

The First Press Weekly Update

August 30, 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.

Wednesday Nights

This Fall on Wednesdays all are invited to **Church Night Supper and Bible Study** in the Fellowship Center! The suppers begin at 5:30 p.m., and we do need reservations. Bible study will begin at 6:20 p.m. Our first supper will be on **Wednesday, September 2**. You can bring your own Bible, or just come as you are. Most Wednesdays we will offer a time of study and discussion after we eat, and occasionally we will have a brief Vespers worship service with music and prayer. A couple of times this next season we will have a game night. The schedule of supper and events will be publicized closer to the time, and we will remind you weekly of what is happening. Church night suppers are a great time to get to know your church family better. Families are always welcome and there is plenty of space for kids to be present and belong (Russ always can use kids and youth to read!). All of us are looking forward to another great Fall of Wednesday fellowship!

Wednesday, September 2

(Fellowship Center)

Dinner ~ 5:30 p.m.

On the Menu:

Olive Garden: Pastas and sauces, salad and dessert
(Administration Committee serving)

Vespers ~ 6:20 p.m.

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 Tuesday**. 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).

Church Picnic

Our annual Church Picnic will be held at the Allandale Picnic Pavilion on **Sunday, September 20**. Social time will begin at 5 p.m. with fun games of bingo (prizes awarded to winners). Dinner from Braeden's Barbecue is at 6 p.m., with the menu including: *barbecue sandwiches, cowboy beans, coleslaw, potato salad, cookies and iced tea, lemonade and water*. As was done last year, our committee would love to take White Elephant Donations for prizes for bingo winners. Please place any items you no longer want in the large box located in the coat closet of the church foyer.

*Reservations can be made on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or through the church office beginning August 30 and the deadline is **Sunday, September 13**. The cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10, with a maximum family of \$35. Payment in advance is preferred by these methods: on Realm, on the church Website (using Realm), paying Vickie in the church office, or putting payment in the church offering plate, marked Church Picnic.*

Let's go to a Play!

Please let Barbara Foust know if you would be interested in going to Barter Theatre to see the play, "Come From Away." It is the true story of a plane load of people stranded in Canada on **September 11, 2001**, as flights from around the world were diverted for days to Gander, Newfoundland. If you are interested in seeing this play in October, please let Barbara (423-306-6514) know by Tuesday, September 1, so she can get the tickets.

Workday at FPC

The Property Committee would like to invite you to a workday for the church to get some needed work done by members and friends of the church. The work would entail inside and outside jobs. The date is **Saturday, October 10** starting at 9:00 a.m. The jobs and information will be posted in the newsletter and church bulletin.

Looking Ahead!

- ◆ October 14 ~ Fall Festival Program after CNS
- ◆ October 25 ~ Pumpkin Carving and Pizza
- ◆ October 28 ~ Trick or Treating after CNS
- ◆ November 29 ~ Advent Coffee

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 Jimmy Oliver
by Jenella Oliver and family.

Ushers

Jeremy, Mary Glenn, Mary Kate and Charlie Lively

Sound

Olin Babb

Flower Delivery

Jamie Davis

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

Aug. 30: Joy McConnell

Aug. 31: Bill Bovender

Sept. 1: John Christopher Demuth, Lisa Good, Barbara Sanders

Sept. 3: Roger Goin, Charlie Compton, Sam Compton

Sept. 4: Jimmy Dickerson, Eleanor Combs, Claudia Mihovk

Sept. 6: Mark Barbour, Fred Martin

First Presbyterian Church Staff

423-245-0104

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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