

The First Press Weekly Update

September 6, 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, September 9

(Fellowship Center)

Dinner ~ 5:30 p.m.

On the Menu:

Food City: Taco bar, salad and dessert
(*Christian Education Committee serving*)

Bible Study ~ 6:20 p.m.

Living Hope - A Study of 1 Peter, Chapter 1

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 church foyer.

*Reservations can be made on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or through the church office. 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. Payment for this meal to the church office by **Tuesday, September 15**, is appreciated.*

Let's go to a Play!

We will take a trip to Barter Theatre on **Saturday, October 17** 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. We will leave the church no later than 1:00 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. performance. Please be on the bus at 12:45 p.m. If you are interested in seeing this play, please let Barbara Foust (423-306-6514) know as soon as possible. Seven people have already purchased tickets. Cost is \$56.

Second Harvest Workday

Please join First Presbyterian Church volunteers at Second Harvest Food Bank on **Wednesday, September 16**. Everyone is welcome! 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 (9am-11am), afternoon (1pm-3pm) or both!

Looking Ahead!

- ♦ October 11 ~ Combined Worship and Potluck Lunch
- ♦ October 14 ~ Fall Festival Program after CNS
- ♦ October 25 ~ Pumpkin Carving and Pizza
- ♦ October 28 ~ Trick or Treating after CNS
- ♦ November 29 ~ Advent Coffee
- ♦ December 13 ~ Care Ministry Luncheon
- ♦ December 20 ~ Caroling and Chili

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month:
Canned Soups

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

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Emily Gaude. Emily passed away on August 27, 2026, in Kingsport, TN.

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 our parents
by Greeley and Sue Wells.

Ushers

Gary and Mary Beth Hallen

Sound

Olin Babb

Flower Delivery

Ella Deakins

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

Sept. 6: Mark Barbour, Fred Martin

Sept. 7: Gray Stothart, Carol Dixon

Sept. 8: Jim Wright

Sept. 9: Sarah Tatchi, Lylah Combs

Sept. 12: Jane Harris, Martha Pendley, Heather Kunysz

Sept. 13: Mary Ruth

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*

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