

The First Press Weekly Update

April 12, 2026



Seeking to see the face of Christ...Striving to be the hands of Christ

Welcome Oksana and Family!

We welcome Oksana, her children Max and Alisa, and her husband Michael this morning. They are here to express their sincere appreciation for the generous "Love Gift" from FPC in a recent time of special need. Michael is recovering well from open heart surgery, but he is still on restrictions that prevent his return to work. Oksana is back to work full time in the deli at Food City. Max is looking forward to upcoming graduation from Chuckey-Doak High School. Alisa is seven years old now and as cute as ever!

Wednesday Evening, April 15

Dinner ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Fellowship Center

On the Menu:

Italiano's: Pizza, salad, and dessert

(Outreach Committee serving)

Deep and Wide: Faithful Questions ~ 6:20 p.m. ~ Fellowship Center

All are welcome to attend, whether you come to dinner or not.

Combined Worship & Care Ministry Luncheon

We will have one combined Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 19, followed by our Deacon Care Ministry Luncheon in the Fellowship Center.

The Paramount Chamber Players Concert ~ FACES & MASQUES ~ April 23, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Join The Paramount Chamber Players for a special concert celebrating the release of their first commercial album, FACES & MASQUES, featuring music of Robert and Clara Schumann and performed by violinist Will Shaub (Concertmaster, Knoxville Symphony Orchestra) and pianist Katherine Benson (TPCP Artistic Director). One of the greatest love stories of all time, Robert and Clara Schumann are forever connected by their music, and the program will pair Clara's youthful but passionate Romance Op. 22 No. 3 alongside Robert's monumental Violin Sonata No. 2, a work written in the twilight of the composer's life. Closing out the program, cellist Ignacy Gaydamovich (Professor of Cello, ETSU and international performing artist) will join the ensemble for Antonin Dvorak's lively Piano Trio No. 3 "Dumky," which will bring a rollicking and cheerful close to the evening. Tickets are available on the church website at www.firstpreskickingsport.org or at the door: \$15 adults / \$12 seniors / students free.

Waverly Road Food Pantry Item of the Month ~ Canned Fruit

Second Harvest in April

Please join your First Presbyterian Church friends and volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee on **Wednesday, April 15**. It is a fun time of fellowship and service! Call or text Bob Stoots at (423-782-6280) to sign up and indicate your time preference: morning (9-11am), afternoon (1-3pm) or both!

Articia's Build

The roof is on Articia's family's house where they will make a home! **June 10, 12 and 13** will be FPC members opportunity to help with appliances, closets and landscaping. Contact Gary Tucker at 423-378-5419 if you would like to help with the building of Articia's family's house.



Breakfast Bag Needs

Prayerfully consider helping with our Breakfast Ministry this spring. First Broad Street staffs the kitchen both weekend mornings, and it is FPC's responsibility to staff the serving areas. In 2025, 15,000 bags of food were served to people by FPC & FBSMC.

The time commitment is minimal (6:45-8:15 a.m.) compared with the benefits to our neighbors. If you are able to volunteer for a date (or several) this spring, please email Sarah Good at sar4680@gmail.com for the signup schedule. Also, donations of ponchos would be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help in being the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors in need.

New Exhibit in History Room – Christian Education through the Years

Do you know how many people have filled Russ's job at FPC? Do you know how many lay people have served as leaders in Christian Education in our church? Have you attended Sunday School, Family Camp, Youth Trips, and other educational experiences? Some classes were held in areas of FPC that no longer exist – where were they? Come browse through the multitude of photos and see how far back your memory goes!

The History Committee

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

April 12: Florence Godat, Jeremy Lively

April 17: Ivey Redmon

April 18: Ron Dixon, Cheryl Rice

April 19: Leslie Heindselman, Lewis Stubblefield

Opportunities for Connection

Interested in baptism, becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, or have a pastoral concern? Please let us know.

Christian Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Evelyn Henderson (sister of Catherine Tucker). Evelyn passed away on April 7, 2026, in South Chesterfield, VA.

The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

and in honor of my wonderful family
by Valerie Joh.

Sanctuary Ushers

Daniel, Natalie, Caleb, and Henry Robertson

Sanctuary Sound

Gary Hallen

Offering Invitation

Tithes and Offerings can be given online, placed in the offering plate as you leave, or mailed to the church.

On the Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 12

7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry
8:30 am	Chapel Worship
9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship

Tuesday, April 14

12:15-1:15 pm	Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study
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Wednesday, April 15

5:30 pm	Church Night Supper
6:20 pm	Deep and Wide: Faithful Questions

Thursday, April 16

1:15-2:15 pm	Balance Class
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Saturday, April 18

7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry
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Sunday, April 19

7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry
9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
10:30 am	Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Deacon Care Ministry Luncheon