

Friends in Faith Class Starting New Series on August 21 "Wisdom"

The *Friends in Faith* Sunday School Class will begin a new 6-week series on August 21st entitled "**Wisdom.**" We will explore the wisdom of God through the Scripture. Dr. Bill Brown of Columbia Theological Seminary brings his scholarship to bear on some of his favorite texts in the Old and New Testaments, as well as the Apocrypha. What can we learn from wisdom texts about God, about ourselves, and about our responsibilities for the care of the world? Join our class as we explore the following 6 sessions:

The 6 sessions (discussions) are:

- The Beginning of Wisdom**
- The Impatience of Job**
- From Wound to Wonder in Job**
- Wisdom Without Promises: Ecclesiastes**
- Apocryphal Wisdom**
- Wisdom in the New Testament**

Each session (6-8 pages) is a stand-alone discussion so do not worry if you have to miss a Sunday. Books may be picked up in room #103.

So, whether you attend the 8:45 service or the 11:00 service the Friends in Faith class encourages and invites you to join us in room #103 at 9:45 a.m.

***We will have Food & Fellowship on August 14 in our classroom. Come and join us!!!

First Presbyterian Church

The First Press

Seeking to see the Face of Christ... Striving to be the Hands of Christ

Vol. 539, Issue 8

August 2022

Mark Your Calendar

- 8-7** Congregational Meeting
- 8-14** Sunday School Kickoff
- 8-14** BLTs after Church
- 8-18** Newsletter Deadline

Weekly

Tuesdays

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study
12:15-1:15 p.m.
Room 103-104

Thursdays

Balance Class
1:15 p.m.
Fellowship Center



First Presbyterian Church
100 W. Church Circle
Kingsport, TN 37660
(423) 245-0104
office@firstpreskingsport.org
www.firstpreskingsport.org

A Day in the Life of Jesus

There are days in our lives that make us dream of retirement: to be free from the ups/downs of work and free to do what we want. Jesus surely had days like that. It was **Sabbath**, observed from sundown on Friday until the appearance of 3 stars in the Saturday night sky. There were strict rules about what you could do on the Sabbath. It's no small detail that Jesus **spent time in synagogue**. He wasn't **anti-religion**. As was **his custom**, he came, he prayed, he worshiped, and then he left. He doesn't **stay there**. Our Sanctuary is place of **prayer, study, and renewal** but we don't **remain here**. We leave and go back to daily life. God could've sent Christ into the world and set him up in a **Temple**, demanding that **people come to him**. God comes to us where we are. Once **Jesus leaves**, that's when **his day truly begins**. His first stop: the **home of Peter's mother-in-law**, who was ill. It says,

He took her by hand, lifted her up. There is something about the power of human touch. Jesus didn't delegate healing to others. He put his hands right in it. He touched people, changed lives.

He doesn't **stay in synagogue**. He goes to where **people are hurting**, and he offers hope, healing, acceptance-whatever a person happened to need. Every person in **FPC** has a **ministry** or should have one. God calls us to serve where we are, with the gifts he has given us. God did not create the Church to be an escape from the world. We come to be equipped to serve. God didn't create the world to be an escape from the Church. Jesus moved freely within both. Then, things got hectic.

At sundown, they brought to him the sick and possessed. The whole city was gathered at the door

The words, "**the whole city**" wasn't an exaggeration. Whether it was "**mother-in-law-ministry**" or the "**whole-city-at-the-door-ministry**," Jesus worked in both **the small/big stuff**. What a day! He taught bible study, healed a woman, and then finds the city clamoring his attention. Then we come to this final piece.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

He rises at dawn, intentionally, and separates himself that he might pray. From the synagogue to the sick bed, to the crowds and now to the solitude of prayer! There are times when we need to unplug the machinery and find that deserted place; when we need to stop doing and get in touch with being. It's possible to be busy but not to be faithful. This was more than rest or vacation; he was reconnecting, praying, being restored. Should we who follow him do anything less?



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
100 W. Church Circle
Kingsport, TN 37660
(423) 245-0104

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m.
Chapel

11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary



Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on **August 7** at the beginning of the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons.

Look for biographies and photos of the nominees coming soon in the newsletter.

Sunday School Kickoff

We will kick-off another Sunday school season on **Sunday, August 14**.

Children and Youth

All children and youth will meet in the Old Fellowship Hall downstairs for their program. Russ will lead the program. The first in-class session will be **Sunday August 21**.

Adult Classes

All adult classes plan to meet in your regular classroom.

It's Gonna Be Some Summer!



BLTs after Church!
Sunday, August 14
right after the
11:00 a.m. Worship
Service

We Welcome our Newest Member!

Dr. Don Good has visited our 11:00 a.m. worship services several times over the recent months, and we are most pleased to announce he has joined our church family during the June 26th session meeting. Don is a professor at ETSU for Educational Leadership Management in their Policy Analysis Department. Don has served as both deacon and elder in both Baptist and Presbyterian congregations, and has also served as a professor of administration at Carson-Newman College. Although working in Johnson City, Don moved to Kingsport about two and half years ago, and has recently been visiting churches in our vicinity and Don affirms that our congregation is the most welcoming and friendly which he has visited. We are very grateful, Don, that you chose our church and we look forward to serving our Lord with you!



Thanks from the Archives

We appreciate recent donations to our Archives. Thanks to Mary Ruth, Jeanne McClure, and Phoebe Newell for donations from the recent reorganization of the Library. Among their donations it was interesting to read what our Library Committee was doing from 1995 - 2003 and the results of the Pastoral Search Committee Survey in 1997. Thanks also to Jo Ann Phlegar for the donation of a Bible belonging to Bill Phlegar. Remember the Archives (History Room) when you clean out your house, desk, or rooms in the church.



- 2nd: Bill McClure
- 4th: Jenella Oliver
- 5th: Emily Childress, Sue Redmon
- 7th: John Good
- 10th: Sarah Jane Adams
- 11th: Inez McBee
- 12th: Tony Cole
- 13th: Joyce Brown, Cathy Mooney
- 14th: Mary Beth Hallen
- 15th: Nancy Bovender, Laura Addleburg
- 16th: Peter Gale, Paul Smith, Gemma Robinette
- 17th: Bob Stoots
- 18th: Marcia Opp, Lindsey McInturff
- 19th: Karen Reed-Wright
- 20th: Wanda Mayberry
- 21st: Will Barbour, Alan Ruffel
- 22nd: Agnese Goin, Sarah Barbour, Arielle Sprinkle
- 23rd: Jane Boyd, Beth Williams
- 24th: Marion Graham, Lillie Ward
- 25th: Brad Pendleton
- 26th: Langley Brents
- 28th: Grant Wilkins, Sam Booher
- 29th: Ella Miller, Cindy Sharitt, Chris Haynes
- 30th: Joy McConnell
- 31st: Bill Bovender

Pledge Update ~ Year to Date

(as of July 25, 2022)

Pledges Budgeted to Date:	\$440,584.69
Pledges Received to Date:	\$412,208.20
Difference:	(-\$28,376.49)

Loose Offerings	
Budgeted to Date:	\$ 7,340.69
Received to Date:	\$ 11,909.25
Difference:	\$ 4,568.56

Special Offerings -	
Five Cents a Meal - May (A portion went to the Oasis of Kingsport)	\$589.00
Five Cents a Meal - May (A portion went to Hope Haven Ministries)	\$612.50

From the Finance Office

ONLINE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS

Online giving is available on the church website: www.firstpreskingsport.org. Scroll down to the "Give Online" bubble. Follow the instructions on that page. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 245-0104.

QR CODE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS



Before you begin you will need to have a QR app installed on your mobile device. For an Apple device go to the App Store and choose a QR scanning app. For an android device go to the Google Play store and choose a QR scanning app. For Apple, staff has tested QR Code Reader and for Android they have tested QR Scanner. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 245-0104.

Make Your Offering Automatic!

An automatic payment of money from your credit union or bank account to First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport will be convenient for you, especially when traveling, and ensure your offering is received in a timely manner by FPC. Beverly Johnson at FPC would be happy to assist you in setting up automatic payment of your offering.



Next First Press Newsletter Deadline

August 18
September Newsletter

Ways you can SERVE

Breakfast Ministry

We continue to serve 50-75 breakfasts to our neighbors in need each Saturday and Sunday morning, and are so grateful for the continued support of FPC. Please consider donating any travel toiletries you may accumulate to our ministry-- they are often asked for and much appreciated. If anyone would like to join the list of volunteers for the Breakfast Ministry, please email Sarah Good at sar4680@gmail.com. Thank you!

Faith in Action at the Salvation Army

Church members are invited to volunteer to help prepare and serve lunch on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Kingsport Salvation Army. Sixteen members indicated their interest in doing this through the "Rekindling Our Gifts Survey," and this opportunity is open to all who want to help. Two members are needed each Sunday, and the time commitment is from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. First Presbyterian sponsors this 2nd Sunday meal that serves approximately 100 people in our community. The Salvation Army serves a free lunch meal to anyone who wants one 365 days a year as one of their social service missions of helping those in need. Catherine Tucker is the contact person to volunteer at 423-782-7782.

First Presbyterian Kingsport *Performing Arts Series 2022*



Morningstar Flute Ensemble & Guest Artists

Sunday, August 21
3:00 p.m.



Cost: \$15
Students FREE

Audiences are entertained and delighted by Morningstar's music.

The catalyst for the formation of Morningstar Flute Ensemble was the opportunity for a concert tour of Hungary in 2006. Since then, the Ensemble has given concerts in several states and recorded a CD, *Tranquility*, of some of the world's most beautiful and soothing music.

In addition to the piccolo and familiar C flute, Morningstar may perform on instruments unfamiliar to the average listener – alto flute, bass flute, and the 6-foot-tall contrabass flute.

Whether hearing classical, Celtic, Christmas, or contemporary genres, audiences are entertained and delighted by Morningstar's music, performed on this concert by flutists Hayley Goad, Erik Peterson, Schery Collins, Janet Reinholz, and Charlotte Ellis, soprano Lindsey Blackwell, and percussionist Scott Eddlemon.

Continuing our eclectic tradition, Morningstar has prepared a program that should satisfy many musical tastes. In the classical portion of this concert, you will hear a Chaconne by Henry Purcell, a Trio Sonata by Corelli, and the familiar "Gypsy Song" from Bizet's popular opera *Carmen*.

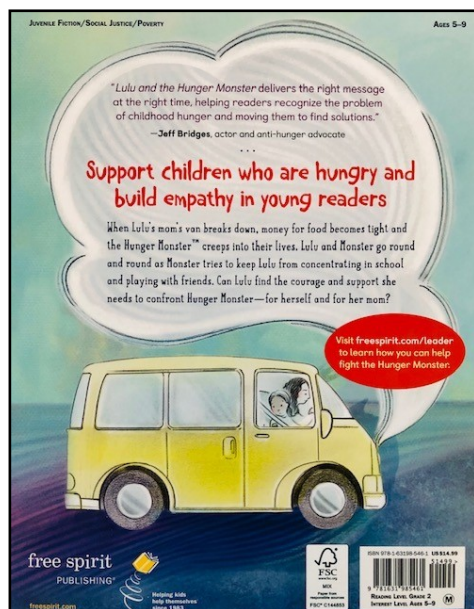
Humor will be provided by "The Bird Song," featuring soprano Lindsey Blackwell, and "Paul Bunyan and His Blue Ox, Babe" by a favorite composer esteemed by flutists, Catherine McMichael. Our nod to Americana continues with another movement from McMichael's *Legends from the Greenwood*, the beautifully flowing "Evangeline and Gabriel."

And who doesn't like a bit of ragtime to spice things up, this time provided by "Pickles and Peppers" by Adaline Shepard.

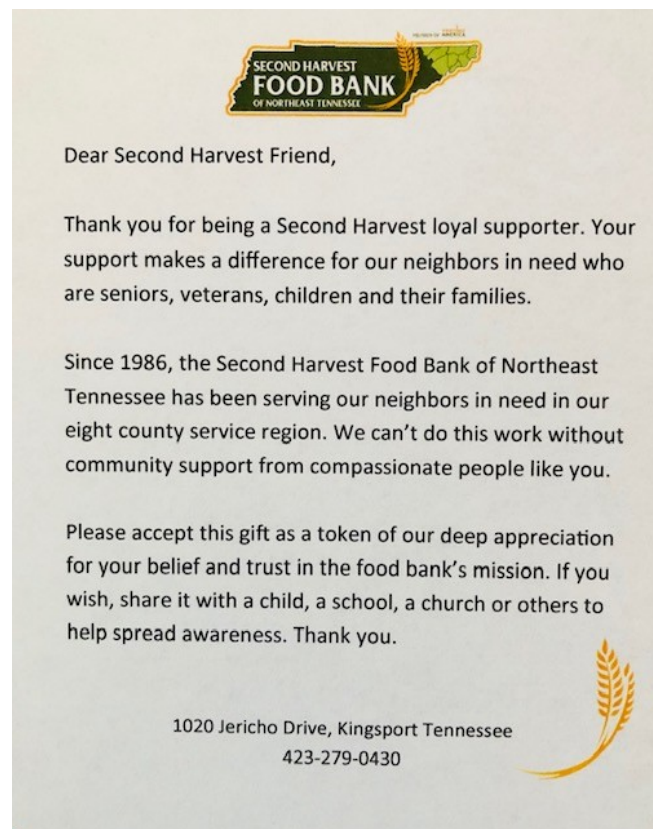
The Ensemble will also premier several original compositions by Charlotte Ellis honoring friends and important people in her life, and two of her arrangements of Celtic music, the hauntingly beautiful "I Wish My Love Were a Red, Red Rose" and a livelier piece with Scott Eddlemon providing the unique sound of the "bodhran," the Celtic drum.

Providing Food to the Community

First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport is a major donor to Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest helps alleviate hunger in the eight counties in Northeast Tennessee.



The book "LULU and the Hunger Monster" given to FPC by Second Harvest will be in the church library.



Waverly Road Food Pantry Item of the Month

(Back to School)
Healthy Cereals



FPC members supply food monthly to Waverly Road Presbyterian Church's community food pantry. If you would like to make a monetary donation to Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee, you may do so by going online at www.netfoodbank.org

SECOND HARVEST WORK DAY

The combined efforts of 23 different FPC members resulted in an amazing total of 675 food bags for Seniors in our area. We had 18 people work the morning session and 9 people work in the afternoon (some worked both times).

