

The First Press Weekly Update

July 26, 2026



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

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

UPCOMING *Events*

Church Potluck Lunch!

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.

BLTs are Back!

BLTs are returning again this year on **August 16** in the Fellowship Center after the 10:30 a.m. service. Only white bread will be offered to make the sandwiches. If you want any other kind of bread, please bring it with you. Claudia Byrd is graciously preparing these for us.

Looking Ahead!

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

Ways you can **SERVE**

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 Bags--Please Help!

In order for our Breakfast Ministry to continue, we really need more of our members to step up. We have many open shifts left in July and August, and will be starting to fill our Fall schedule soon. Most of our volunteers are regulars, often filling 3-4 slots a month--we would love to involve more of our members in this ministry. If you have not volunteered before, it truly is a very small commitment--6:45-8:15am on Saturday or Sunday mornings. We know that life is busy, but our neighbors' needs are still there, and we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ to them. If you would like information or to sign up for a shift, please email Sarah Good at sar4680@gmail.com or text 423-967-3148.

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 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!

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.

Christian Sympathy

The congregation extends its Christian sympathy to the family of Stephen "Steve" G. Arthur, Sr., who passed away on July 19, 2026, in Kingsport, TN.

Five Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. Mark your offering as "5 cents a meal". The UETHDA Neighborhood Service Center will receive 50% of today's Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

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 are presented by Ron Dixon Family
in loving memory of Joyce Gobin Dixon.

Ushers

Wes, Katy, Neely, McClure and Briggs Mink

Sound

Mark Plemmons

Flower Delivery

Greta Robinette

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

July 26: William Thomidis

July 28: Elizabeth Wilkins, Lyndsey Correll

July 30: Audra Moore

August 2: Bill McClure

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*

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