



October 31, 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...

The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22)

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

Simplicity. There are those times in our lives when we yearn for the less complicated path to wherever our journey in life is leading us. Perhaps, we are faced with challenges that seem insurmountable or situations that are not resolved easily and we pray to God, “Lord, help me,” and we wait for that clear answer to our prayer. We encounter those days when there are many choices to be made and each choice raises additional questions for us to answer and we pray, “Lord, lead me,” and we wait for the wisdom that will surely come from God. Pray this prayer when you go to vote. At work, in our families, in school, and everywhere we go, there is the loudness of our modern society, so many voices speaking at the same time and we cannot hear clearly the voices. We pray, “Lord, help me to listen to your voice,” and we listen among all of the chatter and clatter to God who speaks to us. Simplicity. We come to church seeking those straightforward answers to our complex questions about salvation and the life to come in God’s Kingdom and, as the theologians answer with their liturgical verbiage, we quietly say, “Keep it simple.” The Good News is that Christ listens and, when asked which commandment is the greatest, in summary, He says, “Love God,” and “Love your Neighbor.” There are no volumes of literature attached as explanation and no footnotes for us to read. While there are many ways these commandments are interpreted later for our daily lives, the Good News is that, for now, as Christ teaches, there is one simple truth. If we want to live as God’s faithful family, we will always speak and act with love for God and for Neighbor.

My prayer for our congregation is that, guided by this simple truth, our church will continue to grow in so many ways to become the church God calls us to be each day.

Shalom and Agape,

Brad



10/31: Grayson Driver, Gavin Jonas, Susan King, Mary Sue Riddle
 11/1: Lois Yow
 11/3: Brooke Elisabeth Burrus
 11/4: Delaney Davenport

This week's walking track volunteers:

10/31-Jim and Laurie Lee, 11/1-Charles LaRue, 11/2-Julie Lemon, 11/3-Don Wazenegger, 11/4-Joyce Kelly

It's Fall! Give Thanks!



Church Calendar for November 2022

The deadline for the Youth Envelope Fundraiser is October 31st.

Thursday, November 3rd is Fill the Trunk for CUOC from 10am-12pm.

Saturday, November 5th is the Celebration of Life for Carri Hollingworth in McIver Hall at 11am. Visitation at 10am in McIver Hall before the service.

Sunday, November 6th the Youth are hosting a Stewardship Spaghetti Lunch in the Harper Center. Donations are welcome.

This Weeks Calendar

Monday 10/31:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track
 10:30AM: PW Council Meeting
 5:30 PM: Contemporary Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 PM: Traditional Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 11/1:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track
 10AM: Bible Study
 6PM: Yoga in the Harper Center

Wednesday 11/2: *Submissions due for next newsletter and next bulletin*

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

Thursday 11/3:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track
 10AM-2PM: Fill the Trunk for CUOC

Friday 11/4:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

Sunday 11/6:

9AM: Contemporary Service
 11AM: Traditional Service
 12PM: Youth Host Stewardship Spaghetti Lunch in the Harper Center
 1:30PM: Session Meeting

OUR PRAYER LIST

Parkview: Irma Autrey, Paul Kelly, Rexine Lloyd

Universal Health Care/Lillington: Betty Lou Bristow

Home or with family: Sonny Talbot; Jean Perry; Cathy Johnson; Don Suddarth; Bruce Benton; Ann Barkley; Emily Kelly; Terri Palmer

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)

Offering Counters Schedule - November 2022

Week 1 (11/6) John Garris and Daryl Perry, Week 2 (11/13) Samantha Jeffries and Don Wazenegger, Week 3 (11/20) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon, Week 4 (11/27) Rhonda and David Miller

The Lay Readers for November are for the 9am service and for the 11:00 am service.

FPC Youth News

November

6th – No Youth (Spaghetti Meal Fundraiser 12pm in the Harper Center)

13th – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm

20th – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm

27th – No Youth (Thanksgiving)

December

4th – Dinner/Caroling 5-6:30pm

11th – Youth Christmas Party 5-6:30pm

18th – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm

25th – No Youth (Christmas)

**If anyone needs a ride to any of our Youth Meetings, please let Michele know, 919-935-2089.*



Youth and Parent volunteers needed to help cook and serve at the Stewardship Spaghetti Lunch we are hosting for the Stewardship Committee on Sunday, November 6th at noon. We will start cooking at 9am in order to be ready to serve at noon. Please contact Michele in the church office by phone, 919-775-5216, email, fpcsecretary11@gmail.com, or cell, 919-935-2089 to sign-up.



FPC YOUTH FUN AT GROSS FARMS!



Youth Sponsored Stewardship Spaghetti Lunch

*-includes spaghetti,
salad, garlic bread,
and dessert*

*Youth donations
would be greatly
appreciated!*



Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 12pm
in the Harper Center



First Presbyterian Church of Sanford, 203 Hawkins Avenue, Sanford, NC 27330

Dine In or Take-Out