

HICKORY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to SEEK God's Word, to SHARE and CELEBRATE
God's love and to SERVE Jesus Christ in the world.



NOVEMBER 2025

WORSHIP WITH US

Morning Worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Our services are also recorded and made available later. You can find us on *Facebook* at *Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church* and on our website at www.hickoryhillspres.org.

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Working for God's Glory

Written by Dynamis Ministries

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Good work is a fruit of a healthy spiritual life. Whether we work in a job, as a full-time student, as a stay-at-home parent, as a super volunteer or as a caregiver for our grandchildren, most of our waking hours on this planet are spent on work. Specifically, 60-80% of our waking hours to be exact. It's where we dedicate the most time and encounter the most people. Because of this, not only is how we work a vital part of our spiritual lives, but it's also our greatest opportunity to demonstrate generosity.

God is the one who instituted the idea of work. The creation of the heavens and the earth are the works of his hands. And even before sin entered the world, God asked Adam and Eve to work by caring for his creation. Work is not a result of sin. Throughout the story of God, work is a major reason we're here. In the New Testament, we see many instances where work is connected to our faith, whether in "good works" in response to salvation or in places like Colossians 3:23-24:

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

As Christians, we should always work for the glory of God above all else. We need to approach our jobs, school tasks, homemaking and volunteering as opportunities to glorify God. When we work for the glory of God, we not only find greater joy and purpose in our work because we are connected to Him through it, but we also have a major impact on other people's lives.

We can be incredibly generous at work with our time, gifts and resources.

Too often, our work is viewed as just a means to an end or a burden, but it doesn't have to be that way. It can be a meaningful expression and experience in our spiritual life. Therefore, we need to rethink how we relate to our work. Working for God's glory will be a main way that God's kingdom gets extended in the future. One of the best arenas to evangelize, witness and model our faith is in our work. The workplace has always been an excellent mission field, and it will increasingly become so in the days ahead.

This means that why we work and how we work must be connected to our call to "be generous." Work is much more than just completing tasks, regardless of the work environment. It's an opportunity to use our God-given talents to showcase God's love for the world. Whatever your "work," do you look at it this way? Too often, we expect to "get" at work—whether it's money, status, respect, authority, recognition or fulfillment. But what if we turned that upside down and aimed to "give" at work?

This would be revolutionary.

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Shown here are Scriptures to focus on for November. You can prepare for worship by reading and reflecting on these and the questions below.

Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM in person or virtually. If you miss a service, they are available on our website at: www.hickoryhillspres.org.

November 2

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 1:10-18; 2 Thess.. 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 9

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Job 19:23-27a; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 16

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thess. 3:16-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 23

Christ the King

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43



November 30

1st Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

November Reflection Questions

11/2 - Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus The Tax Collector.

- How do you view, and act towards, those people that society shuns?
- What would you do, how far would you go, would you “climb a tree” to hear and see Jesus? To hear what he has to say?

11/9 - Luke 20:27-38 Resurrection and Marriage

- Do you focus on the rules of life or life with God?

11/16 - Luke 21:5-19 The Signs of the End of the Age

- The passage of Luke 21:5-19 speaks to destruction. When things go wrong, whose fault is it? Where is God in the destruction?
- How is God with you in times of destruction and despair?

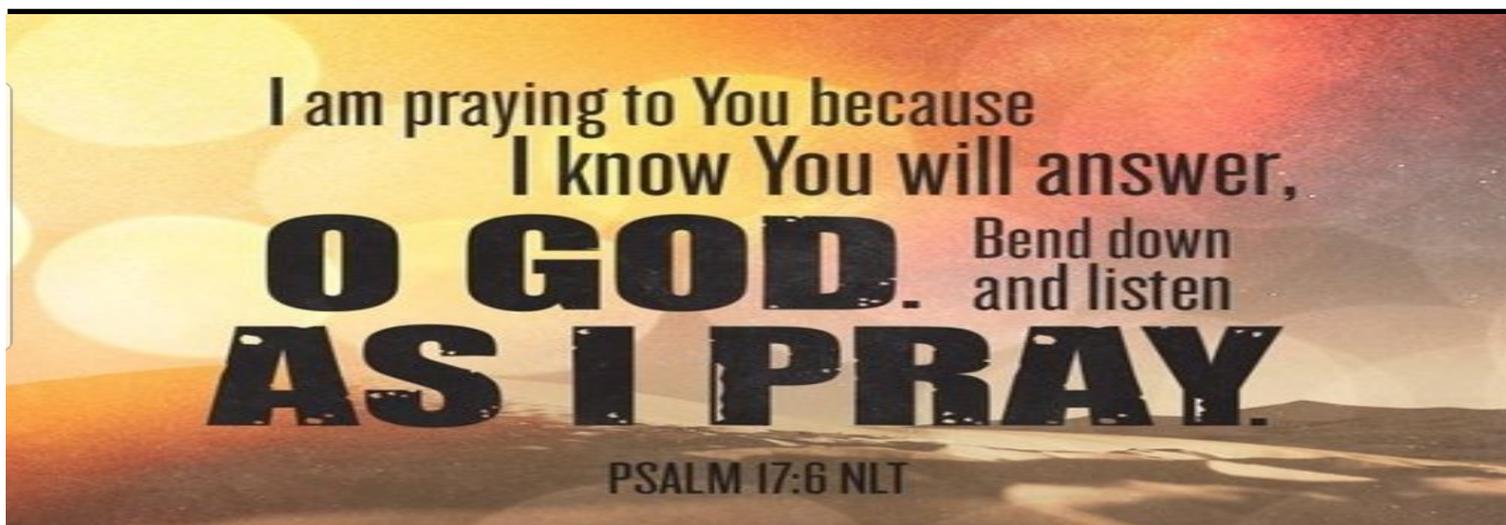
11/23 - Luke 23:33-43 Jesus on the Cross

- Jesus offers forgiveness to those who are killing Him. How do you find forgiveness for those who make your life difficult?
- “Today, you will be with me in paradise.” What comfort do you find, in your life today, in these years?

11/30 - Matthew 24:36-44 The day and the hour are unknown.

- “No one knows the day or the hour.” How do you prepare, for something when you don’t know when it will happen?





WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING...

Ally (Toni) **Benny** (Toni) **Bernie** (Barb K) **Chris** (Mel) **Danny** (Jeni V) **Everleigh** (Jeni V) **Jaden K** (Toni) **Jerry** (Toni) **Kristen** (Charlie) **Lois** (Darlene D) **Karen G** (Grace) **Jeff** (Deb H) **Marg** (Bernie) **Melissa** (Charles S) **Linda** (Wilda) **Mary Jo** (Deb H) **Melissa** (Bernie) **Mary** (Mel) **Robin** (Mel) **Mave** (Cheryl) **Charlotte** (Deb H) **Rich** (Rick) **Shirley** (Deb H) **Kathy M** (Deb H) **Lori** (Debbie Z) **Mike & Ann** (Deb H) **Irene** (Deb H) **Ray J** (Sandy) **Diane** (Jeni V) **Doris** (Wilda) **Fran** (Jeni) **Janice** (Sheri S) **Patricia** (Deb H) **Deb** (Mel) **Virginia** (Mel) **Jeff** (Deb H) **Kathy** (Deb H) **Andrew** (Darlene D) **Sara** (Mel) **George** (Kim) **John** (Grace) **Sue** (Grace) **Laurie** (Sheri) **Dani** (Andrew) **Robin** (Mel) **Tricia** (Deb H) **Helen** (Deb H) **Chris** (Susan) **Tommy** (Evelyn) **Sandy** (Bernie R) **Anthony** (Cindy) **Donna A** (Cindy) **Mario** (Cindy) **Monica, Dolores** (Deb H) **Colton** (Diane) **Katie B, Kirsten** (Deb H) **Donna** (Katie) **Frannie** (Debbie Z) **Grace M** (Cheryle R) **Delores O** (Debbie H) **Kenneth B** (Deb H) **Frank** (Deb H) **Kristey S** (Debbie Z) **Tina S** (Debbie Z) **Simone** (Debbie Z) **CJ** (Debbie Z) **Robbie** (Diane C) **Vince C** (Sandy B)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF STRENGTH...

Anne C (Deb H) **Bill** (Bernie) **Bob D** (Dave D) **Bob M** (Grace M) **Carrie** (Deb H) **Cindy** (Deb Z) **Dee & Joel** (Jeni V) **Don** (Jeni V) **Esther E** (Grace M) **Katie & Joe & Kevin** (Cheryl) **Landon** (Jeni V) **Lisa E** (Grace) **Lucy** (Wanda M) **Mike & Suzanne** (Sandy B) **Natalie** (Bernie) **Patti & Randy** (Jeni V) **Savannah** (Darlene) **Stacy** (Deb) **Wanda M** (Jeni V) **Jessica** (Susan) **Millie** (Toni) **Janice** (Katie) **Jacqui** (Katie) **Kathie** (Jeni V) **Ted** (Grace) **Scott** (Grace) **Gary** (Katie) **Sheri** (Barb K) **Kathy** (Jeni V) **Ruth** (Jeni) **Bud** (Diane C) **Tony** (Deb H) **Dawn** (Jeni V) **Mary Ann** (Mel) **Jane** (Jean) **Janet** (Bernie) **Yolanda** (Bernie) **Lynn** (Melanie) **Howie** (Jeni) **Joe** (Katie) **Missi L** (Jeni) **Madison** (Cindy) **Nick** (Mel) **Jamie** (Mel) **Linda** (Deb H) **George N** (Sandy B) **Dave W** (Sandy B)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF COMFORT...

Ada S (Susan) **Family of Carlos** (Toni) **Chickie M** , **Ed N**, **Reagen Family**, **Renee G** (Susan)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED...

Dali, Alinafe, Yankho (Molly) **Diana** (Wilda D) **Kaitlyn** (Karen G) **Janet** (Evelyn) **Theresa J** (Barb K)

WE PRAY FOR THE BLESSINGS OF GOD...

Leslie N, Braiden (Deb H)



The Discipleship Committee of Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church (HHPC) enjoys staying busy!

TRUNK OR TREAT

The weather was beautiful for Trunk or Treat! Including our Welcome Table, we had 10 stations who participated for Trunk or Treat! See pictures on pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter.

We began with a light meal for Fellowship Hour and for Trunk or Treat participants. We hope that you were able to enjoy a Sloppy Joe sandwich, carrots and celery with dip, chips and cookies!

The ladies of our Welcome Table made sure everyone was welcome. Games and treats were available at the Welcome Table. The creativity of the vehicles always amazes! Decorating your vehicle is not required, but participating teams seem to compete with each other to do just a "little bit more" than last year.

We had Winners! CONGRATULATIONS to:

☞ Best vehicle = Stacy Flynn-Brenz and Ryan

☞ Best costume = Ariella

Thank you to all who helped with Trunk or Treat!

CHRISTMAS TEA

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 1pm. Program provided by The Arlingtones!

Stay tuned for sign-up. Plan to join us for this wonderful event!

BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 1pm.

ALUMINUM PULL TABS

We continue to wait to hear from Ronald McDonald House - Oak Lawn to verify our most recent drop-off. We know it can take up to 8 weeks for verification. If we don't hear by Nov. 1, they will be receiving a phone call! Stay tuned!

SOUPER SUNDAY

Sunday, February 8, 2026

LENT

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, Feb 18, 2026



The Mission of the Church is the
Mission of Christ – to proclaim the good
news of the kingdom of God

Mission Committee Report

Feed My Starving Children

Andrew Witek and I participated in a mobile pack October 4, 2025 at Willowbrook High School. The pack came up somewhat short of its goal. This was the first time a mobile pack was held at the school. There was plenty of room for double the packing stations set up. That will probably be taken care of next near if the pack returns to the school.

Our next pack will be November 22, 2025. Instead of going to the Aurora location we will go to the Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church located at 277 Hawthorne Boulevard. Start time will be 9:00 A.M.

We are still planning to go to the Feed the Need pack in late February or Early March.

Plastic Caps and Pop Tabs

We are scheduling a Cap-Sort-Athon for November 9. This is a chance to make sure the caps are clean and meet all the other requirements, such as size. We are awaiting confirmation if we have made our goal regarding the pop tabs. We believe that we have now collected over one million tabs. They have been donated to our designated charity.

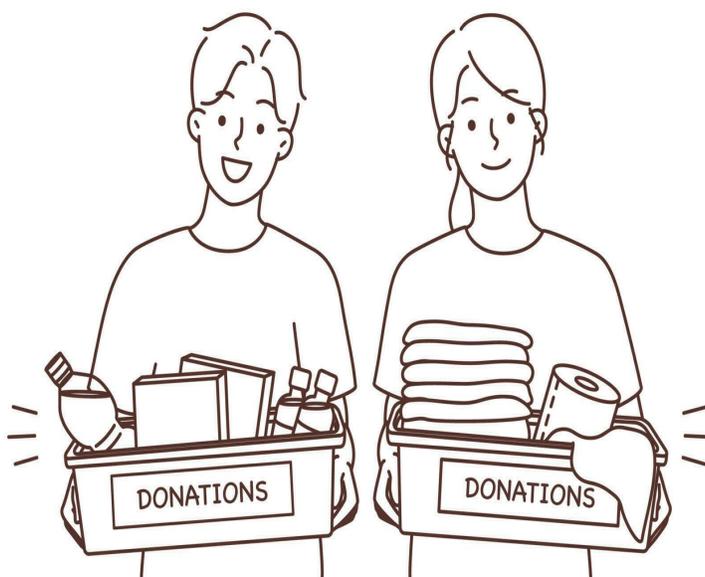
Lap Robes and Prayer Shawls

To anybody who makes these items: Keep up the good work. A few items have already been delivered to the Church. We certainly hope we get many more. Is Winter a good time to keep the needles and hooks busy? And, how is your yarn supply? If you need more let me know and I will try to get what you need.

Suggested List of The Best Non-Perishable Foods to Donate

Food banks report that food donations should focus “on whole, unprocessed or minimally processed foods.” Instead of donating foods high in salt, sugar, and highly processed grains, give foods high in protein, healthy fats, and whole grains. Below are some of the best healthy food donations you can give during the holidays and year-round. Our Micro-Pantry or Elsie's Pantry will benefit from the donation of any of these items.

1. Canned beans
2. Dry beans
3. Peanut butter, or other nut butters
4. Rolled oats
5. Canned fruit in juice (not in light or heavy syrup)
6. Canned vegetables (with no or low-sodium)
7. Low-sodium soups
8. Canned tuna in water
9. Canned chicken
10. Brown rice
11. Quinoa
12. Nuts (unsalted)
13. Seeds (unsalted)
14. Shelf stable milk and milk substitutes
15. Whole grain pasta
16. Low-sodium pasta sauce
17. Canned stews
18. Unsweetened apple sauce
19. Whole grain and low-sugar cold cereals
20. Olive or canola oil
21. Canned tomatoes
22. Dried fruits (no sugar added)
23. Honey
24. Chicken, beef, and vegetable broths and stock.



Additional tips:

- Toiletry items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, and personal hygiene products are appreciated.
- Pet food for dogs and cats are welcomed as well.
- Canned goods with pop-top lids are better than those requiring a can opener
- Avoid foods packaged in glass
- **Don't donate foods that are past the expiration date**

Upcoming Events at HHPC



HHPC COMMUNITY MEAL

MONDAY NOVEMBER 3

5:30—6:30 PM

MONDAY DECEMBER 1

5:30—6:30 PM

During the Spring and Summer months and nice days in the Fall, you are welcome to enjoy your meal at one of the picnic tables on the church campus.



Join us for Bible Study
Monday's at 1:00 PM

Fellowship Hall (Lower Level)



Please join us Sunday, November 9, 2025 for a plastic Cap-Sort-Athon following the 10:00 a.m. service. The event will be held downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

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Call 708 598 3100
if you have any questions.



Monster Squad

Round Our Church

Trunk or Treat, October 26, 2025





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Trunk or Treat, October 26, 2025



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH

To all who are born in the month of November
 Wishing you all the great things in life. I hope this day will bring you an extra share of all that makes you happiest. Happy birthday.



Erik Meyer	November 1
Kristen Elam	November 2
Phil Elam	November 2
Caleb Lenz (Rev. Edie's son)	November 3
Katie Huenecke	November 5
Jean Swearingen	November 6
Mitchell Huenecke	November 8
Renee Meyer	November 8
Jessica Panko	November 12
Jacob Morrell	November 15
Beth Ann Kommenich	November 26
Cheryle Rizzo	November 28
Gordon Home	November 30

MC8 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA NEEDS LIST

Hello MC8--Here is the information below for the updated Breakfast With Santa "needed" list. Please share with your churches (or yourselves 😊) if you wish to purchase some of the supplies or bring volunteers. This is a great event for some of the groups or youth groups to participate in. Also we will need appx. \$500. for the food items (eggs, sausage, etc.) if you wish to make a monetary donation.

Jones is also taking donations items for the Penny/Dime Store so the kids can purchase Christmas presents for their families. Those items should be there the week before. If/when you have decided upon an item below on the list, please let me know and I will take it off the list and keep updating. Any other questions, please email me, thanks.

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Updated 2025 Breakfast with Santa List (As always, monetary donations are always appreciated!)

- 3 gallons of milk
- 5 half-gallons of orange juice
- 8 half-gallons of apple juice
- 4 boxes of cereal -- the "Fun kind"
- 450 donut holes
- 300 Christmas napkins
- 300 sturdy clear plastic glasses (Medium Size)
- 300 paper cups (Small ones)
- 2 sleeves of coffee cups for the adults
- 100 small paper plates (only need 100)
- 100 small bowls for cereal
- 300 sturdy dinner plates
- 300 sturdy plastic knives, forks and spoons
- 15 Plastic banquet table cloths for the tables (Usually Red & Green)



Our Micro-pantry located outside our church is being used daily, especially at this time and with the Holidays just around the corner. We appreciate donations. We are also collecting for Elsie's Pantry during November. There is a suggested food items list on page 7 of this Newsletter.

**Thank you, everyone,
 for your generosity!**

Games

Refreshments

Christmas Tea Party
Sunday, December 7, 2025
1:00 PM—3:00 PM

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Featuring the Arlingtones

Fellowship



November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 AM Morning Worship, Children & Youth Sunday School, Fellowship	3 1:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM Community Meal	4 7:00 PM Traditional Yoga	5 11:00 AM Chair Yoga	6 7:00 PM Traditional Yoga	7	8
9 10:00 AM Morning Worship, Fellowship 11:30 AM Cap Sorting	10 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Session	11 7:00 PM Traditional Yoga 	12 11:00 AM Chair Yoga	13 7:00 PM Traditional Yoga	14	15 10:00 AM Evelyn Garlic's Card Making Class
16 10:00 AM Morning Worship, Children & Youth Sunday School, Congregational Meeting, Fellowship	17 1:00 PM Bible Study	18 7:00 PM Traditional Yoga	19 11:00 AM Chair Yoga	20 7:00 PM Traditional Yoga	21	22 9:00 AM FMSC Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church 
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