



COOKS CREEK
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Weekly Update for November 10, 2020

Changing Seasons

I worry too much. Autumn trees ask me not to worry. They, like Jesus, suggest trust rather than worry. So often in autumn I want to go lean my head against a tree and ask what it feels like to lose so much, to be so empty, so detached, to take off one's shoes that well, and then simply to stand and wait for God's refilling. It sounds so simple, so easy. It isn't easy. But it is possible.

I think I've met one person in my lifetime who was truly empty. I didn't ask her what it felt like, but I remember a quiet joy that seemed to permeate her spirit, and she looked free.

We autumn strugglers must try hard not to wear discouragement as a cloak if we can't wear enough emptiness to make us free. It takes a long time to get as far as even wanting to be empty.

...Once we discover that we already possess enough grace to let go, trust begins to form in the center of who we are. Then we can take off our shoes and stand empty and vulnerable, eager to receive God's next gift.

- Macrina Wiederkehr

Pastor Seth is on vacation through Sunday, November 15. You have a few more days of freedom left... We have one last dynamite preacher this week, Brent Showalter, who makes Pastor Seth feel like he has a luscious head of hair. Please keep Brent in your prayers as he prepares to lead us in glorifying God.

If you have a pastoral concern, you may contact the office. If you need to reach someone more immediately, the Elders on Call for November are Bob Scott and Mark Williams. Please look to the directory for their contact information (it is not being posted here as this update gets posted to our web page and social media). If you need a directory, please contact the office.

We will celebrate our **2020 newborns** in worship on November 29.

Our new **KidCheck** system for making our children safer and our nursery procedures more convenient is up and running. Go to cooks creek church.org/kidcheck to learn more and create your account. Contact Shelley Newman for assistance.

You can **engage with our worship** by being at the church at 10:30 on Sundays or viewing via [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) live or anytime afterwards. Facebook has been more reliable; we are still

trying to figure out what is going on with YouTube. Remember that you do not need a Facebook account to watch on Facebook (you don't need a YouTube account for YouTube, either). We do post the recordings to YouTube and you can access these at cooks creekchurch.org/sermons. Recorded videos may not be posted on YouTube during Pastor Seth's absence but you may view them from our Facebook page.

We will have a **congregational meeting on Sunday, November 22 at 11:45am** for the purpose of electing new elders. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. You will be able to join the meeting and participate via Zoom via internet, cell phone, or landline phone.

Congregational Meeting Zoom Details:

Join the meeting by [clicking here](#).

Meeting ID: 892 2524 9881

Password: 407455

By telephone call: dial 1.646.876.9923 and enter info above when prompted

The meeting will start promptly at 11:45. You may join on Zoom before that time.

We will **celebrate our wonderful Cooks Creek staff** on November 22 during worship. Please join us as we honor the work and ministry of Martha, Jeanie, Sarah, Teresa, and Kathy!

We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** on November 22, Christ the King Sunday, **during worship** and with a **drive-thru** distribution from 12:30-1:00.

Stay informed and encouraged by liking our [facebook](#) page: facebook.com/cooks creekpres.

Thank you for the **continued giving** of your time, talent, and resources to the ministry of Jesus Christ at Cooks Creek! To learn how to give online, on your mobile device, or by cash or check, please visit cooks creekchurch.org/give.

Finally, a little note to say that these emails were written and scheduled to be sent before Pastor Seth's vacation, so information may be updated. Look to Sunday worship for any updates to this information. Did I, Pastor Seth, actually manage to keep all the information updated and organized when putting together several emails in one morning? If so, feel encouraged to bring him a treat. :)