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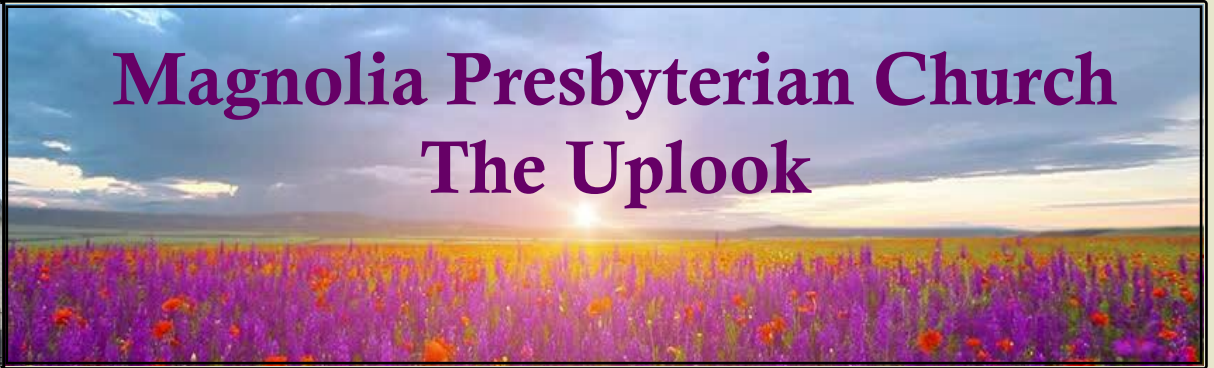
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# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## The Uplook

November 2021

### Grateful Praise

Thanksgiving is a time of praise and celebration for all the gifts and blessings God gave us. The Bible is full of Thanksgiving stories telling us to be appreciative of what we have. After all, contentment and gratefulness have always been part of the Lord's teachings.

That's why during this upcoming holiday, it's important to reflect on what truly matters. Using the Word as our guide, let's go back to the true essence of Thanksgiving. Let's celebrate our fruitful harvests as a result of the love and kindness of our Creator.

Regardless of where we're at in life, it's vital that we stay grounded and praise God for all we've achieved. Since Thanksgiving is just around the corner, it's a good time to share this to humble ourselves in God's presence.

David's Psalm for Giving Grateful Praise

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

**PSALM 100:1-5**

In the entire book of Psalms, David praised God, regardless of what he was facing or struggling with. This passage alone shows his devotion and gratitude to the Lord in spite of his trials and doubt.

In return, this teaches us that, no matter what happens, it's important to give thanks. Be grateful for everything, and rejoice in God's name for he is our Creator and our Almighty Father. Whether or not it's Thanksgiving, we should all learn to say a little prayer of thanks everyday. It's the least we can do for everything that we have and receive.

By: Gathered Again  
gatheredagain.com/thanksgiving-bible-stories  
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## DEACONS CORNER

With the Thanksgiving holidays in the offing, I think about my life and where I'm at. I have my health, a loving wife who has made our 12 years an adventure in our retirement. As I look for a way to express this thankfulness, I find some verses in Psalm 147 that present an explanation. "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds". Having lost my wife of 33 years, He brought Laurie into my life healing me and making life more than just living day to day. We were both blessed with children who have become one family. I have seen some of the worst and the best in the world during my time in the service. I have had a career that brought me challenges and enjoyment. I thank the Lord for what I have experienced and the rewards He has given. Of course, there have been disappointments and trails, cynicism and apathy at times. Without these there cannot be success and happiness. We can always be thankful for the good things in our life, but we also need to be thankful for that which has brought us to the good. It is often said that "the Lord works in mysterious ways". Those hard times may be His way of bringing us to the good times.

In thankfulness,  
Lance Mordue  
Deacon



## The Christian Education Committee

MagPres church members,

Although the Christian Education committee restarted the teaching of in person Sunday School, during the 10am worship we found ourselves needing to re-evaluate when and how we offer Sunday School to our children. We would like to have an on-line class using Zoom on Sundays at 12 noon for a half hour. We would use the One Room School curriculum for Pre-School through 5th grade. For planning purposes, we would like to hear from those willing to teach Sunday School on Zoom. Depending on how many willing people respond we would schedule each willing participant to teach one Sunday per month. We will send you the lessons electronically and let you decide which pages/ activities you wish to use.

Please let the CE committee know if you are willing to teach by contacting Lisa, Danielle, or Pastor Claire. We need to give Session a slate of teachers at the next session meeting.

Thank you,

The Christian Education Committee

Zach Gibson, Elder ~ Eric Brandenberger,  
Elder ~ Danielle Good ~ Lisa MacDougall ~  
Carla Carrasco ~ Adam Martinez ~

## ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE

You can participate in worship by going to [magpres.com/watch](https://magpres.com/watch) or by visiting our Facebook page ([facebook.com/magpres](https://facebook.com/magpres)). Services are archived for you to watch later (or again!)

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Having sat on Session as Clerk for 11 + years, I have had the privilege of watching Elders come together in their decision-making even with a cornucopia of personalities, opinions, visions, strengths, ideas, suggestions, financial acumen, temperaments, and communication styles.



In following Jesus' example of taking time to pray before every important event in His life, the Elders on Session also take the time to pray before and after an important discussion, showing respect for each other and upholding any decision made as a unified one.

*" I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought." 1 Corinthians 1:10*

Melanie Nelson  
Clerk of Session

## YOUTH GROUP

**Welcome back Youth Group!**

**NEXT MEETING: November 7, 2021**

Please keep our leaders and youth in your prayers.

Contact: Eric Brandenberger at [epsouthernca@gmail.com](mailto:epsouthernca@gmail.com) for more info.

*\*exceptions for holidays and other events \**

## TAPESTRY RETREAT

Tapestry's Retreat this year will be a one day in-person event. Masks are required. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Worship band, games, speaker, discussions, fun with friends! This is for students in grades 6-12. We are expecting 25 or more students so don't miss out. This is a joint venture with San Gabriel Presbytery. \$25/per student. If you have any questions please contact Rev. Erin Thomas at (858) 945-5181

Registration online: <https://sangabpres.breezechms.com/form/eaed4>

**Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021. ( In person)

**Time:** 10:00 am-5:00 pm

**Location:** San Marino Community Church  
1750 Virginia Rd.  
San Marino, CA 91108



## STEWARDSHIP NOTES

First & foremost I volunteer for the Foster Army Animal Rescue & Thrift Store. My volunteer time is spent solely at the Thrift Store. My passion is supporting our rescue mission as we rescue animals from Riverside Department of Animal Service. We rescue those most at risk, bottle feeder babies, euthanasia list, treatable medical conditions & seniors. We take the ones no one else wants. We then place them in Foster homes while they are healing and/or waiting their adoption to their new forever family. My heart couldn't take having them & then giving them up as our wonderful Foster parents do. However I'm very good at raising money for those animals. Our organization is blessed to receive wonderful donations & I do cleaning, pricing, cashiering, create display of merchandise. I LOVE to see how much revenue we earn on a daily basis. We rescue dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, bunnies, rodents, reptiles. Veterinarian fees are costly given our rescuing those with medical injuries and/or conditions. Please visit our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/fosterarmy](https://www.facebook.com/fosterarmy).

Anyone is welcome to visit the store, we are located at 3711 central Ave, Riverside, CA 92506 . I volunteer Sunday, Tuesday & Wednesday, We're all very proud of our store !!

Blessings,

Bonnie



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**September 30, 2021**

**Income-\$332,968.09**

**Expenses- \$329,691.99**

**Balance- \$3,276.10**

## HOW TO GIVE

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities

◇**ONLINE:** Visit our website at [www.magpres.com/give](http://www.magpres.com/give)

◇**MOBILE** via text Text "magpres" to 77977

◇**MOBILE** via app -- Download our church app through the Apple App Store or Google Play. Search for "Magnolia Presbyterian Church"

◇**U.S. MAIL**

Send a check via US Mail to our mailing address:

7200 Magnolia Avenue | Riverside CA 92504

Questions? Email [stewardship@magpres.com](mailto:stewardship@magpres.com)



## CHOIR REHEARSALS

After over a year off due to the pandemic, our chancel choir has returned to in-person rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7 pm. Masks should be worn during rehearsals and "singing masks" will be purchased for choir members. Interested in joining the choir?

Talk to John Wright- Choir Director at [music@magpres.com](mailto:music@magpres.com).



## WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Women's Monday Morning Bible Study/Lectio Divina

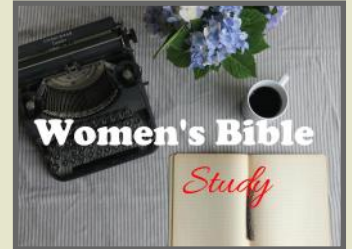
Next Meeting: November 1, 2021

Where: In the Church Library & Via Zoom

Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00AM

Zoom Community Group link: 259 885 602 PW 7200

Contact Laurie Mordue for more info at: [luluherndes@msn.com](mailto:luluherndes@msn.com).



## CHURCH WORK PARTY



MagPres is hosting the annual work party on

**Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 7:30 am – 12:00pm.** Please come join the festivities.



You may purchase Stater Bros gift cards.

Monday - Thursday, anytime between 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Buy yours in \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards and the church receives 6%!

⊗ NEW directories are available in the Worship Center and the church office.

⊗ OR - call the office to have one mailed to you.

⊗ OR - visit [www.magpres.com/people](http://www.magpres.com/people) (call the office for the password).

Always - if your address, phone, or email changes, notify [church@magpres.com](mailto:church@magpres.com)



The first Sunday of every month, we collect the DEACONS DOOR OFFERING. This is a dedicated offering to help friends and family of MagPres members experiencing hardship. Your gift, large or small is a gift of kindness.

*Our Daily Bread* quarterly booklets are available in the Worship Center foyer and in the church office. Pick one up for yourself - and for a friend or stranger.

ce. Alternative times will be published later.



## Turkey Cheese Ball



### Ingredients

2 Packages (8 ounce) cream cheese  
6 ounces deli smoked turkey, finely chopped  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 tbsp finely chopped onion  
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 tsp garlic powder

### Decorations

9 ounces cream cheese, soft  
2 tbsp 2% milk  
Brown, yellow, orange  
food coloring  
6 large oval crackers  
1 large sweet red pepper  
1 small yellow squash  
1 cup pecans  
Assorted crackers

In a small bowl, beat the first six ingredients until combined. Shape into ball; wrap in plastic. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until firm. In another small bowl, beat cream cheese and milk until smooth. Divide among four small bowls. With food coloring, tint one bowl brown, one dark orange, and one light orange (using yellow & orange); leave one bowl plain (no color). Transfer each mixture to a heavy-duty resealable plastic bag; cut a small hole in a corner of each bag. For turkey feathers, decorate the top halves of large oval crackers with tinted cream cheese. Using the red pepper, form the turkey head, neck and wattle. For beak, cut small triangle from the yellow squash; attach with cream cheese. Add eyes, using brown and plain cream cheese. Insert pecan halves and add decorated crackers into cheese ball. Serve with assorted crackers.



We want you to experience this truth and become a more fully formed follower of Jesus Christ by being a part of a life group. To join a life group, you first have to go through Rooted.

**ROOTED** provides the opportunity to **connect with God, the church community, and your purpose** in unexpected life-changing ways. This 10-week series is one of the most transformational experiences that we have at **MagPres**. Whether you have been following Jesus for years, or you are new to the faith, this is the perfect place to jump in!

visit [magpres.com/rooted](https://magpres.com/rooted) to sign up

We will have an initial meeting on **Sunday, January 30th at 5pm** where we'll get oriented to Rooted and meet our group for the first time. Want to know more? Visit [magpres.com/rooted](https://magpres.com/rooted)

## An Officer and a Gentleman

The Riverside Fox Foundation has a wonderful opportunity. Because of Their relationship with American Theater Guild they have tickets available, at no cost, for both performances of *An Officer and a Gentleman* on November 15th and 16, 2021.

This is Broadway at its best, if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity they need to know ASAP **as their tickets are limited**. Please contact Ruthan Smith she will need your name, your organization's name, and the names of the guests on your guest list.

Ruthan Smith, Riverside Fox Theater  
(951) 826-5769





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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dick Kirby	November 3	Liberty & Andi Mabena	November 14
Bobby Doshier	November 5	Jerry Fisher & Danielle Good	November 21
Brad Copeland	November 6	John & Sharon Reinhardt	November 30
Connie Jackson	November 6		
Holly Goulet Perez	November 11		
Bret Benninger	November 12		
Gale Mitzner	November 12		
Deanna Cohen	November 13		
Richard Dickenson	November 15		
Everal Hathaway	November 15		
Tom Safford	November 15		
Dee Wilson	November 17		
Danielle Good	November 21		
Katie Nicholson	November 21		
Zach Gipson	November 25		
Evelyn Shea	November 25		
Laurie Mordue	November 28		
Suzanne Griffen	November 29		
Lori Copeland	November 30		
John Wayne	November 30		



### A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, on this day of Thanksgiving,  
We ask your blessings on our family,  
our friends, our home, our health—and  
on the food we are about to eat.

We thank you for this time together and  
the many gifts that you have given us.

Help us to remember in this time of  
bounty those less fortunate. And may  
your love consume us all that we  
might share in your glory.

Amen.







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Let us come before his presence  
*with thanksgiving,*  
and make a joyful noise unto him  
*with psalms.*

For the Lord is a  
*great God*  
and a great King  
*above all gods.*

Psalm 95:2-3



**Magnolia Staff**

The Rev. Claire Schlegel  
Co-Pastor

The Rev. Paul Knopf  
Co-Pastor

Lorraine Chapa  
Office Manager

James Walters  
Music Director/Organist

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Contemporary Music Leader

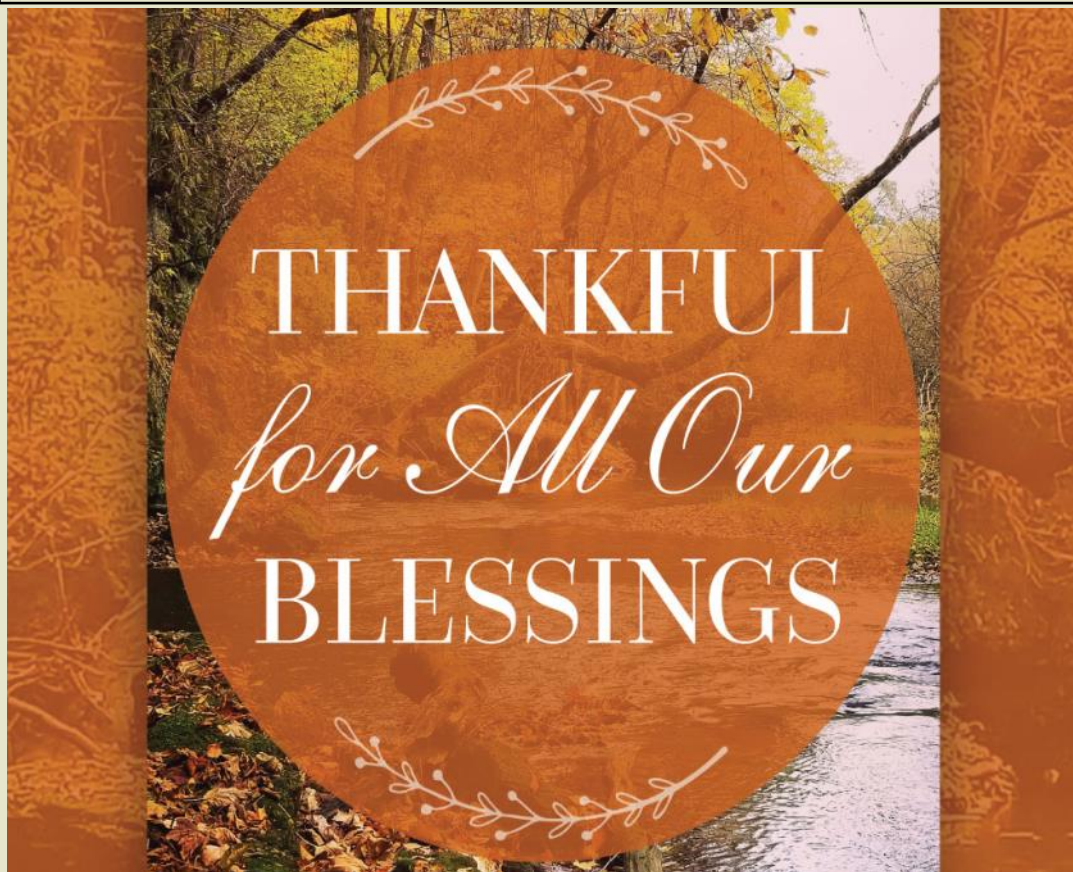
John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

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# Monthly Calendar

# November



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					29 Office Closed	30
31 <b>Pastor Claire Vacation</b> Happy Halloween 10am – Worship 6:30pm – Youth Group	1 First day of American Indian Heritage All Saints Day! 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	2 6pm - CE-Cmte 6pm - Mission Cmte 6:30pm - FOM Cmte 7pm - Bag Cmte	3 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	4 <b>Pastor Paul Vacation</b> 7pm - Choir Practice	5 Office Closed	6
7 Communion Sunday Daylight Savings 10am – Worship 6:30pm – Youth Group	8 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	9 6:30pm Stewardship Cmte	10 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	11 <b>Office Closed</b> Veterans Day 7pm - Choir Practice	12 Office Closed	13 10:am- Presbytery Meet 10am-Sack Lunch 12pm-Sack Lunch 4pm-Path of Life
14 10am – Worship 2pm-Two Can 6:30pm – Youth Group	15 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	16 7pm- Deacon Meeting	17 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	18 7pm - Choir Practice	19 Office Closed	20 3:30pm-Doris Clark Memorial
21 10am – Worship 6:30pm – Youth Group	22 <b>Pastor Paul Vacation</b> 9:30am-Women's Bible Study	23 <b>Pastor Paul Vacation</b> 7pm – Virtual Session Meeting	24 <b>Pastor Paul Vacation</b> 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	25 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving! 7pm - Choir Practice	26 Office Closed Native American Heritage Day	27
28 10am – Worship 6:30pm – Youth Group	29 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	30	1 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	2 7pm - Choir Practice	3 Office Closed	4

# Prayer Calendar



# November



# 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					29 Barbara Johnson	30 Dave & Mary Josselyn
31 National Awareness Day	1 David & Claudia King	2 Kim & Julie King	3 Dick & Bonnie Kirby	4 Paul & Michelle Knopf	5 Dee & Lowell Lacy	6 James & Ann Laudermilk
7 MagPres Pastors	8 Marshall & Mary Lee	9 Bob & Lee Lewis	10 Timothy & Diana Lewis	11 Flora Livingstone	12 Adrien Lowery	13 Ann W. Lowry
14 Riverside Habitat for Humanity	15 Jeff & Laurie Ludwig	16 Marge Ludwig	17 Liberty & Andi Mabena	18 Jody McDonald	19 Lisa & Craig MacDougall	20 Dennis Mackay
21 The Glory of God	22 Peter & Michelle Manley	23 Adam Martinez	24 Steven & Jan Mckee	25 Dorothy McLaughlin	26 Laura Medrano	27 Bill & Ruth Megenney
28 Riverside Fire & safety	29 Eleanor Miller	30 Gale Mitzner	1 Lance & Laurie Mordue	2 Monique Mowry	3 Brian & Melanie Nelson	4 Chris Nelson