

January 16, 2022



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANFORD

# First Word

*“To live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope.”*

## **From the Pastor...**

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

One of my favorite Bible passages is from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 7:

<sup>7</sup>“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

In the context of this Gospel, the passage follows Jesus’ proclamation of the Lord’s Prayer and His question to us, “<sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life<sup>lc?</sup>” Remembering that prayer is our way of communicating our concerns and celebrations to God we lift our voices with faith and goodwill.

## **My prayer for First Presbyterian Church is....**

For faith and wisdom to discern and follow God’s will and way.

For all to experience the unconditional, eternal love of Jesus Christ.

For us to share shalom and agape with each other and our neighbors.

For the welcome of each person as a child of God – no exceptions.

For a church that is missional, reaching out to help those in need.

For growth – growth of faith, growth of hope, and growth of love.

For a generous spirit of giving and sharing the bountiful resources given by God.

For the loving support of the children and staff of our Child Development Center.

For the celebration of our connection with the other churches of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

For the joy we feel as we gather for Sunday School and Worship each Sabbath Day.

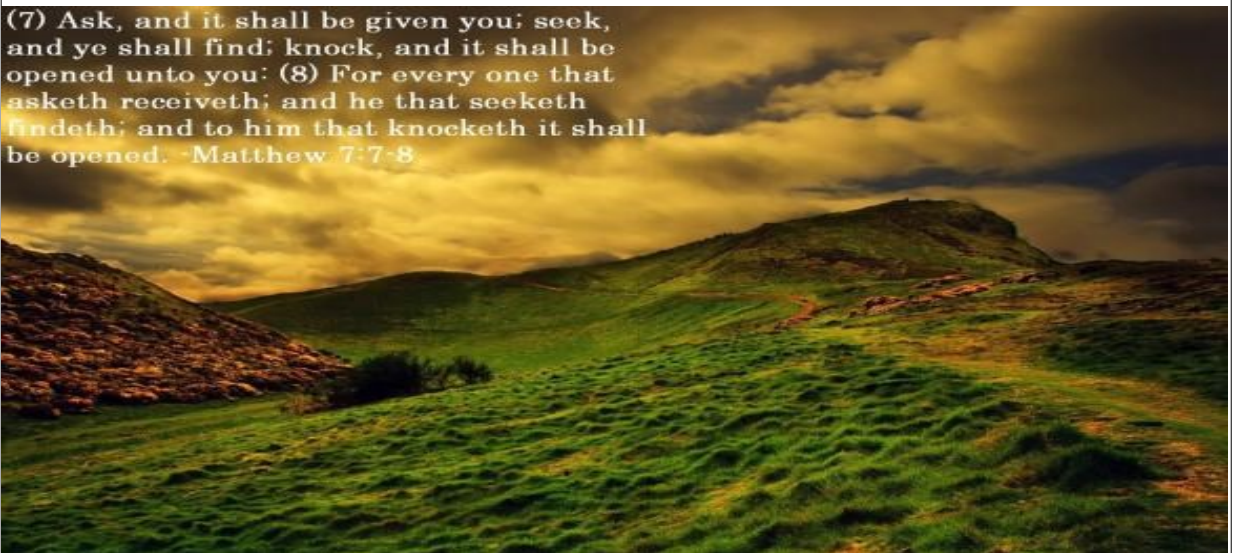
For the celebration of the Holy Spirit within our church as we gather around the table and reach out to invite others to participate with us in the activities of the Church. For FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE!

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen

**Shalom and Agape,**

**Brad**

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## This Weeks Calendar

### Monday 1/16:

**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track  
**5:30 PM:** Contemporary Choir Rehearsal  
**6:30 PM:** Traditional Choir Rehearsal  
**7PM:** Finance Committee Meeting  
**7:15PM:** Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday 1/17:

**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track  
**10AM:** Bible Study  
**5:30PM:** Congregational Care Committee Meeting  
**6PM:** Yoga in the Harper Center

### Wednesday 1/18:

**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track  
**10AM:** CDC Devotion  
**12PM:** Staff Meeting  
**7PM:** Prayer Group

### Thursday 1/19:

**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track

### Friday 1/20:

**9AM-12PM:** Walking Track  
**11AM:** Blanket Ministry

### Saturday 1/21:

**2-4PM:** Bingo in the Harper Center

### Sunday 1/22:

**9AM:** Contemporary Service  
**11AM:** Traditional Service  
**1:30PM:** Worship Committee Meeting  
**5-6:30PM:** Youth hosted by the Vargas

1/17: John Foushee

1/18: Faye Vann

1/19: Carson Quick

1/21: Cole Garris

1/22: Daniel Maurer

Anita Slattery

January  
birthdays



Thank you

Dear FPC family,

*Philip and I wish to thank you for all the kind expressions of sympathy following my father's passing.*

Sincerely,

Cathy Giles

**This week's walking track volunteers:**

1/16-Joan Bland, 1/17-Charlie Hicks, 1/18-Jim and Laurie Lee, 1/19-Julie Lemon, 1/20-Joyce Kelly



*Hey, do you know a middle or high schooler who is looking for somewhere to learn more about the Lord and be with other Youth for fun, food, and fellowship together on Sundays from 5-6:30pm? Please*

*invite them to visit with us in the Harper Center, or the other locations we have chosen to meet this year. We have our schedule posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Call Michele for more details.*

## OUR PRAYER LIST

**Parkview:** Paul Kelly, Rexine Lloyd, Maxine Auman

**Cape Fear Valley Medical Center:** Betty Lou Bristow

**Home or with family:** Jean Perry; Cathy Johnson; Don Suddarth; Bruce Benton; Ann Barkley

**Our Friends & Family:** Tiffany Scott Heron (Donna McClune's niece); Michael McClune (Donna McClune's son); James Cox; Billy Boaz; Jamey Allen (Harold James' sister); Phyllis Moore; Carolyn Herring (Bunny Paderick's niece); Greg Horrell (Bunny Paderick's brother-in-law); Richard Angel (Pat Angel's husband); Marci Hudzik; Dennis Parnell (friend of David Vann); Emily Heeseman (Samantha Morgan's friend and college roommate); Heather Wicker; Carla Bailey; Joanna Dempsey; Michelle Hendley Leonhardt (Daughter of Mike and Peggy Hendley); Flora Harrington; George Honeycutt at St. Joseph's of the Pines (neighbor of Dean and Jana Wilkinson)

## Offering Counters Schedule - January 2023

Week 1 (1/4) John Garris and Daryl Perry, Week 2 (1/8) Samantha Jeffries and Don Wazenegger, Week 3 (1/15) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon, Week 4 (1/29) John Garris and Daryl Perry  
The Lay Readers for January for the 9am service are Russ and Lynn Knight and for the 11am service, it is Brad Marin.



*We need contestants! If you're interested, please contact Michele in the church office.*

# Soup Cook-off



**It's that time of year again...time for our annual soup cook-off! Please join us in the Harper Center on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> after the 11am service as a contestant or to just enjoy a bowl of your favorite soup. As always, your donations to our FPC Youth are greatly appreciated. Earn bragging rights and a prize for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places!**

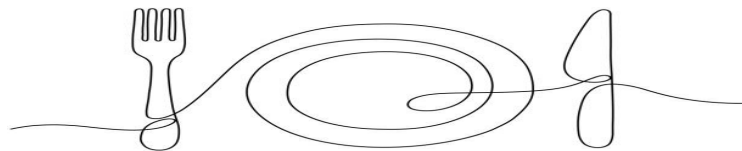
**2023 Soup Cook-Off Judges:**

**John and Jae Breidenstine**

**Charlie and Charlene Hicks**

**Pat and Emalee McCracken**

**Who will be our 2023 Soup Cook-Off Top Chef??? Come to the Harper Center on January 29th at noon to find out, and enjoy fun, food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!!!**



On Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, Jim and Laurie Lee, Bunny Paderick, Lisa Kimble, Pat and Emalee McCracken and Susan Silva served 157 people a lunch of frittata, sausage patties, coleslaw and bread at the Breadbasket.



**PRIZES**

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**SATURDAY JANUARY 21  
2-4 P.M.  
HARPER CENTER**

*Join us for fun and  
fellowship.*

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Sponsored by the Hobson Class!

**Open to all ages!**

**Questions or if you need  
a ride- call  
church office:  
919-775-7516**

