

The First Press Weekly Update

April 19, 2026



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

Care Ministry Luncheon

Our Deacon Care Ministry Luncheon will follow the 10:30 a.m. worship service today.

From the PNC

Our Pastor Nominating Committee is moving forward with a spirit of deep discernment, having successfully secured the "green light" from both the FPC Session and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry. With our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) now officially approved, we are ready to upload it into the system and wait with expectant hearts to see who the Head of the Church is calling to labor alongside us. We trust that as we enter this matching phase, the Holy Spirit will guide us toward candidates whose gifts for ministry align perfectly with our congregation's unique vision and situation. We remain steadfast in prayer, asking for continued clarity and patience as we seek a new minister to lead us in this next season of faithful service.

Wednesday Evening, April 22

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

On the Menu:

Braeden's Barbecue: Pork steak, macaroni and cheese, green beans and dessert
(CF&N 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.

The Paramount Chamber Players Concert ~ 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 (TCPA 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.firstpreskingsport.org or at the door: \$15 adults / \$12 seniors / students free.

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

Articia's Habitat Build

Please keep Articia and family in your prayers. **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.

Waverly Road Food Pantry Item of the Month ~ Canned Fruit

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

April 19: Leslie Heindselman, Lewis Stubblefield

April 20: Mark Ward

April 21: Ansel Scott, Baxter Scott

April 23: Sara Lou Ring, Cotton Fortner

April 24: Shelby Demuth, Sandra Heard

April 25: Hayden Correll, Cis Taylor

April 26: Ethan Walker, Mac Hobbs

Opportunities for Connection

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

The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

and in loving memory of
Donald E. Brown and Laura Caroline Brown
by Joyce M. Brown.

Ushers

Roger and Sharon Wheeler

Sound

Olin Babb

Flower Delivery

Judy Grover

Offering Invitation

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

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23

1:15-2:15 pm Balance Class

Saturday, April 25

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry

Sunday, April 26

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