

## 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 the Worship Committee.

**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; Deanna Herreth; Sue Miller; Jamie Jamison; Frances Jamison; Kelsey Hilson; Dean Pogue; Jim Tinney; Betty Abramchuk; Elois Murray; Dr. Jack Walker; Shelly Childers; Christopher Finch; Sally Carr; Garland DeLoach; Jimmy Gilchrest; Henry Kreitz; Susan Robinson; Janet Long; Curtis Woodward; Cheryl Jones; Dianne Bunnell; and Joe Wallace.

## 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.

**Worship Attendance: 8/23/15: 105**

*Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has set up an account for receiving contributions to assist in the Texas Floods. Go to this website - <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/active-accounts/> and the link will be: DR000191-U.S. Flooding*

## FPC Event Calendar

Tuesday, September 1	PW Board Mtg.	9:30 am
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	2:00 pm
	Deacons Mtg.	6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 2	Intercessory Prayer Group	11:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, September 3	Men's Breakfast at Franks	7:00 am
	Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
	Men's Bible Study (BR)	7:00 pm
Saturday, September 5	Joy Brink & Barry Webb Wedding	11:00 am
Sunday, September 6	Worship	10:30 am
	Handbell Practice	12:15 pm
	Grief Recovery Group	1:00 pm

## FRIDGE NOTES 8-30-15 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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*We pray that our eyes may be opened to see the wonder of the world around us...  
to connect with, commit to, and celebrate God's gifts.*

**You Are Invited!** All members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to celebrate the marriage of Barry Webb and Joy Brink on Saturday, September 5, at 11 a.m. Please RSVP at [Texasjoy6@gmail.com](mailto:Texasjoy6@gmail.com). May God bless them as they prepare for this new part of their journey.

**The Teacher Enrichment Dinner planned for this Tuesday has been rescheduled as a mid-fall evening of encouragement and renewal.** All Sunday School teachers, nursery workers and subs are invited to watch for details coming soon.

**Our Early Childhood Program begins this Tuesday, September 1.** Please keep the children, parents, grandparents, teachers and directors in your prayers as they begin a new year of learning and loving in our wonderful weekday ministry.

**FPC Decluttering Group meets this Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.** All women and men interested in learning new ways to reduce stress and simplify your surroundings, come to Room 11 for an hour of encouragement, support and fun. Curious? Just ask anyone in the group...Jo Ann Currie, Donna Wallace, Joy Brink, Barry Webb, Johnnie Haltom, Carol & Larry Parks, Jane Christopher, Cheré and Milo Wharry, Jamie Jamison, and others.

**September Newsletter** The next FPC newsletter will be posted on the website by this Thursday, September 3, and hardcopies will be available next Sunday, September 6. *If you have an item of interest or news to submit, please send to Cheryl by tomorrow afternoon.* We have a wonderful new season of celebration ahead, so please read your newsletter prayerfully and carefully to find out what is happening this Fall at First!

**First Sunday Lunch has been moved to September 13th. There will NOT be a Sunday lunch on the FIRST SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH.** This has been moved to SEPTEMBER 13TH in conjunction with KICK OFF SUNDAY where spaghetti and salad will be served.

**Worshipping God With Open Eyes** Thanks to all who have sent photos for our sanctuary screens, adding a powerful visual dimension to our Sunday worship. If you have an image with open space to allow for words, we'd love to add it to the rotation of photos. May we be open to the beauty of God's world here as well as when we walk out the doors.

**Soul Stories: 75 Years of Sowing Seeds of Hope...The deadline for submitting your memories of FPC is September 20th!** Please see details on the anniversary table in the narthex. Your stories are an important part of the spiritual history of our church. Thank you for sharing!

### Called Congregational Meeting September 13th

The session has called a congregational meeting for the close of worship on Sunday, September 13, for the purpose of asking the congregation to act on its recommendation that the size of the session be reduced from 15 elders to 12 elders. Also, if the Church Officer Nominating Committee is prepared to report, the congregation may be asked to hear that report and, if the way be clear, to act on it.

### Kairos

#### Church Family,

How long do you go between the everyday and telling people how important they are? People matter, and more than that, they are more important than we are. It is time for us, as a family to move from the everyday, back to letting people know they matter. There is no better way then to tell them they are loved and valued. If you don't get to personally see them, then you can write a note of encouragement, sponsor them for a meal, sign a prayer chain, color a place mat, donate your personal time, bake cookies (Kairos approved only please) or just give financial support. When Christ said to love your neighbor as you love God, He didn't specify who your neighbor is. Get out of your everyday and let people know you are their neighbor and you care.

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Mark Corder

### FUN FACTS at First

In 1965, the following families joined FPC on the same Sunday: The Goates, the Shepherds, and the Lambs! Twenty-one years later, Susan Goates married Kevin Shepherd.

### "Fun Facts at First"

If you would like to submit "Fun Facts at 1st", please send them to: Melba Slaven  
[ddsmls@aol.com](mailto:ddsmls@aol.com)  
731-941-3666

### Men's Weekly Breakfast

Every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. FPC Men gather for breakfast at Frank's Grill.

### 75th Anniversary

**75th Anniversary Shirts...**Everyone is encouraged to wear your 75th anniversary shirts on the first Sunday of each month.

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**75th Anniversary Time Line...**Please take a card from the baskets in the Fellowship Hall, or on the 75th Anniversary table in the narthex. Write the date and a special event in your life that took place at our church. It could be a wedding, a baptism, membership date, youth mission trip, etc. Use the available sticky items to place the card on the proper decade on the Time Line in the Fellowship Hall. THANK YOU!