

# The First Press Weekly Update

May 17, 2026



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## UPCOMING Events

### 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 **Sunday, May 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.

### Second Harvest in May

Please join your First Presbyterian Church friends and volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee on **Wednesday, May 20**. 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 (9-11 a.m.), afternoon (1-3 p.m.) or both!

### Lemonade on the Lawn

These fun and sweet events will be held on **May 24 and June 21**. We will have cookies and lemonade following worship services, one after each service on May 24, and one after the service on June 21. Come and enjoy some sweet treats and friendly fellowship.

### Church Potluck: May 31

The next Church Potluck is **May 31** after the one 10:30 a.m. service. We will provide chicken tenders, and church members are asked to supply the sides and desserts. There is no charge for this meal. Please indicate your intentions of attending this potluck on the sign-up sheet in the foyer, or call the church office by noon on May 26 so we will know how many people for which to prepare.

### Barter Trip

We have eight tickets left for the 2:00 p.m. performance of "Guys and Dolls" on **Thursday, June 11** at Barter Theatre. Please call Barbara Foust (423-306-6514) as soon as possible if you would like tickets to the show. Tickets are \$56 each.

## Ways you can SERVE

### 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

First Presbyterian Church volunteers will serve **June 10, 12 and 13** installing appliances, working on closets and helping with landscaping. Join us in service to Articia and her family. Pray for Articia and her family, Holston Habitat for Humanity, safety of workers and fellowship among volunteers. Contact Gary Tucker at 423-378-5419 for registration details or Mandy Penz at Holston Habitat, [volunteer@holstonhabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@holstonhabitat.org)

### 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

## **Opportunities for Connection**

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

### **Offering Invitation**

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

### **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.*

### **Celebrations**

- \* On Sunday, May 10, 2026, the session welcomed into the fellowship of our church Oliver Arrowsmith, Eleanor Combs, Rowan Good, Anson Hagan and McClure Mink by Profession of Faith.
- \* A rose has been placed in the chancel celebrating the birth of Dorothy Anne Britt who was born on May 3, 2026, in Concord, NC. Dorothy is the daughter of Owen and Hannah Britt and the great granddaughter of Dorothy Lightfoot.

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

and in memory of loved ones  
by Dan and Dee Dee Dietrich.

#### **Flower Delivery**

Jamie Davis

#### **Sanctuary Ushers**

Larry and Patty Pendleton

#### **Sanctuary Sound**

Dan Dietrich

### **Birthdays & Prayers of the Week**

**May 17:** Jennifer Walker

**May 18:** Leslie Pope, John Bovender, Grayson Mott, Valerie Joh

**May 20:** Bette Patton, Stewart Taylor, Autumn Hagan

**May 21:** Kinsley Argabrite

**May 22:** Brenda Whitt

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

### **Sunday, May 17**

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

### **Tuesday, May 19**

12:15-1:15 pm	Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study
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### **Thursday, May 21**

1:15-2:15 pm	Balance Class
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### **Saturday, May 23**

7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast Ministry
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