

**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)

Summer Intern Fun

When we say all ages, we mean use your parental judgement as to whether your child is ready for the specified event under intern oversight and not one on one care.

- July 9 – Zoo trip (1st – 5th) from 8-5; RSVP \$50 due July 1--Call to see if any spots are open after July 1
- **July 10 – VBS from 5:00 – 7:30 (Police Dog Visit)**
- **July 12 – BBQ Fest Lock-in** (1st-5th) from 7:00 P. M. to 8:00 A. M. Alexander Hall
- **July 16 – Fire & Ice** (all ages) from 2-4 (bring \$)
- **July 17 - VBS from 5:00 – 7:30 (a real live camel visit!!!)**
- **July 18 – Free Movie** (all ages) at 11:00 (bring \$ for snacks)
- **July 21 - Blessing of the Backpacks** (all ages) at 10:00

Youth

Please email Jade Green at youth@firstgreenwood.com if interested in volunteering to lead Sunday School, lead or host a Sunday night, or lead a Wednesday night for the youth.

**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.

Wednesdays

It’s summer mode at Mig’s. Dinner anytime between 5:30 and 7:00.
Except VBS nights! come eat with us at church at 5:30 for \$5.
July 10 – spaghetti, July 17 - nuggets
RSVP by noon on Monday prior.

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Serious Illness in Christian Research Study:
If you are interested in participating, contact Judy Lentz, RN, MSN,
at 864-323-2769 to determine your eligibility.

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 7

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School (Sojourners)
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)

Monday, July 8

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

Tuesday, July 9

8:00 a.m. - Zoo
9:15 a.m. - Staff

Wednesday, July 10

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study (Conf. Rm)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (BR)

5:00 p.m. - VBS (AH)

Thursday, July 11

Friday, July 12

7:00 p.m. - Lock-In starts

Saturday, July 13

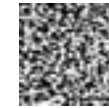
8:00 a.m. - Lock-In over

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Booth by her family.

Congratulations to Hood & Caroline Souter on the birth of their son, John Reynolds Souter, born June 28, 2024.

VBS 2024

Christmas in June & July
July 10, July 17



Registration now!

Sign up on Realm, use this QR code, or complete a form that can be found in the front lobby or just show up!

Volunteers Needed! Friends Encouraged!
Contact Michelle Barksdale to volunteer--
call or text 864-344-2450

**“Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot”
Movie Viewing and Talk Back Opportunity**

The Western Cluster has adopted a focused mission from April to November, to support children and families in our region by learning more about the challenges of poverty and the foster care crisis and prayerfully discerning our response. This month we are inviting all of our churches to join us for this movie viewing (today at 3:20 at the Greenwood movie theater) and talk back session following the movie (125 N. University St. Gwd.). Pizza and beverages will be served. Please note, the timing is short. Special guests have been invited for the talk back session, so we are hoping for a good crowd. This movie is appropriate for middle school aged individuals and up. It is not appropriate for children. Please let Carolina Dennis (317-777-1487) know if you will be attending the movie.

New Bible Study – Starting in July

Trust the Story. Complex, detailed, and diverse as it is, the Bible tells a singular story. And its basic message is simple: Trust the story. The story tells us that God is up to something—something good. And God is looking for partners to participate in that good thing. BEMA Bible study provides an in-depth look at the whole Bible. It provides a perspective and tools that make the story clear. If you are looking to see the Bible in a new way, to understand it better, and to recharge your participation in God’s ongoing story, check out BEMA. A new discussion group will meet weekly at First Pres, beginning Wednesday, July 10, 10:30-11:30, in the Barksdale Room.

**July 7, 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
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Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Hite

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;
People: the world, and those who live in it.

Ps. 24:1

(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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS (Family Life Center)

PRELUDE

Tim Walters

ADORATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Christie

Leader: We gather today in the name of our loving God, who promises that all things work together for good to those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

People: We trust in God's goodness, even in the midst of trials and tribulations.

Leader: Though we may face hardships and setbacks, we know that God is working in all circumstances for our ultimate good.

People: We believe in God's sovereign plan for our lives, even when we cannot see the path ahead.

Leader: We surrender our fears and anxieties, knowing that God is greater than any challenge we face.

People: We rejoice in God's faithfulness, and we praise God for the good God brings out of every situation.

Leader: Let us worship together with grateful hearts, confident in the knowledge that our God is working all things for our good.

***OPENING HYMN #35**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Christie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
We come before you today with humble hearts, recognizing the ways we have fallen short of your glory. Like Joseph, we acknowledge your sovereign hand in all things, even in the midst of suffering and betrayal. We confess that we often doubt your goodness and question your plans for our lives. We have failed to trust you fully, allowing fear and anxiety to consume us. Help us to forgive those who have wronged us, just as Joseph forgave his brothers. Give us the grace to extend mercy and reconciliation to others, recognizing that we are all in need of your redeeming love. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer and Reconciler. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

RESPONSE HYMN #546

"Lord, Dismiss Us"
Stanza 2 only

SICILIAN MARINERS

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Rev. Christie

Offertory "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
Nickie Murphy, soprano

Charels H. Gabriel

***Doxology #675, stanza 4**

TALLIS' CANON

***Prayer of Dedication**

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

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 50:15-21
Romans 8:28

Rev. Hite

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Musical Meditation

SERMON

"God is Working It Out for Good"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Rev. Hite

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Minister: It is truly right to glorify you...
...we sing a hymn to your glory:
All (G2G 559): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: The gifts of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS (Gluten free)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN** #840** "When Peace Like a River" VILLE DU HAVRE

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

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

***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**

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

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated