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Prayer – *Speaking and Listening*



If you Google “different ways of prayer” you will find that there are four types, or five types, or even seven types of prayer.

Certainly, we practice liturgical prayers when we gather for worship. These are formal prayers to use in a congregational setting, written in order that we might join together in those prayers. We pray the Lord’s Prayer as it is the one prayer Jesus gave to his disciples, and to us.

There is also a list to teach one the correct order in which to pray:

Learn How to Pray in These 4 Easy Steps

Step 1: Address the Heavenly Father.

Step 2: Thank the Heavenly Father.

Step 3: Ask the Heavenly Father.

Step 4: Close in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Additional instruction adds:

Pray always, with sincerity and with faith in Christ.

Prayers will always be answered.

(This is true but may be misleading. It might be misconstrued to make one think that the answer will be “yes” when the answer may be “no” or “wait.”)

I don’t find anything wrong with this list per se, but I think it has the potential to box a person into a pattern that may become rote rather than meaningful.

Without dismissing or negating the information above, I propose we think of our personal prayer lives in a different way. I suggest we think of our prayers as conversations – especially in the way we speak our prayers.

I’ve heard many people express their discomfort with praying aloud when with others, rather like we think all of us should be poets or biblical scholars.

What if we prayed to God in our natural ways of speaking, rather like talking with a friend or family member, for that IS what we are? We are adopted children of the living God, and Jesus says: “I do not call you servants any longer . . . but I have called you friends.” (John 15:15)

When having conversations with your family members and friends, do you spend time trying to hone a perfect phrase? Or use language other than that which is part of your regular speech? I doubt it, and I hope not.

Prayer isn’t simply us coming to God to make requests for ourselves or others. Prayer is intended to change *us* – it is part of our transformation in Christ.

I encourage you to talk to God, in your own words, with honesty and openness, just like you do with the people around you. Be bold to open your heart and tell God your hopes, your fears, your dreams, without looking for the “perfect” words.

Then listen. Wait upon God to impart peace to you. Allow yourself to experience God’s presence and deep and abiding love for you.

October

2nd Susie Jones, Jan Petersen, Laura Alexander

9th Patty Fisk, Jerry Cooney, Pam Anderson

16th Ann Nisbet, Judi Boyce, Diana Jones,

23rd Jenny Byars, Robbie Nickel, Kathy Reyes



November

6th Aida Mathews Laura Alexander, Kathy McLeod

13th Fran Schain, Susie Jones, Emma Barrington

20th Jan Petersen, Denise Connow, Faith Daniel

27th Vicki Matys, Diana Jones, Ann Nisbet

December

4th Laura Alexander, Jerry Cooney, Kathy Reyes

11th Judi Boyce, Pam Anderson, Robbie Nickel

18th Patty Fisk, Aida Mathews, LaVonne Alexander

25th No Fellowship Hour

You will also need to help set up and clean up

Everyone Welcome!

Join Us!



Adult choir

Practices are Wednesday's
at 5:00pm

We would love to have some more voices
join us this year
especially some male voices.

If you have any questions you may contact
Patty Fisk at 934-4594.



Christian Education and Youth Group

We donated enough money to the Children's Hunger Fund to provide 596 meals to children and families.

Youth Group plans for the Fall:

For October, we are getting 10 large pumpkins donated to the Youth Group by Tim Hatch from Edward Jones. We will carve Jack o lanterns on Sunday, October 23 at 5:00 PM.

In November, we are planning to decorate a Christmas Tree for the Festival of Tees at the Convention Center. No date or time is set. We are inviting the congregation to join us in this project. More information and dates will be out later

In December we are planning to decorate gingerbread Houses on Sunday, December 4th at 5 PM.

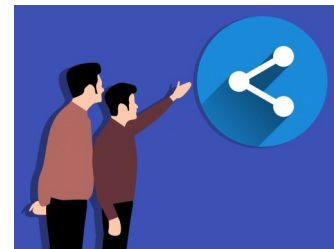
If anyone has a Christmas Tree, etc. we can use in November or If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please contact the church office.

Mark your calendars for the annual PW Christmas dinner on December 4th. It will start at 5:30 with mock-tails, followed by a potluck supper, and will end with the traditional ornament exchange. Bring your favorite potluck dish and a wrapped ornament. If you'd like a ride, please let Sally Winsley know and she will make arrangements.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We mailed a check for \$877.00 to PC(USA) for One Great Hour of Sharing. They will divide it among Presbyterian Disaster, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.



HEIFER SERVICE

The generosity of people from this church never ceases to amaze me. You donated \$1889.00 for Heifer International's Lenca II project. This project will help Hondurans from one of their poorer regions raise the daily income from \$3.77 per person per day in 2019. It will continue raising that by providing better seed varieties, irrigation systems, business plans, and also sanitation methods and training that bring dairy products up to market standards. The goal is to create a self sustaining, reliable source of a livable income.



Wednesday morning Bible study will be studying "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer

Join us at 9:30am each Wednesday.

The Church office hours are, 9:00am-1:30pm

Monday –Thursday

Worship services are still available Sunday via YouTube.



To find the videos, go to

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=elko+first+presbyterian+church, or open YouTube and search for Elko

Mary Lou Cress has moved to Winnemucca if you would like to send a card of well wishes, please call the office for her address.

775-738-3430



The nominating committee is still looking for two more volunteers to serve on this committee. Our job is to look at members of the church who would be willing to serve as elders or deacons. If interested in this committee you can let Patty Fisk or Rev. Alexander know that you are willing to serve



We hope to see you....

Sunday School: Zoom Sunday school meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning wherever your computer is. Discussion follows the lectionary for that Sunday. Bring your first cup of joe and join us. Please contact Mike Jones by phone (775-388-2730) or email (mikesusie66@gmail.com) for a Zoom invite

Year to Date Projected Budget Comparison September 31

Income	\$116,699.81
Expense	<u>\$119,206.55</u>
	- 2,506.74

Submissions for
December 2022
Desert Pulpit Due
November 21st 2022



Youth Group

Meets the first Sunday of the month for pizza and activities at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

**October has been moved to
October 23rd**



T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)

Community Pantry

Our Community Micro Pantry is up and being used!

Thank you to those who have contributed to this service and a special thank you

to Justin Munson for overseeing the building of the pantry. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the box in front of the office, in the pantry cabinet in back of the social hall, or directly into the micro pantry. Please remember to check the expiration dates on your donations. Personal hygiene and baby items are also being collected.

Attention Church Members:

We are looking for volunteers who have a passion for filming or taping our worship services. Since the beginning of Covid-19 we are recording the worship services to be seen on the church website. Contact Rev. LaVonne at the church or Patty Fisk @934-4594. Any age is qualified to volunteer for this important job. Thanks! Worship/ Music Committee.



MEMBERSHIP

Have you considered becoming a member of Elko First Pres? You would be most welcome! It isn't a lengthy or challenging process, it's just one meeting with me to answer any questions you might have about the Presbyterian Church (USA) and/or this congregation. With your profession of faith, you would meet with the session and then we would welcome you into membership during a worship service.

If you are interested in exploring becoming a member, please contact the church office (775-738-3430) and we can set up a time to talk and/or meet. Rev. LaVonne Alexander

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for all your prayers, thoughts, cards, checks and emails that you sent after my Mom, Betty Vollmer, passed away. I was with her holding her hand as she calmly left for Heaven. I will still be going back and forth to California to take of all the business and things that now need to be done. I look forward to being able to participate in our Church activities again

Prayers for all of you,

Kim Bolin



Mission Statement

"We believe we are called by God through the grace and love of Jesus Christ to worship joyfully, grow

spiritually, love one another, serve those in need and share the good news of the gospel with everyone."



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



This year Christmas falls on a Sunday morning. Your Session has voted NOT to meet for worship on that day, but to have only a Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24th. If you have any thoughts about this, please contact your Clerk of Session, Kathy Reyes to express your approval or concerns.

Thank you

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2¢ a Meal.

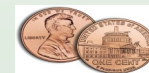
If you've forgotten

Is The Mission Committees project to remind us of the abundance we've received. If we, out of gratitude, donate 2 cents for each meal we eat, we can help feed Elkoans who don't share in that abundance.

Augusts collection was \$88.59

September collection was \$45.80

NOTE: next collections are October 16th and November 20th



Presbyterian Woman

On Saturday, August 27 PW. held their annual yard sale. Thank-you to all the members of the congregation that contributed items for PW to sell in the yard sale. We made almost \$1000.00 on the yard sale and spent this money getting the two trees in the front yard trimmed. A big thank you goes out to Mike Kerna and Mike Jones for hauling out all the tables and for the heavy lifting.

Presbyterian Women (that's all of you women in the pews, you know) used money from the No Work Bazaar and the Yard Sale to get the trees in the lawn trimmed. The large ash tree had broken limbs that could be dangerous and the crab apple had branches rubbing the pergola. Battle Born Tree Service gave us a church discount and were so prompt and knowledgeable we would highly recommend them.

BIRTHDAYS!

October

James Niday 10/06
Garrett Munson 10/17
Michael Jones 10/19
Aaron Alexander 10/21
Rue Beyer 10/24
Lynn Bondo 10/26
Patricia Pearce 10/26

November

Erin Munson 11/03
Wesley Tate 11/23
Adam Alexander 11/27
Evalyn Plumb 11/28



Joy Circle

Joy Circle meets at 6:00 on the second Monday of each month to discuss together the lesson from Horizon Hospice. This year the study is Celebrating the Sabbath and the author says that she is going to help us see that those of us who think we know what Sabbath is, may need to revise—or at least expand—some of our assumptions. We share refreshments and then watch a short video and discuss the lesson. We'd love to have you join us.

ATTENTION!

IF YOU USE THE CHURCH BUILDING, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THE DOORS ARE LOCKED AND LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF WHEN YOU LEAVE. HELP KEEP THE CHURCH BUILDING SAFE FOR EVERYONE USING IT.



Presbytery of Nevada 31.83

Synod of the Pacific 5.22

General Assembly 8.95

Per Capita is \$46.00 per member

October - 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>The Sunday School classes available , on Sundays. 8:00am Zoom Sunday school , Contact Mike Jones for information. 8:30 am in person Contact Kathy Reyes</p>						1.
2. 9:30 Worship Service	3. 6:00 Bells 5:00 NAMI	4. 6:00 Bells 1:00 Room 2 Grow 7:00 Boy Scouts	5. 6:00 Bells 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Cub Scouts	6. 3:30 Room 2 grow	7.	8.
9. 9:30 Worship Service 50 Year Membership Celebration	10. 6:00 Bells 5:00 NAMI	11. 6:00 Bells 1:00 Room 2 Grow 7:00 Boy Scouts	12. 6:00 Bells 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Cub Scouts	13. 3:30 Room 2 grow	14.	15.
16. 9:30 Worship Service 2 Cents collection	17. 6:00 Bells 5:00 NAMI 6:00 Joy Circle	18. 6:00 Bells 1:00 Room 2 Grow 6:00 Session 7:00 Boy Scouts	19. 6:00 Bells 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Cub Scouts	20. 3:30 Room 2 grow	21.	22.
23. 9:30Worship Service 5:00 Youth Group	24. 6:00 Bells 5:00 NAMI	25. 6:00 Bells 1:00 Room 2 Grow	26. 6:00 Bells 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Cub Scouts	27. 3:30 Room 2Grow	28.	29.
30. 9:30 Worship Service Birthday Sunday	31. 6:00 Bells 5:00 NAMI OFFICED CLOSED	7:00 Boy Scouts				

November-2022

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