

# November News



## Thanksgiving Taking Faith Home



### **A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day:**

God of grace and mercy, help us to be aware of your goodness and presence in our lives that we may have a heart of thanksgiving, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Download here](#)

## Christmas Tree Blessing Milestone Moment

People often love ideas that help them bring Christ back into Christmas. The Christmas Tree Blessing Moment offers just this kind of opportunity. The Christmas tree offers meaningful Christian symbolism appropriate to the season. The evergreen tree reminds us of the ever-present love of God. The lights on the tree remind us of the light of Christ. The shape of the tree points us to heaven. The Christmas Tree Blessing Moment creates an occasion to talk about Christmases past with memories of family and friends. The devotional word grounds the blessing with biblical content. The service suggestions lead us to our neighbors in love. Bringing family and friends together for the Christmas Tree Blessing Moment allows for others to be moved by the love of God and enriches their experience of the real meaning of Christmas.



Moments that cause us to pause and shift gears like the beginning of the church year and preparing for Christmas happen once a year and sometimes come all too quickly. Provide an opportunity to take a breath and find God's presence this year with family and friends while decorating your Christmas Tree.  
Make copies of the Christmas Tree

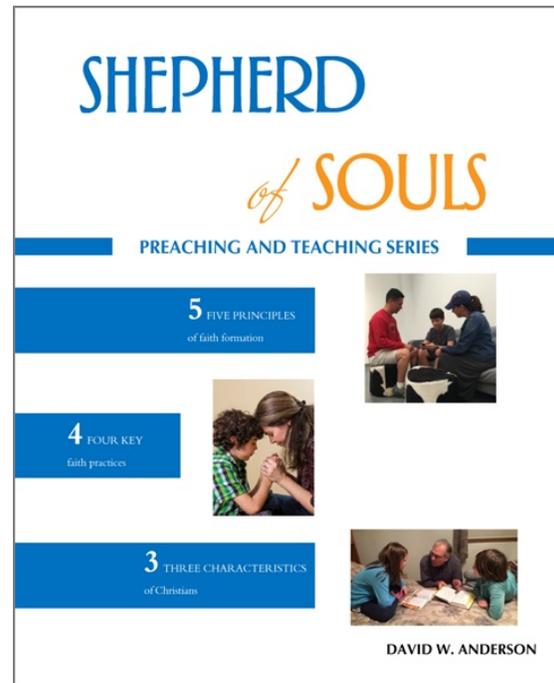
[For more information and to download this reproducible Milestone Moment for \\$2.95, click here.](#)

Blessing and give to all ages to use in their homes.

## Shepherd of Souls Preaching and Teaching Series

The contents of the *Shepherd of Souls Preaching and Teaching Series* were developed to complement the *Shepherd of Souls: Faith Formation through Trusted Relationships* book. This reproducible workbook offers an overview of each chapter in the book and will help lead worshipers, congregational leaders, families, small groups, and Bible study participants into a deeper experience of the life of the church that partners the home and congregation in ministry.

See more information on our website home page in the blue column. [Click here.](#)



**Available as CD, Download,  
or Leadership Package**

## Taking Faith Home Year Cycle A



Based on the Revised Common  
Lectionary.

**December 1 is the first Sunday  
of the new Church Year!**

Taking Faith Home Bulletin inserts for Year  
A 2019-2020 are reproducible and  
available as:

[Download \(link\)](#) or [CD \(link\)](#)