

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 10:30 am**

In the sanctuary and live-streaming on YouTube through our website: [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org)  
Nursery provided

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Dear Friends,

I love, love, love these longer days! I also love, love, love all we have planned for May around First Presbyterian Church! A special worship service, including Holy Communion, will mark Pentecost this year. Pull out your best red shirt or dress and come on May 19th to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon Jesus' disciples in Jerusalem and continuing to dwell within us and among us today! The Sunday before, May 12, is Mother's Day, always a special time to gather with family members and give thanks to God for those dear to us. The final Sunday of the month, the 26th, we mark 26 years on Preston Road!!!!

*Taco and a Prayer* will be bright and early on Thursday, May 16. If you've not participated in this ministry before, it is worth waking up early to experience. Everyone who turns in our parking lot—beginning at 6:30 am—is given a sack with two freshly made breakfast tacos and a simple prayer, printed in both English and Spanish. I—and church members who are comfortable doing so—also offer to pray with those who stop by, lifting up whatever is on their hearts. It is quite moving and powerful. Ask me if you have questions about participating. We need cooks, packers, and prayers!

Our Presbyterian Women wrap up their study of Jesus in Luke-Acts this month. Precious children in our Early Childhood Program will graduate. Brown Bag and Bible continues our study of Romans, Brunch and Book Group will discuss a great book (Tom Lake by Ann Patchett), and Young at Heart has another interesting bus trip planned. Plans also are well underway for our Summer Study, June 3, 4, and 5. We will gather for a light supper in the Fellowship Hall that Monday and Tuesday night, followed by a look at famous sayings that come from scripture—whether we realize their origins or not! That Wednesday night, our men will treat us to our wonderful annual fish fry.

There is more—our regular gathering to enjoy fellowship (our First Sunday potluck on May 5 celebrates Cinco de Mayo!), Ministry meetings, Prayer Shawl, and on and on. I love, love, love the merry, merry month of May—and serving our Risen Lord with each of you!

Grace and peace,



Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor

Happy Mother's Day  


## FPC OFFICERS

### Elders

#### Class of 2024

Brett Coe  
Donna Gilchrest  
Bonnie Keith  
Tom Swan

#### Class of 2025

James Jackson  
Roy Kreitz  
Pat McPhail  
Laura Phipps

#### Class of 2026

Sarah Brown  
Betsy Marlow  
Jason Reed  
Barry Webb

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#### Class of 2024

Donna Coe  
Rhonda Haskins  
Elois Murray  
James Taylor

#### Class of 2025

Imelda Carrillo  
Cappy Phipps  
Liz Reed  
Karen Schimnowski

#### Class of 2026

Samantha Cayton  
David Kirkpatrick  
Claudia Kreitz  
Dolores Thacker

### Trustees

#### Class of 2024

Brett Coe

#### Class of 2025

Roy Kreitz

#### Class of 2026

Betsy Marlow

## Clerk's Corner

*Submitted by Bonnie Keith, Clerk of Session*

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, Texas, met Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:47 p.m.

The following action items were taken:

- The session approved minutes of the stated session meeting on March 18, 2024.

The following reports were given.

- The current membership is 197.

Brett Coe reported that the March income was \$51,395.78 and the expenses were \$32,312.14 with a net income of \$19,083.64 for March.

- The next First Sunday lunch will be May 5.
- Dr. Fair and the musicians, both the choir and instrumentalists, were commended for the meaningful worship during Holy Week.



**PENTECOST**  
**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

On May 19th we will be receiving the Pentecost Offering, which is a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. Through the Young Adult Volunteer program, Presbyterian Youth, and Triennium, the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" initiative, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan.

We have seen the results of this offering in action. Our own Shane Webb was called and ordained by our church, as he participated in the Young Adult Volunteer program in Peru. Chrissi Ellis, Darcy McPhail, and Chère Wharry attended Triennium in the summer of 2019. Forty percent of what is received stays locally, and in the past, the Mission and Outreach Ministry has designated this for Covenant House Texas, which ministers to homeless, abused, and abandoned youth ages 18 to 24 in Houston.

Please give generously because, when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



**Pasadena Community Ministries** is always in need of food. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mail or drop in the secure box at church a check made out to First Presbyterian Church with the designation PCM. You may also donate at [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org) under **Donate**, Please follow up with an email to [kimberly@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:kimberly@fpcpasadena.org) so she can direct the donation to PCM.

**The women of the church are cordially invited to Presbyterian Women's covered dish Birthday Luncheon May 14 at 10:00 a.m.**



The study is the ninth lesson from “People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples” from our Bible study book Sacred Encounters by Olive Mahabir.

We will have the election of officers for the 2024-25 season and the presentation of Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award. Please come celebrate with us.

This is a joint meeting of the day and night circle, so there will be **no** night circle meeting.

Bonnie Keith will provide Zoom login information via email before each meeting. To join a circle, please contact Bonnie Keith or Melba Slaven.



The **Mo Ranch Women's Conference** will be June 7-9. The theme this year is **Getting to the Good Part! Weaving Community in Christ**, based on Luke 10:38-42. The cost per person will be \$425. If you are interested in going, please contact Bonnie Keith.

Carpooling can be arranged. For more information, go to:

<https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/womens-conference/>

**FPC 85TH ANNIVERSARY**

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2025**

**Remembering—Reflecting—Rejoicing!**

Over the next 1.5 years the 85th committee will be looking for 'inventive' ways to bring in ideas, people, and money to plan an event to celebrate our 85 years!

**Watch for updates and announcements in ways to participate! The next meeting is May 22, 6 pm in Room #10. For more information—Contact Natica (chair) at 713-933-9082, or Ruth (co-chair) at 713-515-9248.**

**2024 Dates to remember...**

<b>Communion Dates</b> Homebound, as needed. *Third Sunday unless noted	<b>Session Meetings</b> *Third Monday unless noted	<b>Deacon's Meetings</b> *Third Sunday unless noted	<b>Holiday Schedule</b> Office Closed
January 21	January 15	January 21	January 1—New Year's Day
February 18	February 12	February 18	February 19—President's Day
*March 28—Maundy Thursday	March 18	March 17	April 1—Easter Monday
April 21	April 15	April 21	May 27—Memorial Day
May 19	May 20	May 19	July 4—July 4th
June 16	June 17	June 16	September 2—Labor Day
July 21	No July Meeting	No July Meeting	October 14—Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples Day
August 18	August 19	August 18	November 28—Thanksgiving
September 15	September 16	September 15	December 25—Christmas
*October 6—World Communion	October 21	October 20	Floater Day Off
*November 3—All Saints'	November 18	November 17	
December 24-Christmas Eve	No December Meeting	No December Meeting	

## Young at Heart BUS TRIPS

First Presbyterian Church  
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All seniors, 55 and older, are invited to join us on these awesome trips!

Please contact **Ruth Askine**, 713-515-9248, [ruthaskine@gmail.com](mailto:ruthaskine@gmail.com).

Our buses are furnished free, for seniors, by Precinct 2, Harris County.

Register with Ruth and bring a friend!

### **Friday, May 17—National Museum of Funeral History, North Houston**

Bus loads at 8:45 am. Departs at 9:00 am. Returns about 3:00 pm.

Discover America's largest collection of authentic and historic funeral items, including funerals of Presidents, Popes and many celebrities.

Cost—\$12, plus your lunch at Lupe Tortilla

### **Friday, June 14—Hemi Hideout, Brookshire**

Bus loads at 8:45 am. Departs at 9:00 am. Returns about 4:00 pm.

Located in a great country setting, with a museum-like building, which is also the largest timber structure in Texas. It contains a huge collection of classic cars, tractors, and 60s/70s American memorabilia.

Cost—\$10, plus your lunch at the Café at Brookwood. The Café also contains a Gift and Garden Center for shopping.

***We are limited to 26 passengers on the bus, so please register early with Ruth for your trips!***

*Young @ Heart* met Thursday, April 18 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

YAH celebrated the birthdays of two beautiful people. Jean Johnston, a long-time member turned (9??) AND Anne Carnavier, an amazing long-time visitor who turned 102! Thank you, Heather, for bringing us this friend. Cake and ice cream abounded.

But first, we had an opening prayer by Elois Murray that was memorable. Thank you.

Joan read a devotional about unconditional love. John 13:34-35.

Ruth gave an update on the bus trips. **Next one is on May 17<sup>th</sup>** to the National Museum of Funeral History in Houston. Make your reservations now.

Then it was time for our standup comedienne, Heather. She even got some laughs on one or two! Good job, Heather. We had a large group of 19 to play games.

Roy and Claudia were first time members and Bud brought visitor JoAnne Williams. We are always happy to have visitors. Warning: you automatically become a member when you visit once!!!

We enjoyed sandwiches and salads for lunch and the big hit was Glenda's berry cobbler. And of course, we had plenty of birthday cake.

Join us again on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 . Due to public demand (Liz and Linda) we will order pizza.

“What the world needs now is Love...”

Joan

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

*By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35*

**Report from the April 20, 2024 Brunch and Book Group gathering...**

It was a fun group and fun discussion about our book, Homecoming by Kate Morton!! Since Mark (Clemmons) had lived and taught in Australia for a year back in the '80s, he brought out his gorgeous picture books and gave much interesting insight and information regarding the area near Melbourne and Adelaide where he lived and traveled.

Also, a movie depicting Australia was recommended—"Picnic at Hanging Rock". It can be streamed on many available TV sites. Another TV series filmed in Australia is "A Place to Call Home", on Acorn only. Wouldn't we just love to schedule a bus trip (lol!) to Australia?!!

Our newest "Minute for Members" was given by Sarah Brady, and we thoroughly enjoyed hearing about her life with Gene and motorcycles!

Below is the schedule for May 18 to June 15 to July 20...

Peace and grace, Ruth

**BRUNCH and BOOK GROUP**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**

**10am-12:00pm**



**Bring some brunch goodies, and we will enjoy food, fun and fellowship together!**

**Saturday, May 18—Tom Lake, by Ann Patchett—Leaders—Our Group**

“This novel is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives our parents led before they were our parents.”

*(Note: We will take a special time at the end of our book discussion to continue “A Minute for Members”. One or two members will give a brief telling of their personal background and history.)*

**FPC Fellowship Hall**

**Saturday, June 15—The Covenant of Water, by Abraham Verghese—Our Group**

“Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, this novel is set in Kerala, on India’s Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction....”

**FPC Fellowship Hall**

**Saturday, July 20—Ashes to Ashes: A Ludington-van der Berg Mystery, by M. M. Lindvall--**

**Leaders—Our Group**

“Bones in the pastor’s cellar. Secrets and sin. The Reverend Seth Ludington tugs at a set of mysterious threads that entangle his predecessors in the Old Stone Church pulpit and touch on his own shadowed past...”

**BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY OUR B & BG MEMBERS for your reading..**

\*\*\*New!! The Women, by Kristin Hannah

The Madstone, by Elizabeth Crook

Mad Honey, by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan

A Short History of Nearly Everything, by Bill Bryson

*Taco and a Prayer* — Thursday, May 16, 2024. Free breakfast tacos and verbal prayers are offered in a “drive-thru experience” in the church parking lot from 6:30-9:30 am. Cooking team starts at 5:30 am. Prayer team at 6:30 am. Come and join in on this fun and meaningful ministry. **All help is welcome!**



Brett Coe high up in the lift, changing light bulbs and keeping the parking lot safe and well lit. Thanks Brett!!

## May Birthdays

- 1 Mia Dickman
- 8 Susan Robinson
- 9 Joan Gibertini
- 11 Barry Webb
- 12 Joannie King
- 13 Brett Coe
- 13 Lilly Hall
- 13 Cappy Phipps
- 18 Jim Keith
- 23 Cheryl Jones
- 25 Milo Wharry
- 30 Mark Clemmons
- 31 Steve Haskins

## June Birthdays

- 1 Trey Cooper
- 2 Karen Lancer
- 5 Margaret Bardin
- 6 Carrie Reed
- 13 David Dean
- 14 Mark Corder
- 20 Dolores Thacker
- 21 Dave Bray
- 21 Richard Hoofnagle
- 22 Carol Ann McCaleb
- 23 Ron Ollis
- 28 Liz Griswold
- 29 Natica Dickman

Holly Liechty resigned as of April 22 for personal reasons. Please keep Holly and her family in your prayers. Holly was an integral part of our small staff. Her professionalism and generous spirit will be missed.

Until Holly’s position is filled, please direct all email and phone calls to Barbara Davis at 281-991-8700, or [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org).

Personnel has begun the search for an Office Administrator.

SAVE YOUR ‘THESE DAYS MAGAZINES! Please return your gently used ‘These Days’ to the collection area in the narthex. Imelda Carrillo will deliver them to the Pasadena City Jail.



### FPC Nursery on Sundays—

FYI... whenever there are children in the nursery, Yulissa Delgado, our Sunday nursery attendant, needs another adult to join her as she cares for our littles during worship. Let Donna Gilcrest know if you are willing and she will let you know when you are needed. Thanks!

## Orphan Grain Train Sort & Pack Day—Saturday, June 1 - 8:00am...done before noon.



Come and go as your schedule allows. We recently received a generous donation of soft goods from First United Methodist in Pearland so our 'container warehouse' runneth over. We need you! Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help sort and pack. There are missions and shelters in Texas waiting for our next distribution - we are blessed to care for those who do not have.

## A “Sampling” of Activities at FPC

(see bulletin, newsletter, or [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org) for more details)

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Worship—Sundays at 10:30 am

Sunday School Classes for ALL—9 am

Yoga—Tuesday & Thursday—Chair Yoga 5-6 pm, FH

Yoga—Tuesday & Thursday—Mat Yoga 6:15-7:15 pm, FH

Brown Bag & Bible—Wednesday @ noon, FH

Prayer Shawl—Wednesdays 1-3 pm, Room #10

Choir—Wednesdays 7-8 pm

Chain Stitchers (Quilting)—Thursdays 12-3 pm and 6-9 pm, FH

Men’s Breakfast at Frank’s Grill—Thursdays 7:30 am

Intercessory Prayer— Thursdays 1 pm, Library

Handbells—Sundays 12:15-1:15, Room #11

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Sunday Lunch—1st Sunday following worship

Communion—3rd Sunday

Session Meeting— 3rd Monday 6:45 pm, FH

Ministry Meetings—throughout the month

Presbyterian Women—2nd Tuesday 10 am, FH

Cut-Ups—3rd Wednesday 1-3 pm, Room #9 (resumes August 2024)

Young @ Heart—3rd Thursday 10-noon, FH

Book Group—3rd Saturday 10-noon, FH

Men’s Breakfast—Last Saturday/month 8 am, FH

### OCCASIONAL ACTIVITIES

Taco and a Prayer—May 16 5:30 am-9 am,

Young at Heart Bus Trips—May 17 and June 14

### Little Free Library



Under the porte cochère is a whimsical flower sculpture garden surrounding a *Little Free Library* providing book-sharing for the community.



Drop by and browse, take a book, bring a book, or rest on the bench and enjoy a book.



Created by  
Gary and Cindy Berridge

### The Intercessory Prayer Group invites you to pray for the following members...

Ruth Askine; Maurice & Joyce Barclay; Margaret Bardin; Cindy & Gary Berridge; Curtis & Anne Berridge; Sandy Boriack; Dave & Nola Bray; Lavinia Brown; Sarah Brown; Amy & Lyles Burke; Anna Liza Cadriel; Bud Cammack; Arthur Cardenas; Imelda Carrillo; Josephine Carter; Samantha Cayton & Karen Lancer; Faye Chapman; Tom & Barbara Chitwood; Don R. Christopher; John Christopher; Jeff Clark; Marvin Clark; Mark & Terri Clemmons; Brett & Donna Coe; Mark & Janis Corder; Beth Council.

### Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...

**Health concerns:** Margaret Bardin; Barbara Chitwood; Emma Abrams; Maurice Barclay; Kay Goates; Pat Pesl; Mike & Susan Wallace; Anne Berridge; Brad Stratton; Rex & Mary Knapik; Kay Hutson; Imelda Carrillo; Those who are homebound; People of Ukraine; Baywood Crossing residents and staff.

### Those serving with the Military:

Teresa Haltom	Zachary Guillory
Chris Haltom	Matthew Knapik
Brandon Waggett	



Mission Statement

“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”

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