



First Word

July 6, 2020

"To live by Faith, to be known by Love, and to be a voice of Hope."

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR..

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice... Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4: 4,6-7

Our congregation is growing! On Sunday, July 12, along with welcoming new members, the worship service will include the baptism of Ash Driver and Maria Berndt. The service of baptism is a celebration of God's love and our love for all of God's children. It provides us with the opportunity to reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ and our commitment to pray for the families of Ash and Maria as we teach these children about God's love for them. As we baptize them, let us remember our own baptism as we rejoice in the Lord.

With joyful celebration, we will gather on the 12th at 11:00 AM in the Harper Center for "in-person" worship. Everyone is invited; however, if you prefer to continue worshipping through Zoom and/or Facebook Live, these options will be available indefinitely. Thank you to the Worship Committee and others who have helped to plan and create the worship space for our gathering.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly 224th meeting in Baltimore has concluded. You are invited to view videos related to the discussions and decisions of this meeting at <https://ga-pcusa.org/ga224-videos/> Please share this website address with others as we rejoice over our connectedness to Presbyterians throughout our nation and world.

Peace, Brad

NEW UPDATE

After much conversation, **we have decided that our rescheduled church-wide retreat planned for September needs to be postponed longer.** The purpose of the trip is intergenerational work, play and worship, so we want to wait until everyone is able to safely and confidently travel. With that in mind, our retreat to Ft. Caswell is now scheduled for March 19-21, 2021. Registration will carry over for those who are already registered, but refunds are available if needed. As we get closer to the new dates, registration will open again for everyone. Please be in touch with Jenny if you have questions or needs.

Register preschool and elementary school aged children for **Compassion Camp**, a virtual VBS written specifically for this summer and produced here with church volunteers. Participants will pick up their supplies on July 22 or 23 and will complete the 5 days of camp on their own time. This is a great activity for families to do together, or for grandparents to do with their grandchildren. **Register by completing this form (<https://forms.gle/viPRFQyc3Nfh5Rge8>) by July 12 to save your camper's spot!** Contact Jenny Lee with any questions.

Prayer Group Zoom Meeting: Jul 8, 2020 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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The Outreach Committee is reminding you of two items:

- 1) **Family Promise**– First Presbyterian is hosting the Family Promise guests this week, July 5-July 12. The families will be staying at the FP Day Center, and our job will be to provide them with dinner every night (St. Francis Church helps with this), and other items for breakfasts and lunches. Please be in prayer for this important ministry to our community. Thanks to everyone who is helping make it a successful week of caring for our neighbors.
- 2) Since the families have been staying at the Day Center, FP is in need of the following supplies: cleaning supplies, Lysol, disinfectant wipes, deodorant, etc. If you can donate any of this, please take it by the Day Center located at 2302 Woodland Ave.
- 2) Since we have not been able to collect food for CUOC every First Food Sunday, that is food they never get. Unless many of you take some staple food– the same things you'd bring to church on Sundays– directly to the CUOC. You can tell them you are bringing it on behalf of First Presbyterian if you like. Call ahead of going (919-718-1540)– volunteers are not there to receive the food all the time.

The Worship Committee has suggested that when we get back to our usual type of in-house worship, we start a Lay Reader program where we have someone (youth or adult) from the congregation assist in doing the Call to Worship and one of the Bible readings in either service.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Wanda Wazenegger who will be coordinating this opportunity (H) 919-774-3775 or (c) 919-777-3855. If no one volunteers, you will be hearing from Wanda!

OUR PRAYER LIST

- Parkview:** Laura Rosser; Cathelene Wilmot; Laura Murphy; James King, Jr., Sue King's brother.
- Universal Health Care/Lillington:** Betty Lou Bristow.
- Home:** Paul Kelly; Harold York; Sonny Talbot; Sidney Boaz; Helen Ogburn; Rexine Lloyd; Jean Perry.
- Sanford Health and Rehab:** Pat Humphries.
- Our Friends & Family:** Donald Scott, brother of Donna McClune; Bunny and Rick Paderick's niece; Beth Harris, Genie Morgan's sister; James Cox; R.D. Carson, son of Pastor Don Carson; Billy Boaz.; Luke Perry; Gail Pace, Rudine Miller's sister-in-law; Jason Heiser; Charlene Hicks's nephew, Robert Leimone, Julianne McCracken's brother, Larry Thomas, Ruth Cashion's brother.



July 07: *Gloria Coleman, Alexander Marin, Harold York*

July 08: *Jeff Norris*

July 11: *Daryl Perry*

CALENDAR (7/6-7/12)

No Bible Study in July.

Monday:

9:30AM: Morning Devotion via Facebook Live

Wednesday:

9:30 AM: Morning Devotion via Facebook Live
7:00PM: Prayer Meeting (Zoom details on page 1 of newsletter)

Thursday:

9:30AM: Music with David via Facebook Live

Friday:

9:30 Morning Devotion via Facebook Live

Sunday:

10:15 Called Session Meeting in Harper Center (or Zoom)
10:30AM: Zoom Coffee Hour
11AM: Worship via Zoom and Facebook Live
1:30 Session Meeting (Zoom)