
 - 7:00 Choir Practice
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- **Thursday**-11:30 from Home Depot in Lenoir City-we are meeting a truck from First CP Church in Cleveland and Chattanooga to join in sending supplies to Greene County for storm families.



THIS SUNDAY-November 24th

9 – Gather for **Fellowship** with coffee, donuts and conversation.

9:30 – **Sunday School** for all ages in the classroom. Kim Wilks has the virtual class and adult classes will study “God’s Promised Presence,” Psalm 139:1-12.

10:20 – **Congregational Meeting** to Nominate and Elect Elders.

10:25 – **Welcome & Announcements** scrolling before Worship.

10:30 – **Morning Worship**- we are Giving Thanks! Return your **Loaves & Fishes** Offering Boxes. Mark’s Message “Thanksgiving for Everyone” 1 Timothy 2:1-7. Beth has our Children’s Message. Favorite hymns: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,” “We Gather Together,” “Now Thank We all Our God,” and “Crown Him with Many Crowns.” The Choir will bring a “A Celtic Thanksgiving” and we may have a few special music surprises for you!

11:45 – **Book signing Loudon My Tennessee Hometown** in the Fellowship Hall (Darrell Tuck).

12:00 – **Hanging of the Greens** for those who can stay and help us decorate for Advent/Christmas.

LOAVES & FISHES

Please return your Loaves & Fishes Offering Boxes this Sunday, November 24th. You may place them on the Communion Table when you arrive for worship.

THANKSGIVING MEAL

Thank you to Congregational Ministries Committee for another great opportunity for food and fellowship!

Happy Thanksgiving!

PASTORAL CARE

We welcome “Preacher Mark” as our “official” Pastor and what a wonderful day we had on Sunday. Many thanks to our Congregational Ministries Committee for the wonderful lunch and fellowship.

Our thoughts and prayers this week are needed for: Ann Stafford, Rich Gasper, Mary Evelyn Chihasz, Deena Monday, the Family of Kenneth Stevens.

We are sharing in a hymn challenge where we all listen to and learn one hymn a month. At the end of the year, we will have 12 hymns embedded in our hearts and souls. For the month of November, we are doing “Crown Him With Many Crowns”. You can Google this hymn and find many options for listening. Listen at least once a day for the month of November. I will post one on our Facebook page or I will be happy to get you a copy of the words/music. Absorb the truth of the words and the comfort of the melody!!

There will be no Cumberland Kids on Wednesday Nov. 27th.

TOYS FOR TOTS

See the giving tree in the Fellowship Hall and sign up. All gifts are to be returned by Dec. 1st.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will convene a congregational meeting at 10:20, Sunday, November 24th for the purpose of nominating and electing four Elders for a three-year term (2025-27). Your Nominating Committee recommends Richter Wiggall, Dennis Rowe, Paula Smallen, and Teddy Smallen. There will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor, as well. Members, take note of our meeting!

TITHES, OFFERINGS, & ATTENDANCE

11/10/24: \$6213.74

Building Fund: \$345.00

AIDNET: \$3700.00

Church Attendance: 155

Online Viewers: 19

Sunday School: 64

Online Viewers: 10

Memorial given in memory of Jean Russell from Polly Surrentt.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Christmas Program and Reception** on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00
- **Live Nativity**, Friday, December 20th 6:00-8:00
- **Christmas Eve Communion** at 6:00
- **New Year’s Sunday**, January 5th in Morning Worship at 10:30
 - Return your Building Fund Pledges for 2025-2027
 - Installation and Ordination of new Elders
 - Taking down the Greens after Worship on January 5.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

We are just about to complete a year of transition from our long-term Treasurer (Barry Baker) to our current one (Leigh Ann Wisham). We are grateful to all who serve and have served in such an important role of finance in the church. Joe Malloy has lingered as an Assistant Treasurer as Lisa Scott is the new Assistant Treasurer and still Chair of our Pledge Committee. We now use Parsons & Wright, Kingston, TN to handle accounting, payroll, including FICA payments and W2s. Leigh Ann is working with them to get an end of the year giving statement for everyone. Our Loan Amortization Schedule is to begin payments on a 20 year note on 12/4/24 at \$6,198.76. We are happy to be locked in at 5.25% (for 7 years), but we don’t want to pay the hundreds of thousands of dollars extra in interest.



“So, do the ushers come after me if I’m guilty of tithe evasion?”

PRAYER LIST

Paul and Jane Brakebill, Jeff Pipes, Ann Stafford, Bonnie Ferguson, Deb Handy, Helen Jarnagin, Arthur Kelso, Carol Delaney, Eden Shockley and her family, Mary Evelyn Chihasz, Evelyn Howard, George Sweeney, Steve Brown, Roger Gasper, Rich Gasper, Jerry Forester, Helen Gaddis, Michelle Gaddis, Ann Allen, Deena Monday, Winnie Hein, the Family of Kenneth Shockley, the Family of Kenneth Stevens, and unspoken.

AIDNET OF GREENE COUNTY

Thank you church family. We are joining with First CP in Cleveland and First CP in Chattanooga and other area CP churches and helping to provide money and supplies for AIDNET to help the people most affected by storm damage in Greene County, TN. Your Missions & Outreach Committee is purchasing \$2000 in supplies and meeting with the Cleveland, Chattanooga Caravan on the way from Loudon County on Thursday this week to go directly to their collection center. In addition, we have \$3700 of donations to add to this from many in the church. Plus, there is at least one check payable directly to AIDNET that we will pass along to the right place. The Lord works in mysterious ways. Ken Parkin has a load of lumber that was donated to Habitat that they don’t need. AIDNET is getting that, too! We expect to have work trips made known to us in the near future when some can go and be part of the “hands on” work.

OUR STAFF:

- Rev. Mark Hester: Pastor
- Beth Brakebill: Director of Music, Education, & Pastoral Care
- Claire Pinkston: Accompanist
- Kimberly Wilks: Administrative Assistant
- Rich and Rhonda Gasper: Building and Maintenance
- Katie Parkin: IT Support
- Griffen Smith: Pastoral Asst., Dir. of Children/Youth Activities

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