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NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD SCOTCH CHURCH November 2025

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

The Old Scotch Church

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
8:30am-12:30pm

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To donate electronically via your smart phone, just follow these simple steps:
1) Download a free QR code reader app.
2) Scan the code on the Electronic Giving Option card found in the pew (and included here).
3) Use the link to make a donation to the Old Scotch Church (found at oldscotchchurch.org/give.html)





TUALATIN PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

~ “OLD SCOTCH” ~

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

ON GRATITUDE

I can get a little sucked in during November. It's not that Christmas appears the day after Halloween. It's not how many days off school there seems to be. It's not all the variety of crafts one can do that resemble a turkey. I get sucked into the emphasis on gratitude. There are the gratitude journals or the post of what someone is grateful for or the touchy-feely commercials as Thanksgiving approaches. Every November, I want to up my gratitude game.

So, I'm wondering what it is that motivates gratitude? A quick online search of 'thank' in the Bible lands me with 169 references. As I wander through these, most reference the goodness of God. God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit always seem like a good place to start! Perhaps in this month, we look to pay attention to the ways God is good to us. Attentiveness to this one aspect gets us out of the way and focuses on our Source. We like to take credit for so much in our lives, but let's trace it back a few steps further to consider who gave us the energy or personality or health or brilliant mind to do the great things we are so thankful for!

That dependence on God as our Source also cultivates a humility in us. We realize we are less in charge than we think, yet because God is at work, we have an avenue for peace. We realize we are less important than we imagined, but the love of Jesus still redeems and renews us. We realize we are not the catalyst to make things happen, which opens us the freedom to wait, to receive and to watch for the Holy Spirit on the move. With humbly depending on God, we can take our eyes off of ourselves and see the ways God is good. May that goodness lead us to give thanks.

On the worship front, November is full of chances to praise and worship God! We wrap up our fall study of Jeremiah when the people of Judah land in Babylonian exile, where Jeremiah does the hard work of offering hope to the broken and bewildered. The last day of November is also the first Sunday of Advent, where we begin our Advent series with Hope. Beyond our Sunday morning worship, we are also offering our annual Service of Remembrance on November 9 at 3 PM, which is a peaceful, hopeful service before the holidays begin to remember loved ones who have died. Consider coming to give thanks for a loved one. Or perhaps invite someone who would appreciate some reflection time for their losses. This special service is a comforting way to lean in to the Lord's presence.

As you prepare for worship each Sunday, here are the texts and themes for November.

November 2	Jeremiah 31:7-14	The Lord renews us	Time change – fall back 1 hour
November 9	Jeremiah 32:1-15	Trusting God's promises	Mission; Congregational meeting
November 9	Service of Remembrance, 3 PM, with reception following		
November 16	Lamentations 3:22-26	God's Faithfulness	Stewardship Update
November 23	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Looking ahead with hope	Christ the King Sunday/ Communion
November 30	Matthew 24:36-44	Hope: the gift of hindsight	First Sunday of Advent

Grace and Peace,

Jacie Bullis

~♥gratitude♥~

WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDINGS



The recording of our Sunday worship service will be available by noon on the Monday following the recording. To access the recording at the earliest time, please go directly to our YouTube channel to watch it, since the update of our website may take until Monday evening. The Church YouTube

Channel link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtsQCBGAU8gvja2DFrymmYQ>

Church Family News



Called Congregational Meeting on **November 9 after worship.** This meeting is to elect leadership and vote on Pastor's terms of call.

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, Nov. 1



All men are invited to attend 8:00AM at Elmer's Restaurant 390 SW Adams Ave. Hillsboro



Sunday School is underway!

Children's Sunday School:
During November, the children will be learning about Jesus showing that he is God's son through John the Baptist, Jesus' baptism and Jesus' miracles.

Adult Bible Study:
We will be continuing our study of the Old Testament by looking at stories from Genesis and Exodus. At the end of November, we will begin a series for the Advent season.



Women's Service Guild

The November meeting of the Women's Service Guild will be on Thursday, **November 6th, at 7 pm.** We will meet at Sheri Hiester's home. Please come prepared to share something you are thankful for with the group. All women are invited to attend! We hope to see you there!

Fall Bake Sale and Fundraiser

Our Fall Bake Sale is just around the corner! Plan now to join us on **Sunday, November 23**, after worship. We will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall selling cookies, muffins, scones, pies, jams, homemade dinner rolls and more! Yum! This is the perfect time to stock up for Thanksgiving entertaining. Funds will go to support Guild activities as well as the Women's Retreat coming up on January 17-18, 2026. We will be accepting cash and checks. We hope to see you all there making some delicious purchases!



The Women's Retreat is Coming!

Mark your calendar and save the date! January 17-18t, 2026 at Tilikum Retreat Center. You'll find the registration form and speaker bio on the next page. Don't miss out on this wonderful annual event!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday, Nov 2, 6-7:30 PM - Youth Group at Hillsboro Presbyterian (Tracie will be there!)

Sunday, Nov 16, 6-7:30 PM - Youth Group at Hillsboro Presbyterian (Sheri will be there!)

****Sunday, Dec 7, 6-8 PM - Christmas Party at Old Scotch Church! **** Yes, we are keeping the tradition of the Christmas Party at OSC with a dinner, games, Christmas reflection and White Elephant gifts!





Old Scotch Church Women's Service Guild Retreat Signposts on Our Journey with Christ: Facing Fear and Finding Joy

Leader: Rev. Rachel Guevara

January 17-18, 2026

Tilikum Retreat Center

Newberg, OR

Saturday 9:30am- Noon on Sunday

Anxiety is so common now, it almost seems a normal part of our Christian experience. How do we navigate the fear that grabs hold of us, dispel anxiety, and abide with Christ on this journey? Read and learn from the scriptures, and discuss your own experience with friends as we grow, worship, listen, and have fun together!

Old Scotch Church 2026 Women's Retreat Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

_____ I am willing to drive with up to _____ passengers

_____ I would like to carpool

_____ I am CPR certified

Roommate preference: _____

ENCLOSED IS:

_____ \$130 (Overnight lodging, 3 meals, program)

_____ \$50 (2 Saturday Meals, Program)

_____ I have special dietary needs (explain)



Registration and Payment are due by Sunday, January 4, 2026

Send checks (payable to **WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD**) to:

Retreat Speaker: Rev. Rachel Guevara

Rev. Rachel Guevara is happy to be back in Hillsboro, serving as Pastor at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church (HPC). Following 14 years at Orenco Presbyterian Church, Rachel was a hospice chaplain for four years, visiting patients all over the Willamette Valley. Now she volunteers with Agape Hospice, co-facilitating a grief support group, with Agape's Chaplain (her husband, Todd), at HPC.

Rachel studied Psychology and Theology at University of Portland and later earned her M.Div. at George Fox Evangelical Seminary. She and Todd have three 16-year-olds at three different schools and a 21-year-old in college. They enjoy attending guitar recitals, swimming meets, theater events and shuttling their kids to the DMV for driver's licenses.

With any remaining free time, Rachel loves working in her yard and home, playing with her pandemic dog, managing her home's "tiny library," doing puzzles for those introverted moments and thrifting at the neighborhood Habitat Restore.

The Old Scotch Church | Service of Remembrance

Everyone is invited to this special service to provide care and support for those who are grieving, especially during the holidays. ***Please consider inviting, and attending with, a friend or loved one who is grieving.***

Service of Remembrance

November 9, 2025

3:00pm

Reception following the service

at The Old Scotch Church
30685 NW Scotch Church Road
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A ministry of care to those who have lost loved ones and especially feel that loss during the holidays.

Please park in the back parking lot. The entrance to the parking lot is to the west of the church through the cemetery.

FALL BACK



Daylight Savings Time Ends
Fall Back One Hour
November 2, 2025

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Deacons are again sponsoring a Christmas Giving Tree, benefitting local families in need. Gift tags will be available on Sunday November 9th.

We will be collecting the wrapped gifts each Sunday at the Faith in Action Table through Sunday December 7th.





What's Happening with Missions

Alternative Christmas Gift Giving for 2025

Each of us is blessed with bounty. We do not have to go to bed hungry each night like 1 in 11 people in the world do. With the approval of the Mission committee and our Session, as Mission elder I am pleased to present to you four alternative gifts you can give as presents this Christmas to loved ones or donate to share your bounty.

The four groups we chose to support for 2025 Alternative Christmas gift giving are:

- 1) For local Mission child focus: Northwest Children's Outreach
- 2) For local Mission youth focus: Home Plate Youth Services
- 3) For local Mission family focus: North Plains Food Bank
- 4) For World Mission focus: Rise Against Hunger

Northwest Children's Outreach is a Christian-based volunteer organization that collects and distributes basic resources like diapers, formula, toys blankets clothing to underserved children in the Beaverton, and Portland community. In 2022 they served 15,777 children through their distribution centers.

Home Plate's Mission is to support youth in Washington County experiencing homelessness. Over 5,000 youth have been served this year. They listen and counsel youth, provide meals, clothing, a safe place to do laundry, take a shower, nap or do homework. Your donation will go to support Home Plate, above and beyond the monthly third Thursday night meals we currently purchase, prepare and provide.

North Plains Food Bank supports low-income families (over 800 people) with food, grocery needs, and other financial support for basic needs. Currently, they do not get support from the Oregon Food Bank. Non-food items such as toiletries can be purchased at a special rate from local stores. North Plains Food Bank appreciates the bags of non-perishable groceries our church provides each week.

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization founded by a United Methodist minister 25 years ago. They coordinate packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations and people in need around the world. Our goal is to sponsor another intergenerational food packaging event next Fall in coordination with other Presbyterian churches. Your donation will go towards the purchase of the food and supplies for the next event.

We will be collecting donations beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving, December 1, through December 22, downstairs at the Faith in Action Table. We ask that donations be \$10 and up, and you can donate to any or all of the organizations. You will receive a gift tag for each donation.

Thank you for your consideration.
Brad Parker, Mission Elder



OUR CEMETERY

OLD SCOTCH CHURCH CEMETERY PRICE STRUCTURE

	Members	Non-members
<i>In-Ground*</i>		
Regular, 4'x10' lot	\$700	\$1500 (double-depth burial allowed in unoccupied lot)
Infant section, 4'x7' lot	\$200	\$500
Cremation, 2'x2' lot	\$150	\$500
(*These prices do not include grave opening and fabrication and installation of marker. Additional record-keeping fee of \$150 for each interment.)		
<i>Columbarium**</i>		
Top row	\$750	\$1100
Middle Row	\$700	\$1050
Bottom Row	\$650	\$1000
(**Additional inurnment and engraving fees apply. Additional record-keeping fee of \$150 for each inurnment.)		
For more information about cemetery policies, contact the church office or visit www.oldscotchchurch.org/cemetery .		

Advanced Arrangement Planning Packet Available

Our church provides information on advance directives, POLST, donor programs, wills, long term stewardship, memorial services, and the cemetery. Please contact the church office for details.

REMINDERS IN OUR SERVICE TO GOD FOR NOVEMBER

ELDER OF THE MONTH

11/2 Brian Kinnear; 11/9 Scott Weinbender; 11/16-30 Brian Kinnear

DEACON OF THE WEEK

11/2 Russell Kinnear; 11/9 Glenda Benton; 11/16 Sue Weinbender;
11/23 Emily West; 11/30 Meredith Bach

SAFETY MANAGERS

11/2 Marty Bullis & Bryan Gamble; 11/9 Bryan Gamble & Marty Bullis, (3pm) TBD & Marty Bullis; 11/16 Tim Rippe & Winston Benton; 11/23 Marty Bullis & Tim Rippe;
11/30 TBD & Marty Bullis

USHERS

Alternate Coordinator: Julie Metz

11/2 Parker/Ellefson Family; 11/9 Tim & Robi Knox, (3pm) Jeff Uecker; 11/16 Bette & Gary Hahn; 11/23 Winston & Glenda Benton; 11/30 Chris Macfarlane & Tim Rippe

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

11/2 Joanne Ploem; 11/9 Anna Gamble; 11/16 Cindy Uecker; 11/23 N/A;
11/30 Cindy Uecker

ASPIRE SUBMISSIONS FOR DECEMBER IS NOVEMBER 15

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Tracie Bullis
Parish Associate	Chris Macfarlane
Office Administrators	Becky Oswald, Julie Metz
Choir Director	Maurine Granat
Accompanists	Meredith Bach, Judy Charles, Phyllis Laners
Treasurer	Katherine Kinnear
Building Liaison	Robi Knox

Session

Clerk of Session	Melissa Ellefson
Business & Finance	Matt Metz
Mission	Brad Parker
Worship and Music	Maurine Granat
Christian Education	Brian Kinnear
Cemetery	Jeff Uecker
Outreach & Membership	
Building & Grounds	Scott Weinbender
Fellowship	Judy Ingala

Deacons

Meredith Bach • Glenda Benton • Winston Benton • Kurt Granat • Russell Kinnear
Julie Metz • Joanne Ploem • Lois Sterenberg • Sue Weinbender • Emily West

This Month at Old Scotch

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8am Men's Breakfast @ Elmer's Restaurant 
2 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11am Mission Mtg. 11am Potluck 6pm Youth Group @ Hillsboro Pres.	3	4	5 7pm—Choir Practice 	6  Women's Guild 7pm at Sheri Hiester's home	7	8
9 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11am Called Congregational Meeting 3pm Service of Remembrance	10	11 7pm - Session 	12 7pm—Choir Practice 	13	14	15 9:30am Deacon's Mtg. 
16 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11am Cemetery Commission Mtg. 6pm Youth Group @ Hillsboro Pres.	17	18	19 7pm—Choir Practice 	20  HOME PLATE Youth Services Homeplate 4pm-8pm	21	22
23 9am Bible Study 10am Worship/Communion Cookie Sunday & Guild Bake Sale	24	25	26 7pm—Choir Practice 	27 	28	29  Women's Guild 10am Decorate the Sanctuary
30 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School						