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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, September 6

Usher Team 1

Communion

- 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

Monday, September 7

Labor Day Office Closed

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

Tuesday, September 8

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Calendar Meeting - Conf. Rm.
- 5:15 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Food Distribution
- 7:30 p.m. 12 Step in Willard Hall

Thursday, September 10

- 2:00 p.m. Needlework Group
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 11

Pastor’s Day Off

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

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

Usher Team 2

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Kick-off Breakfast
- 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:** Successful Blood Drive, painting of the upstairs hallway by the Tuesday work group

**Concerns:** Scott McKenzie, Melba Banion, Linda Mets, 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 Tyler Mueller, son of Lynn Mueller. Tyler passed away on August 20.

## Bulletin Art

Cover art by Péter Gáspár: “The monument is both a memorial to the Hungarians executed in 1945-48 and the deportations under the administration of the Communists after 1948.”

## Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given by Rob and Beth Johnston in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.

## Kickoff Sunday - September 13

Help us kick off a new season of ministry next Sunday 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!

## Children’s Church

With a new school year, we are going to begin something new for children ages Pre-K through 10 years old. Beginning Sept. 13, and on the second Sunday of each month, children will go to the chapel for Children’s Church after Children’s Moment during 10:30 worship. 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 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!

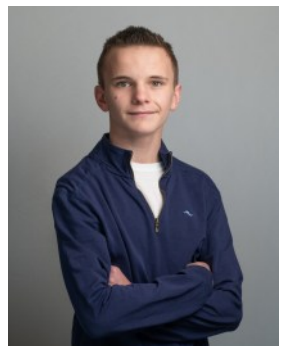
## Church Activities

Looking for something fun? Want to try something new? Want to be a part of a group? We have two new opportunities:

- 1) We are looking for people interested in joining the longstanding bicycling group. It’s a great way to stay active and have some fun at the same time. Please contact Herman Jones or Allen Apel if you are interested (hjonesx383@yahoo.com, alana11@icloud.com).
- 2) Do you know how to play Mahjong? Do you want to try playing Mahjong? We are looking for people interested in playing. No experience is required. Please contact Marlene Geyser (mmgeyser@gmail.com).

## Guest Musician

Jacoby Brown from Topeka, KS, is a sophomore at Washburn Rural High School, where he is involved in Student Council. He acts as Student Ambassador for incoming students and is in “This Generation” Honor Choir. Jacoby is on the high honor roll and maintains a 4.3 GPA. He is in several honors-level classes. Jacoby enjoys history, golf, learning German, spending time with family and friends, and (of course) music. He currently takes voice lessons with Dr. Kevin Kellim, piano lessons with Ms. Julie Rivers, and guitar lessons through Top City Music. After high school, Jacoby will attend college and is currently planning to major in law.



## Translation of Jacoby’s solo:

Merciful Jesus, you who take away the sins of the world, grant them rest.  
Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, grant them rest.