

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are so glad that you are here!

Please take a minute to fill out the friendship pad in your pew and pass it along to others.

Our desire is to serve you and your family as you seek to grow in your faith.

Please speak to the pastor if you would like to become a member of this community of faith.

WORSHIP TODAY

Flowers....If you would like to donate flowers for the Sunday Worship Services, please sign your name on the flower chart calendar that is located by the bulletin boards in the hall. **It is very important that you complete the flower card** (which is located on the bulletin board next to the chart) **with details of what occasion** (in memory, honor, special occasions, etc.) the flowers are for. Please return the flower card to the church office with your payment of **\$50.00**. You may also turn in the flower card in the offering plate. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.

The Barnabas Cards are also located in the pews. They are used like thinking-of-you cards. Fill out the person's name on the front and place it in the offering plate. A volunteer will address it and mail it for you.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Norma Shepherd; Jackie Sydnor; Brenda McCaleb; Sue Miller; Doris Reed; Nancy Heeth; Virgil Cammack; Patsy Dunbar; Jo Anne Reed; Jimmy Gilchrest; Theresa Wester; Jane Christopher; Darlene Sprague; Frank Wamble; JoAnn Ruble; Juandine Fifield; Robert Corkran; Curtis Abrams; Nanci Engle; Marjorie Wells; Evelyn Darden; Chris; Hannah; and Barbara Sample.

Loss of a Loved One...Please pray for the family, friends and colleagues of the Rev. Wendy Bailey, who died unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 20, at the age of 56. Before she moved to New Jersey, Wendy served as an Associate Presbyter here in the Presbytery of New Covenant. She leaves behind her husband, Dwayne Bailey, and daughter, Kate. An address is available on the office white board for those who may want to send condolences.

WORSHIP HELPS

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." At First Presbyterian Church, we believe that children enrich worship within the full faith community. In them, Christ is present for us. We also believe that children learn best to worship by worshiping! Therefore, all adults and youth are encouraged to help our young children experience the rhythms and rituals of worship: finding and standing for hymns, being still when we pray, and learning responses. Following "Chancel Time with Children", children are invited to take a Children's Bulletin from Pastor Jim and a worship bag or notebook to draw them further into the remainder of worship. Younger children (under 5) may go to the nursery in Room 1, if desired.

Bibles and hearing enhancement devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Coffee is available before and after worship in the fellowship hall.

FPC Event Calendar

Monday, January 2	Office Closed	
Tuesday, January 3	PW Board Mtg.	9:30 am
	Pilates	10:45 am
	Prayer Shawl	2:00 pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:00 pm
	Yoga	6:00 pm
	Yoga	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 4	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer Group	11:00 am
	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 pm
	De-Cluttering Group	6:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, January 5	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00 am
	Pilates	10:45 am
	Spanish Bible Study	6:30 pm
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Yoga	7:00 pm
Saturday, January 7	Liturgist Training	10:00 am
Sunday, January 8	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	First Sunday Lunch	12:00 pm
	YGAC	12:00 pm
	Handbells	12:15 pm
	Dave Ramsey Financial Peace	6:00-7:30 pm
Monday, January 9	Committee Meetings	6:45 pm

FRIDGE NOTES 1-1-17 First Sunday after Christmas Day

***“Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing!”***
Hymn #134, verse one

If you need envelopes for 2017 Giving, please sign up in the narthex.

Do You Want to Begin the New Year with a Commitment to Health? Our weekday ***Pilates*** classes and evening ***Yoga*** classes are in full swing after the holiday schedule. Come be part of growing stronger and more flexible as we take care of the bodies God has entrusted to our care. Class times are on the calendar on the flip side. No experience is necessary. Simply show up with comfy clothes, \$5 and an open spirit. Our teacher, Carey, has extra mats if you need to borrow one.

Decluttering Group Meets This Wednesday, January 4, in Room 11 from 6-7 p.m. Looking for freedom from excess and clutter? Come start the new year right with an hour of inspiration as we learn about and support one another in letting go of that which we no longer need or use. As always, friends are welcome!

Sunday School Classes for All Ages Resume Next Sunday at 9:00. For class details, see the December/January newsletter or the first bulletin board.

Youth Group After Church (YGAC) Resumes NEXT Sunday, January 8, beginning with the potluck and lasting until 2 p.m.. All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to be part of our new year!

Youth Retreat at Camp Cho Yeh February 24-26, 2017 All 6th-12th graders interested in being part of this awesome annual weekend sign up today on the youth bulletin board. A \$50 deposit holds your spot. Checks can be made out to FPC with “ChoYeh” in the memo.

Liturgist Training Next Saturday Morning, January 7, from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Our Sunday morning liturgist is (typically) a lay leader in worship and open to youth and adults. While it is not a difficult job, it is important to be prepared for the role. Whether you are an experienced liturgist or are simply curious about serving as one, this morning is for you. By attending the training, you are not committing to serving but will be prepared to if you feel so called. Come gather in the sanctuary and enjoy a time of learning, growing, friendship and faith.

Pot Luck Lunch Next Sunday, January 8 Our “First Sunday Lunch” will be on the *second Sunday* as we begin a new year of fellowship! Bring your favorite dish and plan to stay to be fed in body and spirit as we gather around tables following worship.

Financial Peace University for the New Year If you’ve signed up for the Dave Ramsey course, but haven’t paid the \$100 per family/individual, please do so today. Classes begin NEXT Sunday evening, January 8, from 6-7:30. Make checks to FPC (Dave Ramsey in the memo) then put your check in the offering plate or give it to Jo Ann Currie. You may also use Paypal on our website.

Looking for Some Peace & Quiet as you begin a new year? Whenever the doors of the building are open, you are welcome to come into the sanctuary for a time of reflection and prayer...whether for ten minutes, an hour or an afternoon. ***“Be still, and know that I am God”*** is an open invitation to all, no matter the season.

A Reminder to Session Members, Deacons, Presbyterian Women, Early Childhood Program, Gathering Place and others about Annual Reports To capture a glimpse of the mission and ministry of FPC during 2016, please write and send your 2016 Annual Report to Jo Ann Currie (jjcurrie5152@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Thanks to all who have already done so.