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Office Hours

The office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteers will staff our front desk from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

All-Church Prayer

Lord, like the light breaking through our windows,
break through our resistance to change,
show us the new things you want to do through First Presbyterian Church,
and empower us to embrace new opportunities. Amen.



All are
welcome!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 30

Usher Team 5

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. A for Alabaster class, Conf. Rm.
- 9:30 a.m. Donuts and Discussion
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Online
- 3:00 p.m. NA Group in Willard Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Monday, August 31

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 4:00 p.m. KYC Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry - Walt’s House

Tuesday, September 1

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Team Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Wednesday, September 2

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Conf. Rm.
- 11:00 a.m. Strategic Planning Work Group
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 5:30 p.m. Deacon’s Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. 12 Step in Willard Hall

Thursday, September 3

- 9:30 a.m. Property Committee Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 4

Pastor’s Day Off

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Saturday, September 5

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Sunday, September 6

Usher Team 1

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Donuts and Discussion
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Online
- 3:00 p.m. NA Group in Willard Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Welcome to FPC!

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here! Please fill out a Connection Card (in pew backs) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a pastor. We also have a small visitor bag for you. If you’re not given one by an usher, please select a blue gift bag at any of the entrances into the sanctuary. We’re so glad you are here!

In Our Prayers

Joys: Guest preachers, guest musicians sharing their talents

Concerns: Scott McKenzie, Melba Banion, Linda Mets, Scott Gosney, Jason Carmichael (son of Bob and Pam Carmichael), Kay Wischropp, those affected by natural disasters around the world

Sympathy: Prayers of sympathy for the family of Frank Galbraith, brother of Susie McKenzie. Frank passed away on August 16.

Prayers of sympathy for the family of Tyler Mueller, son of Lynn Mueller. Tyler passed away on August 20.

Blood Drive - Tuesday, September 1

Register for the Blood Drive; note the change from a Friday to a Tuesday. You can sign up on the Red Cross website (RedCross.org). Your donation helps save a life.

Kickoff Sunday & Grandparents Day - September 13

Help us kick off a new season of ministry with an All-Church Breakfast in Willard Hall, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will also welcome our Chancel Choir back to worship after their summer break. Invite a friend to join you. All are welcome!

We need pictures of you along with pictures of your grandchildren or your grandparents' pictures (if you don't have grandchildren). Separate pictures please, so that we can put them in protective sleeves on the wall downstairs. Whoever can match the most children to grandparents gets a fun prize! Please bring your pictures to the church office by August 31 and leave for Beth Johnston or Becky Foster. Please label the backs of the pictures so we can make the matches. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of us. We will make sure everyone gets their pictures back.

Children's Church

With a new school year, we are going to begin something new for children ages Pre-K through 10 years of age. Beginning Sept. 13, and continuing on second Sunday of each month, children will go to the chapel for Children's Church during the 10:30 worship service. This will be an opportunity for children to learn more about the different elements of worship and become more comfortable participating when they attend.

Doorstep 60 for 60 Challenge

First Presbyterian is participating in Doorstep's 60th Anniversary "60 for 60 Community Challenge." We are collecting 60 sets of gloves or mittens, stocking caps, and scarves to support families and individuals in our community. Bring your donations and drop them off in the barrel during the upcoming weeks. Thanks for helping us celebrate 60 years of compassion in our community.

Prayer Partners

The Bible strongly supports the practice of praying with and for other believers. Scripture shows that sharing burdens and agreeing in prayer brings spiritual strength, encouragement, and power. On September 13, you will be given the opportunity to sign up to become a prayer partner with an individual in our congregation. Being a prayer partner is something all of us can do regardless of age, and we hope you will consider joining us in this powerful adventure!

Guest Musician

Mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Cochrane began singing at the age of 6, developing her love for performing through a variety of choral, ensemble, and musical theater experiences in her youth. She and her family attended First Presbyterian beginning in 1986, and Elizabeth participated in music camps at Heartland Camp. She studied violin from ages 8 through 18 and participated in the Topeka Youth Symphony.

After graduating magna cum laude with a BM in vocal performance from the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, Elizabeth moved back to Topeka and served as the Chancel Choir alto section leader and soloist for almost 20 years. During those years, she also sang with the Topeka Festival Singers. Elizabeth earned an MME in Music Therapy with a Gerontology Certificate from the University of Kansas in 2011 and developed a small business contracting for music therapy services with care facilities in northeast Kansas, while also teaching a few voice students.

Elizabeth lives in Topeka, Kansas, with her husband, Nathan; their two children, Adelaide (14) and Bethany (10); and their fur children, Penny and Gracie. Her hobbies include writing, songwriting, crafting, playing guitar, and photography.

