

# The First Press Weekly Update

April 5, 2026



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

## Easter Sunday

### Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m. ~ Easter Service in the Chapel

9:15 a.m. ~ Easter Fellowship in the Fellowship Center

10:30 a.m. ~ Easter Service in the Sanctuary

### Easter Fellowship

What: a gathering of church family and friends for food and fellowship

When: from 9:15-10:15; between the worship services on Easter Sunday

Where: Fellowship Center

Why: Because! Because fellowship is important. It builds connections. This provides such an opportunity for us, our friends, and our children. It will also be an opportunity for Don Thompson to get a new photo of you, your family, and others for updating our online directory. (There may be other occasions later in the spring.) The outside cross will be covered in flowers where people gather for additional picture taking.



ONE GREAT  
HOUR OF SHARING

### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received **Easter Sunday**. Envelopes and brochures are on the table in the foyer, by the Chapel Door, by the Sanctuary Door on the Ledge and on the Table in the Parlor with bulletins. All 100% of this offering will go to the PCUSA and be used to support these causes: disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, immigration, migration, and refugees.

### Easter Flowers

Due to unpredictable conditions, the daffodil and tulip bulbs matured early and will be substituted with a mixture of other beautiful spring flowers. If you purchased Easter flowers, please feel free to take your pick and take them home with you after the service today.

### Church Office Schedule

The church office will be closed on **Monday, April 6** for our Easter holiday.

### Wednesday Evening, April 8

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

*On the Menu:*

Olive Garden: Pasta bar, salad and dessert  
(*Christian Education Committee serving*)

**Vespers ~ 6:20 p.m. ~ Fellowship Center**

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

### Waverly Road Food Pantry

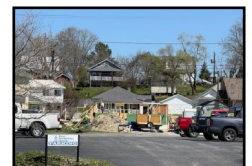
For April please bring a **can of fruit** for the Waverly Road Pantry. Thank you!

### 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.



# Opportunities for Connection

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

## Sanctuary Ushers

Gail and Tony Cole

## 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.

## Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

**April 5:** Chad Correll, Tengone Vengchiem

**April 6:** Marjorie Watford, Sarah Good, Aleasha Stanley

**April 8:** Stacey Doran

**April 10:** Maranda Demuth, Will Lively

**April 11:** Lainie Pearson

**April 12:** Florence Godat, Jeremy Lively

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## On the Calendar This Week

### **Easter Sunday, April 5**

7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry
8:30 am	Chapel Worship
9:15 am	Easter Fellowship
10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship

### **Monday, April 6**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, April 7**

12:15-1:15 pm	Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study
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### **Wednesday, April 8**

5:30 pm	Church Night Supper
6:20 pm	Vespers

### **Thursday, April 9**

1:15-2:15 pm	Balance Class
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### **Saturday, April 11**

7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry
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### **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

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## First Presbyterian Church Staff

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**Dr. Bradley Walker**, *Interim Pastor*

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**Amy Smith**, *Director of Music Ministries/Organist*

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**Kim Alvis**, *Media Specialist*

**Becca Wright**, *Parish Nurse*

**Alan Whitt**, *Head of Maintenance/Custodial*

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