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Weekly

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

CNS - Food Trucks Available
 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Bible Study
 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal
 7:15 p.m.

Thursdays

Balance Class
 1:15 p.m.
 Fellowship Center



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Meet the Second Generation

Meet the 2nd generation: Christians one generation removed from the Apostles. They weren't eyewitnesses to Jesus. For them, Christianity wasn't a thrilling adventure; it was an ordeal. They'd been hurt and seen others hurt. The headlines scared them: war, political corruption, and immorality. Would they defect the faith or stand firm? Suddenly, this beleaguered group found a rolled-up parchment containing a long sermon inside it: the BOOK OF HEBREWS. Unlike Paul's letters, it wasn't written to one church; it was read/circulated in many places. Reading it, they were reminded of who they were and whose they were. Linking together the past and the future, the author connected what Jesus did to what God did in Israel. Of special value was the roll call of Saints in Hebrews 11: a list that contained the names of their ancestors.

Enoch, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Moses, Gideon, Samson-
 each name evoked memories and stories.

This was more than a nostalgic trip down memory lane. They got the message: their names would one day be included in the list. They took heart: what mattered wasn't THEIR PERFECTION, but GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. It was like their ancestors were standing in heaven's balcony cheering them on. Lay aside every weight, the sin that clings closely, and run with perseverance the race set before you...looking to Jesus, the pioneer/perfector of faith

Christianity was on the verge of extinction. Would they be faithful or bail? Jesus awaited them at the finish line. What was true then is still true now: will the circle be unbroken? Will the faith survive another generation? On November 6th, we will celebrate ALL SAINTS DAY, calling the roll of Saints in our church who now stand on heaven's balcony, cheering us on. We not only honor them, but we recall who we are and whose we are. We are all saints in the making and sinners being saved. Our NAMES belong in HEBREWS; our PICTURES should be pasted in God's family album. Hear Christ saying to you today

**YOU ARE LOVED; ACT LIKE IT; YOU ARE FORGIVEN/
 REDEEMED; SO BECOME WHAT YOU ALREADY ARE, AND YOU WILL
 BE BLESSED WITH EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE BECAUSE TRUE JOY
 HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE CREATED TO BE...**

Mike

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m.
Chapel

11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Wednesday Nights at FPC

- * Food Truck available from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- * Bible Study - 6:30-7:15 p.m., Fellowship Center
- * Choir Rehearsal - 7:15 p.m.

This year we are hosting food trucks to provide supper. Supper is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the program for the evening begins around 6:30 p.m. The cost for the meal will be based on what the food truck charges, and you will pay the food truck employees for your meals.

So that we can have an approximate headcount for the food truck, we ask that you sign up in one of three ways. On Sunday mornings when you fill out the Ritual of Friendship Pad, indicate that you plan to attend church night supper by checking the box at the end of the row and indicate how many in attendance; or you can register online at [Church Night Supper - First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport \(fpcpkt.org\)](http://ChurchNightSupper-FirstPresbyterianChurch-Kingsport(fpcpkt.org)) or you can call the church office. **Reservations must be received by noon on the Tuesday before the meal.**

Wednesday Night Class

Dr. Shelton will continue his Wednesday Night study on the book, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of The Boat," based on John Ortberg's book on Discipleship. The study will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Youth Events

- Presbytery Youth Retreat - November 11-13
- Contemporary Christmas Eve Family Service: 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Center
- All Church Retreat - March 1-3
- High School Montreat - June 4-10
- Vacation Bible School June 19-22:
Stellar "Shine Jesus' light" by Group Publishing



- 1st:** Sue Adrian, Anna Gamble, Emily Pridemore
- 3rd:** Maggie Booher
- 4th:** Jennie Compton, Eli Arrowsmith
- 5th:** Kraemer Scott, Henry King
- 8th:** Ted Hagen, Wes Robinette, Joe Dickson
- 9th:** Nancy Meyer
- 10th:** John Singleton
- 14th:** Jo Ann Phlegar, Carol Francisco, Bob Patton, Dallyda Banda
- 19th:** Megan Smith, Lyla Lambton
- 20th:** Raymond Kidwell
- 21st:** Tim Arrowsmith, Larry Pendleton, Greg Easley, Henry Robertson
- 22nd:** Gary Tucker, Harris Cantrell
- 23rd:** Wendy Smith
- 24th:** Kathy Stoots, Vivian Crymble, Oliver Raines
- 25th:** Andy Dietrich
- 26th:** Sheila Taylor
- 27th:** Nancy Knisley
- 28th:** Tom Haynes
- 29th:** Barbara McCary, Wes Mink
- 30th:** Jerry Holmes

*Happy
Birthday!*

Pledge Update ~ Year to Date

(as of Oct. 25, 2022)

Pledges Budgeted to Date:	\$629,406.70
Pledges Received to Date:	\$605,590.36
Difference:	(- \$23,816.34)

Loose Offerings	
Budgeted to Date:	\$ 10,486.70
Received to Date:	\$ 22,129.25
Difference:	\$ 11,642.55

Special Offerings -	
Five Cents a Meal - October (A portion went to Cora Cox)	\$378.00
Peace and Global Witness offering (A portion went to the Ukrainian family)	\$419.00

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

November 17
December Newsletter

*Thank you,
Lord!*



Remind 101

Sign up for our church texts! Text the number 81010 and include @fpc100 in the text to opt in.

Holiday Events at First Presbyterian

Images of Gratitude and Thanksgiving (month of November) and Images of Peace, Love, Hope and Joy (season of Advent)

The Worship Committee is initiating a member photo project to engage our membership in sharing meaningful imagery for the monitors in the sanctuary. For the month of November, we invite members to share photographs that for them reflect Gratitude and Thanksgiving." And/ or for the season of Advent, images that for them reflect Peace, Love, Hope or Joy. These photos will appear on the monitors during worship, with your name and a caption if you choose to provide it. Members of all ages can participate! Please send your photos to Russ Pearson with a note about which theme your image reflects.

All Saints Day – November 6

This year we have several ways to honor our great cloud of witnesses, starting with the parament we are creating for the communion table. A white tablecloth has been set up in the church foyer, with pens provided for members to write the names of saints they wish to honor. Additionally, members are invited to submit names of saints who are family members or friends to Kim Alvis to be included in the necrology in the bulletin. Member names will be read aloud in church, but any saint can be honored in the Necrology in the bulletin. Lastly, on All Saints Sunday we invite members to bring pictures of friends and family members they wish to honor, to be displayed on the round table in the foyer. Framed pictures are easiest to display, but we will accommodate any picture you want to share.

Wednesday Night Supper Thanksgiving Feast – November 16, 5:30 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Service

November 20, 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Church Circle

Our choir will join the choirs of First Baptist and Broad Street United Methodist with orchestra.

Advent 'Cloth for the Cradle' Project

Members are invited to bring strips of cloth to be used as part of the Children's Sermon each Sunday during Advent. Our Young Disciples will line the manger with these strips of cotton cloth (approximately 4" x 36") as they learn about the birth of Jesus during the Children's Sermon each week. We will have a box for these cloth strips, or for donated cloth that we can cut into strips, in the foyer after All Saints Day.

Family Hanging of the Greens – November 20 after the 11:00 a.m. service

The Worship Committee invites all church members to help decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 20, after the 11 a.m. worship service. Kim and Mark Plemmons will coordinate lunch and decorating. Please RSVP to Vickie in the church office so they will know how many to plan for.

Advent Music for Meditation – December 7 & December 21, 12:00 p.m.

Alice will offer a half hour of beautiful organ and piano selections with readings.

December Handbell Showcase – Dec 11, 3:00 p.m.

Several local handbell choirs, including our own FPC bell choir, will combine for a festival concert in the Fellowship Center, as part of this year's Kingsport Music Club program offerings. Mark Davis will direct the combined choirs. The concert is open to the public free of charge, and all are welcome to attend!

Nativity Pageant – Dec 18, 11 a.m.

Christmas Eve

Contemporary service in the Fellowship Hall (informal, family-friendly), 4:00 p.m.
Lessons and Carols Service in the Sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Combined Service – Dec 25, 10 a.m.

An informal service on Christmas morning, with hymn singing and scripture reading.

Celebration of Epiphany – January 8

Offering Envelopes

If you want envelopes for 2023 and have not already told Bev please do so no later than November 7, 2023.

Tour the Holy Land with Danny Massie

Our former pastor, Danny Massie, and Holton Siegling, current pastor of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC will be leading a tour of the Holy Land next year, February 9-20, 2023. If anyone is interested or wishes more information please contact Dr. Massie at or 843-442-1226.

Session Highlights

Allen Wright was approved as Commissioner for the December 6 Presbytery meeting to be held in Dandridge, TN.

Clothes Closet Needs for Winter

The Clothes Closet is in need of winter clothing. Please spread the word among family, friends and co-workers. Gloves, knit hats (toboggans), heavy jackets (coats), plush throws and blankets, sleeping bags and backpacks. Our year-round needs include socks, athletic shoes, tee-shirts, jeans, purses, etc. Please put your donation in the collection box or on the stage in the old fellowship hall. We help so many needy in the community with this wonderful mission. With your help, we will provide a comfortable winter for many of our neighbors.

From the Outreach Committee

The FPC Children's Center Liaison will be realigned from Administration Committee to Outreach, Membership and Evangelism Committee effective January 1, 2023. Coincidental with that change, Steve Miller will be completing his tenure as Liaison at that same time. Many thanks to Steve for his service in this capacity. Anticipating these changes, the Outreach Committee unanimously voted on October 11 to appoint Donna Marchion to the Liaison role and to the designated FPC member position on the Children's Center Board of Directors. We are grateful for Donna's interest in and for her accepting this important position.

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

The Knuckleheads meet Tuesdays from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Room 103-104.

Flowers Needed for Church in 2023

March 5	May 28
March 12	July 9
April 23	July 16
April 30	September 17
May 21	October 1

Please call Vickie in the church office (423-245-0104) to sign up for a date.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month

Canned Meats & Fish

Please drop donations in the basket outside the chapel door or in front of the stained glass on Sundays mornings.

Thank you!



World Communion Sunday

Communion tables in chapel and sanctuary on World Communion Sunday on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022. Materials on the tables and the bread basket are from Guatemala and borrowed from Sharon Amstutz.



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JOHNSON • SULLIVAN • WASHINGTON • UNICOI



Second Harvest Food Bank Day of Service

Please join us for another day of service at Second Harvest Food Bank. After two previous workdays, the group voted by large majority to continue this on a monthly basis. We also wanted to arrange a Saturday date for those who cannot participate during weekdays. So we have two opportunities in November:

- 1) on Saturday, November 12 from 10am til noon, and
- 2) on Wednesday, November 16 from 1-3pm.

We just have afternoon session on the 16th because morning session was already reserved. Each session is limited to 15 people, so check your calendars and let Bob Stoots know if you would like to work on one of these dates. (Call or text 423-782-6280)

Breakfast Ministry Update

Our Breakfast Ministry continues to serve our community each Saturday and Sunday morning, and the need is still great! I am reaching out with two requests for our church family.

1) In November we will be opening up the Fellowship Center for our neighbors to warm up and enjoy their breakfast and fellowship. This will require some extra hands on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The following are needed:

- church members to serve coffee and participate in fellowship with those attending breakfast (6:45-8am)
- church members to help with clean up after breakfast (8-8:30am) and ensure that our church facility is clean for other functions
- church members to fill the many remaining spots on our volunteer schedule (packing and serving breakfast bags as people enter the fellowship center)

If any of these roles interest you, please email sar4680@gmail.com or contact Sarah Good at 423-967-3148.

2) Cold Weather Gear--we would like to stock up on cold weather gear (gloves, hats, socks, scarves, blankets) to give out again this year. Donations are always welcome, but we have also found resources for ordering bulk items for a lower price than they can be purchased locally. If you would like to make a physical or monetary donation toward this mission, please send it to the church (no donation barrel will be outside this year). Physical donations may be dropped off in the History Room, Room 101. Thank you so much!