

Pastor's Ponderings – November 2024

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it. –
Psalm 24:1

It has been a glorious autumn, with remarkably warm and sunny days, and there was even an appearance of the Northern Lights right here over Faith Church! I am grateful for the beauty and the blessings of this good earth, and the faith and fortitude of our congregation!

With the end of the year just around the corner, and the bulk of the year is behind us, November is a good time to remember the many blessings we have received and look forward in faith to all that is ahead. Especially now with Thanksgiving approaching, I encourage you to pause and appreciate the abundance in our lives, both the big blessings and the smaller, everyday gifts.

In our fast-paced world, with its tendency toward bad news, it can be easy to overlook the simple joys that surround us. Try to take time this month to attend to goodness, and express gratitude—not only in your prayers but also in your daily interactions. A kind word, a helping hand, or a simple smile can make a big difference in someone's day. Let us embody the spirit of thankfulness in all that we do.

This November, we are also focusing on our annual stewardship campaign. As we reflect on our abundant blessings, and imagine all that is good ahead, we are called to consider how we can give back to our church and community. Your contributions, both financial and through your time and talents, are vital to the mission and ministry of our church. Together, we can continue to support our programs, outreach efforts, and the many ways we serve one another and our neighbors.

As we remember our blessings, let us also remember those who may be struggling during this season. Whether it's through food drives, volunteering, or simply reaching out to someone in need, let us be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and share the love of God with those around us.

May it be so.

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*The blessings of heaven,
The blessings of earth,
The blessings of sea and of sky,
On those we love this day,
And on every human family.
- Celtic blessing*