

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 today are given to the glory of God and presented by Mark & Janis Corder in honor of Cheryl Jones for 15 years of faithful service and friendship as our office administrator.

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; Lyla; Sally Carr; and Olga Pate.

Loss of a Loved One...the McDermott family

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 worshipping! 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

Today	Pot Luck Lunch	12:00 pm
	YGAC	12:00 pm
	Un-Hanging of the Greens following lunch	
Monday, January 9	Financial Peace	6:00 pm
	Gathering Place Board Mtg	1:30 pm
	Committee Meetings	6:45 pm
Tuesday, January 10	PW Day Circle Mtg.	10:00 am
	Pilates	10:45 am
	Prayer Shawl	2:00 pm
	Yoga	6:00 & 7:00 pm
	PW Night Circle Mtg.	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 11	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Intercessory Prayer Group	11:00 am
	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00 am
Thursday, January 12	Pilates	10:45 am
	Spanish Bible Study	6:30 pm
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Yoga	7:00 pm
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship (Installation & Ordination of Church Officers)	10:30 am
	YGAC	12:00 pm
Sunday, January 15	Handbells	12:15 pm
	Dave Ramsey Financial Peace	6:00-7:30 pm

FRIDGE NOTES 1-8-17 Baptism of the Lord

“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”

Matthew 3:17

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

Pot Luck Lunch TODAY! Whether or not you brought a “pot”, we hope all will stay for food and fellowship following worship. While we gather around tables, we will honor Cheryl Jones who has served as the Officer Administrator for 15 years. Cheryl is retiring and plans to move to the country soon. We thank God for the love she has shared through her job and pray that God will bless her as she continues her journey. She will be missed and whenever she’s in town, we will welcome her with open arms!

What Goes Up Must Come Down Today, following the potluck lunch, we invite ALL helping hands (children, youth and adults) to help take down the Christmas greenery and pack it away for next year. Your presence will make a huge difference as we “de-green” the sanctuary and narthex and prepare for a fresh new season here at FPC. Not into climbing ladders? No problem. We always need helpers who can sit and lovingly pack away fragile nativity sets and chrismons. Please plan to stay to help the Worship and Music Committee. Thanks in advance for your service.

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

Financial Peace University for the New Year Begins Tonight from 6-7:30 We will meet in the fellowship hall to begin this 8-week adventure! Questions? Talk to Jo Ann Currie for more information.

New Committees Begin Tomorrow Night in the Sanctuary at 6:45. Are you curious about what a committee is or why we even have them? Whether you are new to the church or have served many times on a committee, please come tomorrow night and be part of the new year. Your prayers, ideas and questions are encouraged and just may be how the Spirit will lead us into 2017 as together we seek to serve Jesus Christ through the life and mission of this loving and committed family of faith. Need a ride? Contact Jim or Jo Ann Currie.

Next Sunday we will ordain and install the new church officers during worship. The new class of elders are: Maurice Barclay, Donna Morrison, Jim Tinney, and Chere Wharry. The new class of deacons are: Joyce Barclay, Barbara Chitwood, Sue Clark, and Betty Pendleton. We also express our gratitude for those who are rotating off as elders: Lavinia Brown, David Kirkpatrick, Holly Liechty, Jason Reed, and Barry Webb; and to those rotating off as deacons: Jane Christopher, Rhonda Haskins, Susan Wallace, and Joy Webb. Many thanks to one and all!

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.

Sunday School Classes for All Ages Come find your place to ***Grow in Grace & Gratitude*** in the new year. Details for classes are in the newsletter and the first bulletin board near the narthex.

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

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.

Thanks to everyone who made cookies for the last KAIROS event. We exceeded our 100 dozen goal with 114 dozen. The next KAIROS weekend is in March so please keep that in mind or make cookies early and put them in the church freezer and mark them KAIROS. For more information, call Janis Corder at 281-998-1376.