

# *The First Press Weekly Update*

October 4, 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.

## **Today is World Communion Sunday**

All of God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Part of the atonement that happens around this Table is reconciliation, which is the focus of the World Communion Offering. This offering supports reconciliation work locally and around the globe. Envelopes will be available for your convenience.

## **Stewardship Campaign for 2027**

October begins our Stewardship season. Your packets are available in the foyer this Sunday and next; after that they will be mailed. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027 and return your pledge card on or before **Dedication Sunday, October 25**.

## **Wednesday, October 7**

(Fellowship Center)

**Dinner ~ 5:30 p.m.**

*On the Menu:* Food City: Breakfast for Dinner  
(Worship Committee serving)

**Bible Study ~ 6:20 p.m.**

*Living Hope - A Study of 1 Peter*

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: [www.firstpreskingsport.org](http://www.firstpreskingsport.org)

## **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 date is **Saturday, October 10** starting at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers can choose to work on outside landscaping or inside cleaning tasks. Details to come.

## **Congregational Meeting**

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held at the close of worship on **Sunday, October 11** for the purpose of electing elders and deacons, and voting on issues related to the electing of church officers.

## **Potluck: October 11**

The next opportunity for members to share your special food dish with other members is at the potluck after church on **October 11th**. 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 September 20th on the sign-up sheets in the foyer, on the church Website or call Vickie in the church office. Please register by **October 6th** so we'll know the number for which to prepare.

## **"Come From Away"**

All tickets to the "Come From Away" play at Barter on October 17 are sold. It has received "Rave" reviews so this should be a great afternoon. 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.

## **Chamber Players Concert**

The Paramount Chamber Players will perform "Rhythm, Rhyme, and Romance" in our Sanctuary on **Saturday, October 17** at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this concert are available on our website or at the door. The cost is \$15 for adults and free for children.

## **Waverly Road Food Pantry**

*Item of the Month:*

Pasta and a can of sauce or a box of macaroni and cheese

## **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 to Jenny, the woman I have loved for over 60 years.

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### **Ushers**

Don Good and Gray Stothart

### **Sound**

Olin Babb

### **Flower Delivery**

Sarah King

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

**October 4:** John Newell, Pat Bryan, Rebecca Quillen

**October 5:** Don Osborne, Tal Francisco

**October 6:** Leola Campbell, Matt King

**October 7:** Ellen Sims, Taylor Bunch

**October 9:** Ian Ward

**October 10:** Morris Hadden

**October 11:** Marthe Kincaid

**October 12:** Neely Mink

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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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