

Children
Sundays

S@10 in the basement from 10:00 – 10:45
Nursery (ages 0-K2) is open during worship and SS! (Room 119)
Extended Session (K3 – K5) as marked in the bulletin. (Room 120)
Children’s Chapel with the interns (1st – 5th grade) as marked in bulletin (Chapel)

Youth

Senior Retreat for the Class of 2025

Please pray for our seniors as they return today from our retreat in Montreat. We worked to reconnect the bonds of these seniors for their last year of high school and began material to help them prepare for this year of change and decisions about their future. JUNIORS! Get excited – it will be your turn soon!

Parents

Parent Meeting for Parents of Children & Youth

Youth encouraged to attend

July 31 – 6:00

Henry Reynolds room

Children welcome to play on playground (supervision provided)

What does church participation offer my student?

We all want our children to **live good lives**. At FPC, we use the Bible and Bible themes to talk about what it means to **live a good life**, how to **make good choices**, and what we can do when life is good as well as when **life is hard**. God walks this journey with each of us. By sharing this with our youth and children, we are **empowering them to live a better, healthier, and more fulfilled life**.

We will be doing a parent/youth activity, giving out schedules, talking about intention and curriculum, discussing communication preferences, and brainstorming about trips and retreats.

Adults
Sundays

Sunday School in Room 110 for Sojourners at 9:00 am

Secret Angels

Are you interested in being a Secret Angel to one of our college aged children?

Please contact Mary Ann Wright for more information.

WE ARE GETTING A LIFT!!!

The stairway from the main level down to the basement (the kid’s area) and up to the Alexander Hall level has been closed and renovations are underway for the new lift. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Sunday, July 28

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School (Sojourners)

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)

Monday, July 29

6:00 p.m. - PGS Kick-off (AH)

6:00 p.m. - NA Parents (Sanc)

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, July 30

9:15 a.m. - Staff

6:00 p.m. - Chorale Board (BR)

Wednesday, July 31

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study (Conf. Rm)

10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)

5:30 p.m. - WNF (Mig’s)

6:00 p.m. - Parent Mtg (HR)

Thursday, August 1

10:00 a.m. - Emerald Bells

Friday, August 2

9:30 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Comm (Lib)

4:30 p.m. - PGS (Sanc/Choir Rm)

Saturday, August 3

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by her family to the glory of God and in celebration of Alice Jo Dickey’s 80th birthday.

Front Lobby Construction Zone

On Wednesday-Friday, August 7-9, Joel’s Flooring will be working in the front lobby repairing the tile. Be prepared to use a detour through the sanctuary to get to the offices. Please excuse our mess. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

WE HAVE CHANGED THE DOOR CODE.

Please contact the office for the new door code.

Wednesdays

It’s summer mode at Mig’s. Dinner anytime between 5:30 and 7:00.

We are starting back on Wednesday nights on Wednesday, August 7th.

We will **NOT** be carrying over the permanent list from last year so if you wish to be on the permanent list this year, please contact the office, write your name on the list in the front lobby, or fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew racks.

We will hold a **Called Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, August 4th, at 11:00 am, for the purposes of electing new officers and to receive the findings of the gymnasium exploratory committee and seek approval to conduct a capital campaign for the project.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions and see what God may have in store for our community.

July 28, 2024
10:00 am

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Visitors, we consider you to be our honored guest. Our staff members are happy to assist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a church dedicated to making a positive difference in our community and world by fulfilling our call to Worship, Serve, Educate, Evangelize, and Fellowship. -We offer a wide range of programs and ministries for all ages. Several times a year a New Members Class is offered for those considering membership at First Pres. You may talk with one of the staff members about this after the service. Please plan to worship with us again - you are always welcome.

Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Noah’s Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham

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GATHERING MUSIC

Tim Walters

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Louise Sligh

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 6:1-14
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Rev. Christie

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Christie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Psalm 145:14)*

Compassionate God,
you uphold those who are falling
and raise up all who are bowed down.
And so, we confess our sins—
both things we have done and things we have left undone—
in every confidence that you will open your hands
in an embrace of forgiveness and love.
Accept our confession, we pray,
in the mighty name of Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

SERMON “The Secret Is the Story”

Leader: O praise the Lord with me,
People: let us exalt God’s name together.

Ps. 34:3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostles’ Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MEETING

(Called Congregational Meeting for August 4th)

Robbie Sanders

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

PRELUDE

Tim Walters

RESPONSE HYMN #581 “Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

CLOSING HYMN* #460 “Break Thou the Bread of Life” BREAD OF LIFE

ADORATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Psalm 145:10-12)*

Louise Sligh

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Offertory “The Holy City”
David Holmes, bass
Stanley Colbert, piano

Stephen Adams

***BENEDICTION** *(please remain for the Congregational Response)*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

People: And we, your faithful people, praise you.

Leader: We shall speak of the glory of your rule
and tell of your power.

People: We shall let all people know of your signs and wonders
and the lavish splendor of your kingdom.

Leader: Lord God, we will praise your name forever and ever.

People: O come, let us worship! Amen.

***Doxology** #675, stanza 4

TALLIS’ CANON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Back of Hymnal)

“See with the Eyes of God” GREENWOOD

*(At the conclusion of the service, please share the peace with another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)*

***POSTLUDE**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel*

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are in the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

OPENING HYMN* #267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated