

# *The First Press Weekly Update*

July 19, 2026



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

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Interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church? Please speak with one of our pastors.

### **Ice Cream Social Today!**

The Ice Cream Social will be held in the Fellowship Center after church on **July 19**. This is a time to have a sweet treat on a hot, summer day and to share fellowship with other members.

### **Christmas Worship in July!**

**Next Sunday, July 26** we will have a special worship service centering around the theme of Christmas at 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Feel free to wear some red and green, come ready to sing some Christmas songs, and hear a message that is bigger than just one season of the year!

### **Our Next Church Potluck**

The next opportunity for members to share your special food dish with other members is at the potluck after church on **August 9**. Let's join together with other members for this wonderful time of food and fellowship! The church will provide chicken fingers and drinks. Please register your attendance beginning July 12 on the sign-up sheets in the foyer, on the church Website or call Vickie in the church office. **Please register by August 4** so we'll know the number for which to prepare.

### **Save the Date!**

- ♦ September 2 ~ Church Night Supper Resumes
- ♦ September 20 ~ Church Picnic at Allandale

### **Directory Update**

The 2026 Pictorial Directory is available online under the Members Only section of the website. If you would like a printed copy you may stop by the office during office hours to pick one up or call the office and one can be left for you on the credenza in the breezeway (in a manila envelope) to pick up at your convenience. For privacy and security reasons we will no longer email out copies of the directory. Also, if you notice that some members' information is incomplete/missing, that is because every member that has requested a Realm login has control over their personal information and they may have restricted access to their personal information. We hope you enjoy the updated directory.



### **Waverly Road Food Pantry**

*Item of the Month:*

Peanut Butter

### **FPC Clothes Closet ~ Help Needed!**

Help is greatly needed on Mondays in the 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!

### **Breakfast Bag Help Needed!**

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help with Breakfast Bags this summer! Email Sarah Good at [sar4680@gmail.com](mailto:sar4680@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping. Summer is busy--we will need all hands on deck to keep serving our neighbors!

### **Grace House Day & Night Center Update**

Grace House provides case management, day and night center services, access to dental and vision services for our homeless neighbors. You can help with the ongoing needs of this ministry with your donation: [online at kpthm.org](https://www.kpthm.org) or send a check made out to Kingsport Homeless Ministry, P.O. Box 1125, Kingsport, TN 37662. Other needs: bottled water, sunscreen, 13 gallon trash bags. Items may be dropped off at 700 East Sullivan Street, Kingsport 37660. If you would like a tour of the facility, contact Mark Haga at 423-732-0522. Thank you!

### **Serving the Salvation Army**

First Presbyterian has a long history of serving a Sunday meal each month at the Salvation Army. We currently serve a meal on the second Sunday. Volunteers are needed from 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Please contact Catherine Tucker if you'd like to help: 423-782-7782 or [tuckersbigblue@gmail.com](mailto:tuckersbigblue@gmail.com)

## **Supporting a Healthy Congregation**

*The lifeblood of a healthy congregation is support through prayer and financial gifts.*

### **Prayer Concerns**

If you have specific prayer or pastoral concerns, please write them on a pew card and place in the offering basket as you leave or give it to a pastor.

### **Offering Invitation**

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



## **Serving Today**

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

and in loving memory of my husband, Lynn Deakins, by Ella Deakins.

#### **Ushers**

Roger and Sharon Wheeler

#### **Liturgist**

Sharon Amstutz

#### **Sound**

Mark Plemmons

#### **Flower Delivery**

Cindy Sharitt

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

**July 19:** Emily Gaude

**July 20:** Ashley Hobbs, Mason King

**July 21:** Beckett Arrowsmith

**July 22:** Karen Thompson, Charlie Babb, Caroline Pearson

**July 23:** Katrinka Quillen

**July 24:** Greg Francisco

**July 25:** Steve Arthur, Jennie Benton, Diana Johnson-Martin

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### **First Presbyterian Church Staff**

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

**Russ Pearson**, *Associate Pastor of Student Ministries*

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

**Annie Hill**, *Church Business Administrator/Executive Assistant to the Pastor*

**Vickie Green**, *Membership & Website Specialist/Church Administrative Assistant*

**Kim Alvis**, *Media Specialist*

**Becca Wright**, *Parish Nurse*

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

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