

# The First Press Weekly Update

May 24, 2026



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

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## UPCOMING Events

### Lemonade on the Lawn Today!

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.

### Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed **Monday, May 25** for Memorial Day.  
The Clothes Closet will be closed **Tuesday, May 26**.

### Combined Worship and Church Potluck: May 31

Our next church potluck is **next Sunday, May 31** after our one combined 10:30 a.m. worship 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 let us know if you plan to attend the potluck by signing the sign-up sheet in the foyer, or call the church office by noon on May 26 so we will know how many people to expect. This will mark the beginning of our Summer Worship schedule which will continue through Sunday, August 2.

### Barter Trip

We have two 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. on 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

A can of vegetables (your choice)

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### "Close the Gap" Campaign

As of May 18th, the GAP has been closed to \$10,392 thanks to your donations of \$10,050. If you haven't contributed yet, please consider doing so. We're almost halfway there to closing the Gap of \$20,442.

Thank you!

FPC Finance Committee

## **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.

### **Five Cents-A-Meal Offering**

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. Mark your offering as “5 cents a meal”.  
*The Table @ The Corner* will receive 50% of today’s Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

### **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**

With Christian sympathy, we hold the family of **Charles “Rick” W. Hicks, Jr.** (former FPC Staff Member) in our prayers. Rick passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in Kingsport, TN.

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

and in loving memory of Doug Benton  
by the Benton Family.

### **Flower Delivery**

Ella Deakins

### **Sanctuary Ushers**

Carson and Grace Correll

### **Sanctuary Sound**

Dan Dietrich

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

**May 25:** Dave Hafele

**May 27:** Tricia Argabrite, Colin Pendleton

**May 31:** Kathy Redwine

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

### **Sunday, May 24**

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 26**

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

### **Thursday, May 28**

1:15-2:15 pm Balance Class

### **Saturday, May 30**

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry

### **Sunday, May 31**

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry  
9:15 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Combined Worship ~ Sanctuary  
11:30 am Potluck Lunch

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