

The First Press Weekly Update

April 26, 2026



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

An update from the pastor nominating committee!

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.

Church Office Schedule Change

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. so that the staff can attend CPR training.

Wednesday Evening, April 29

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

On the Menu:

Braeden's Barbecue: barbecue sandwiches, beans, coleslaw and dessert
(Property 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 cost for dinner is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10, with a family maximum of \$25.00. Reservations must be received by **noon on Tuesday**. To make reservations, fill out the pew pad on Sunday mornings, call the church office at (423) 245-0104 or register online: [First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport \(www.firstpreskingsport.org\)](http://www.firstpreskingsport.org).

Close the Gap Campaign

Earlier this year, the Session approved a "Close the Gap" campaign to eliminate the anticipated \$20,442 deficit or "Gap" in our 2026 Operating Budget. A foyer posterboard display currently shows that the "Gap" has been reduced by \$6,900 thanks to your donations. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the campaign. Thank you, *FPC Finance Committee*

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*

FPC Clothes Closet ~ Help Needed!

Help is needed on Mondays at your FPC Clothes Closet. Come when you can to sort clothes beginning at 9:00 a.m. Monday mornings. Your volunteering will be greatly appreciated!

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 Help!

It's time to sign up to volunteer this summer! Veteran volunteers--check your email for the sign up sheet. New volunteers--email Sarah Good (sar4680@gmail.com) to receive the schedule. Summer is busy--we will need all hands on deck to keep serving our neighbors!

Waverly Road Food Pantry Item of the Month ~ Canned Fruit

Opportunities for Connection

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

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

April 26: Ethan Walker, Mac Hobbs

April 27: Madelyn Baggett, Russ Pearson, Delaney Young, Michael Whitt

April 29: Brandy King, Braden Pendleton

April 30: Albert Tatchi

May 1: Ben Harris

Prayer Concerns

If you have a specific prayer concern, please write them below, and place it in the offering basket as you leave or give it to a pastor

The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

and in honor of our grandchildren

by Greeley and Sue Wells.

Sanctuary Ushers

Mark, Grace and Jane Ward

Sanctuary Sound

Olin Babb

Flower Delivery

Cindy Sharitt

Five Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. Mark your offering as "5 cents a meal". The Patriot Edge Program at Washington Elementary will receive 50% of today's Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

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 26

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 28

(Church office closed from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for CPR training)

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

Wednesday, April 29

5:30 pm Church Night Supper

6:20 pm Deep and Wide: Faithful Questions

Thursday, April 30

1:15-2:15 pm Balance Class

Saturday, May 2

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry

Sunday, May 3

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry

8:30 am Chapel Worship

9:15 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Sanctuary Worship

11:30 am Session Meeting