



November 16 through November 22, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ,

“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” (Matthew 6:12).

At least once per week, we recite this petition as part of the Lord’s Prayer. And we just spent two weeks looking the prayer in detail. And I asked, “How many of us really think about what we are saying?”

The next two weeks, I will be offering two messages on forgiveness, a very important aspect of the Christian life. To prepare, I encourage you to read Genesis chapters 37 and 39-45, the account of Joseph and his time in Egypt.

Years ago, I read a book called *Total Forgiveness: When Everything in You Wants to Hold a Grudge, Point a Finger, and Remember the Pain – God Wants You to Lay it All Aside*, by R.T. Kendall (Charisma House, Lake Mary, Florida, 2007). Dr. Kendall is a well-known evangelist who was the pastor at Westminster Chapel in London for twenty-five years.

Dr. Kendall makes an interesting comment about the verse: “...*the fifth petition, ‘Forgive us our debts...’ has made liars out of more people than other line in human history!*” Is he saying we are lying to God each week when we recite the Lord’s Prayer? Pretty strong words, aren’t they?

Let us be honest with each other – when we ask God to forgive us, we know in our hearts, because of the activity of Christ, we are forgiven – *totally!* We are filled with the Holy Spirit, God’s grace falls upon us, and we are renewed to live another day.

But let’s be honest again, and ask ourselves, *do we REALLY forgive others as God has forgiven us?* We know we receive total forgiveness from God – but when *we forgive, is it total?* Or do we forgive with our fingers crossed behind our back?

A more serious question – where would we be if God forgave us the same way we (often) forgive others?

Please plan on joining us this Sunday and next as we explore forgiveness. It may change your life.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim





Worship
• Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children’s chat • Adult Sunday School is at 9am • 74 were in church on Sunday, November 9 • Communion is on Sunday, November 30
Congregational Care
• Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30am • Currently taking orders for College Care Packages. Last day to order is November 30. See bulletin insert for more information and to sign up • On November 18 we will be hosting the Presbytery Meeting • On Sunday, November 23 we will be Hanging the Greens following worship. Please plan on helping • No Story Time on Wednesday, November 26. • December 2 @6pm Women’s Holiday Dinner at Vesivio’s Restaurant • December 13–Cookie Bazaar • December 11–Big Band Concert @7pm • December 14–Chilren’s Program • December 21–Cantata • December 24–Christmas Eve Service @7pm with communion
Mission
Operations
Property meeting on December 1 at 6:30pm Finance Committee meeting on December 1

On December 1 Women’s Association will visit Beaver Healthcare and Rehabilitation for Christmas Carols and Bingo

It’s Choir time again! During this time of transition, the choir will sing twice a month for Sunday services. We will have short rehearsals after church on Sundays, beginning September 14. Join us for fun and fellowship!

We are looking for volunteers to do special music/readings on the weeks that the choir is not singing. It can be playing an instrument, singing a song, or reading a poem. Anything you would like to do to enhance our worship service. There is a Signup sheet hanging outside the choir room.

A decorative header for the month of November. It features the word "NOVEMBER" in large, dark green, serif capital letters. Below it, the phrase "Birthdays and Anniversaries" is written in a light gray, cursive script. The text is surrounded by various autumn-themed illustrations, including pumpkins, gourds, and leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and green, interspersed with white swirls.

Anniversaries	Birthdays	Birthdays
Rich & Christina Palmer 11/14	Dorothy Elko 11/11	Amy Muslin 11/23
Eric & Kristen Nan 11/20	Casey Atwell 11/14	Sarah Jane Shaffer 11/24
Marcy & Edward Zombeck 11/24	Beverly Abate 11/19	Morgan Lewis 11/26
	Trudy Boggs 11/21	Cherryl Lachowicz 11/30
	Barbara Corsi 11/22	



- Pastor Jim–TomMcMechan had heart surgery on Monday.
 - Christi Fouse–her sister Lauren had a baby girl. Both are well and will be home soon
 - Paul Kulha–Sister Char has been diagnosed with dementia
 - Dawn Psik–Her sister Susan has a damaged heart from chemo drugs. More tests will follow. Prayers for Dawn as she cares for her.
 - Pastor Jim–getting shots for his knee.
 - Christina Palmer–Further tests for sister-in-law Danielle showed a brain tumor Radiation is needed
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- Diane Gennaro–Jack had a heart catheterization on Tuesday
 - Jen Davis– Sister Chris had her last radiation treatment on Monday (hopefully). Thank you for all your prayers