

# The First Press Weekly Update

May 3, 2026



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

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## Wednesday Evening, May 6

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

*On the Menu:*

Panda Express: Various entrees and sides, dessert  
(Worship 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 Monday**. 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).

*Friends, remember if you have made a reservation and then realize you can not come, please cancel your reservation by noon on Tuesday. If your reservation is not cancelled, our policy is that there will be a charge for the meal, since your meal would have been ordered. Thank you for understanding.*

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## Church Pictorial Directory

It's time to update our online church pictorial directory. Our resident photographer, Don Thompson, has graciously said he will take photos of members for us. The opportunity will be available for you to have this done on the Sundays of **May 10 and 17**. You will need to go to the church library between 9:15 and 10:15 a.m. (the time between the two church services) for Don to take your picture. We hope everyone will participate in getting your photos updated. Thank you.

## 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*

## 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](mailto: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 Vegetables**

## 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.

### **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**

**May 4:** Chuck Mooney, Clayton Walker

**May 5:** Bill Adams

**May 8:** Alan Whitt

**May 9:** Hunter Wright, Celia Osborne, Peyton King

### **Prayer Concerns**

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

### **Christian Sympathy**

The congregation extends its Christian sympathy to the family of **Frances P. Frongillo** who passed away on April 18, 2026, in Kingsport, TN.

The congregation extends its Christian sympathy to the family of **Diana Branham** (Aunt of Aleasha Stanley) who passed away on April 21, 2026, in Clintwood, VA.

### **The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God**

and are presented by Precia and Family  
in loving memory of Al Keel.

### **Flower Delivery**

Gary Tucker

### **Sanctuary Ushers**

Charlie Compton and Sam Compton

### **Sanctuary Sound**

Dan Dietrich

### **Offering Invitation**

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

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### **This Week at First Presbyterian Church**

#### **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

#### **Tuesday, May 5**

12:15-1:15 pm	Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study
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#### **Wednesday, May 6**

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

#### **Thursday, May 7**

1:15-2:15 pm	Balance Class
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#### **Saturday, May 9**

7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry
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