

A Note From The Pastor

Dear Friends,

It has been a whirlwind of a first week here at First Presbyterian--and I have loved every minute of it. I have sat in on committee meetings, staff meetings and prayer meetings; dinners, lunches and coffees. I have met so many of you and in each instance I have been honored and humbled to get to work alongside you.

There is so much to do here at First Presbyterian and I mean that in the best way! Trying to live out our calling to be a visible symbol of God's kingdom here on earth is an audacious and tough task. But I know this church is up for that challenge. After all, you have a two hundred year history of trying to do that very thing. As we look toward the next 200 years, I am excited at the possibilities before us. I will be praying for God's blessing on us all as we move into the future.

In joyful anticipation of all that God will author,

**The Rev. Tara W. Bulger
Senior Pastor**

SPRING FORWARD!



**Daylight Saving Time
begins this Sunday,
March 11, at 2:00 a.m.**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

We will be doing maintenance on our church email server beginning Friday evening, March 9 through Sunday, March 11. Any email sent to church staff may not be received during this time frame. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 25
Palm/Passion Sunday
8:30 a.m., John Allan Hall
10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Thursday, March 29
Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m., John Allan Hall

Friday, March 30
Good Friday/Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
The Seven Last Words
by Michael John Trotta
presented by the Chancel Choir and Woodwind Ensemble

Sunday, April 1
Easter Egg Hunt
9:30-10:15 a. m., Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 1
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

From The Flower Guild

Help us celebrate Easter morning by bringing your flowers to place at bottom of

the wooden cross at the front of the church. Your beautiful contribution will help us announce the Good News of The Resurrection to the whole community!



A Loss In Our Church Family



Anita Sylvia Jean Verble

May 22, 1933 - March 3, 2018

Janet Tyler Connor

June 5, 1935 - March 3, 2018

Presbyterian Women

**PW Circles will meet
Monday, March 12, 2018**

Circle 1 - 10:00 a.m., meet at FPC then on to Second Mile Development.

Circle 2 - 10:00 a.m., hosted by Olivia Brandon, 1806 Lydia Dr., HSV

Circle 3 - 6:30 p.m. in the Carriage House.

Haiti Mission Trip Update

"The Haiti Mission Team recently returned from the northwest region of Haiti, serving with mission partners Matt and Sarah Rideout at the International Missionary Fellowship hospital in Bombardopolis. The team saw more than 420 patients over two and a half days of clinic. They fitted and gave out 255 pairs of reading glasses, 54 pairs of distance glasses, and hundreds of pairs of sunglasses. The team ran out of glasses prior to running out of patients and a follow-up mission trip will be planned in the near future. Thank you for the continued prayer and support for the team and for our mission partners and friends in Haiti."

Bo and Nancy Lundy, Susie Harper, Charlie Bozeman,
Amy and Margaret Stucky, and Heidi Meadows.

[See the photos here!](#)

The Aeolians

Join us as we welcome

The Aeolians of Oakwood University

Sunday, April 8, 2018

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Concert in the Sanctuary**

The Vine

The Vine Invites You To

"Branches of The Vine, Spring Celebration"
April 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Baron Bluff of Burritt on the Mountain

**This annual fundraiser goes a long way to help us provide
Scholarship Assisted counseling sessions.**

Tickets are \$50 per person.

**RSVP online at www.vinepcc.com
or call the office at 256-426-0199
We hope to see you there!**

Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 1, 2018 from 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Nursery age – 3rd Grade

Parents are welcome to attend as well!

Please join us on Easter Sunday during the Sunday School hour for a story, egg hunt and snacks.



June 25-28, 2018

Retreat Weekend!

Tennessee Valley Presbyterian Cursillo

When: April 19-22, 2018

Where: Camp Maranatha, Lake Guntersville near Scottsboro, Alabama

Registration: \$150 (for all meals, lodging and programming), and includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Application deadline: **March 1** (space is limited, applications are on first-come basis).

Camp Maranatha

BIG NEWS: Summer Camp Registration Is Open

For options, see the bulletin board or button below.

For more information:

www.maranatha.camp

(256) 574-4539

officeatmaranatha@gmail.com

Camp Options and Details

Celebrating First Presbyterian's First 200 Years in Christ

Have you gotten your June birthday gift for our church yet? How about supporting the \$200 for 200 years Mission Project? We've put in \$200 of mulch at Second Mile Development, bought and distributed \$200 of feminine hygiene products for the homeless, and our children are helping other children learn to read by providing \$200 of new books. What can you do?

Check our devotional below for more information.

\$200 for 200 Years
Mission/March Devotional



For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 3:11

Bicentennial News!

From the Bicentennial Committee:

We will welcome The Rev. Glenn McDonald as our speaker during our Bicentennial Celebration on June 17, 2018. For more information about Rev. McDonald and to receive his daily Morning Reflection please email him at glenn.mcdonald@ascension.org.



BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 17, 2018

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for all announcements for the bulletin and/or the weekly email is Wednesday morning by 9:00 a.m.

Please submit your announcements to Cynde Tannehill at:

administrator@fpchsv.org

and please copy Amber Stewart at:

receptionist@fpchsv.org

Worship This Week



**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018**

**Rev. Tara Bulger
Senior Pastor**

"Two Competing Truths"

**8:30 a.m. - John Allan Hall
10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary**

Scripture this week:

[Numbers 21:4-9](#); [John 3:14-21](#)

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Sermons Online

In Keeping with Presbyterian tradition, the hearing of God's word in Scripture and preaching is central to each Sunday service of worship at First Presbyterian Church.

For those who were unable to be with us, and for those who want to reflect further on a sermon or save it, you will find below the online text of the most recent sermons. Simply click "Audio Sermon."

For a PDF of the Sunday worship bulletin, click on the service time.

**Sunday
March 4, 2018**

"Come and See"
Rev. Tara Bulger

[8:30/10:30 a.m.](#)

Audio Sermon

**Sunday
February 25, 2018**

"Crossing Over"
Rev. Rosemary McMahan

[8:30/10:30 a.m.](#)

Audio Sermon

**Sunday
February 18, 2018**

"Give It Up"
Rev. Rosemary McMahan

[8:30/10:30 a.m.](#)

Audio Sermon

**Sunday
February 11, 2018**

"Carpe Diem"
Rev. James Roberts

[8:30/10:30 a.m.](#)

Sermon Not Available

Music at FPC

THE MUSIC MINISTRY *of*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 11:

- **Our church has been invited** to participate in Festival Corale Internazionale Di Roma in Italy with Z. Randall Stroope June 20th-29th, 2019. If you would like to be part of this memorable experience, contact Dr. Hacker for more details. Brochures with all the trip information are located in the entrance of the church.
- **We would like to thank** David Jones for playing this morning and Sherry Smith for sharing her music with us.
- **If you would like to join the Chancel Choir**, please join us on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. We would love to have you.
- **Handbell rehearsals** are Sunday at 11:30 a.m. after the 10:30 service.

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music
256-536-3354, ext. 126
music@fpchsv.org

Children and Youth Ministries

Announcements



Schedule

- Nursery provided from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.



March

3/11 - PYC @ 11:30-2pm
Burgers and Bowling

Where: Five Guys on Memorial Parkway + AMF Lanes

- Children's Church -
10:30 a.m.

When: 11:30 for lunch + 1pm
bowling
Who: The whole family!!

Let's welcome Hannon Bulger
and her family to the Youth
group!

3/18 - PYC @ 5-7pm
St. Patrick's Day Festivities

3/25 - NO PYC
Palm Sunday

Louise McCallion,
Director of Youth Ministry
256-536-3354, ext. 131
youth@fpchsv.org

Upcoming Events

[View our Church Calendar Online](#)

Flower Dedications for Sunday

Flower Dedications for 2018

Flower Dedications are given to the Glory of God in memory of loved ones or in honor of special a special occasion such as a birthday, wedding, or anniversary.

A donation of \$50 will sponsor a flower arrangement by the Flower Guild.

Flower Dedication cards/envelopes are located at the back of the sanctuary, or at the bulletin boards, or can be picked up at the church office.

Upcoming available Sunday dates:

March 18, 25; April 8, 29;

May 13, 20; June 10, 17, 24

Prayer Requests

We are here to pray for you . . .

Members: Anne Boles, Charlie Bonner, Emily Butler, Reese Butler, Marlyn Harris, David Hatch, J. R. Howard, Kara Howard, Billie Jones, Cay Lambert, Sage Lyons III, Harper Grace Niedermeyer, Sanders Pair, Dolly Shuey, and Ed Walker.

Friends & Relatives: Sheriff Blake Dorning - Friend of Houston Matthews; Patricia Dunkin - Friend of Beverly Wills; Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway; Calhecia Francis - Sister of Eliza Francis; Jimmy Ford - Son of Jean Forbes; Susan Gillespie - Friend of FPC; Donna Hester - Sister-in-law of Anne Peters; Tina and James Hester - Parents of Anne Peters; Lydia Kimbrel, daughter of Craig and Ashley Kimbrel - Friends of Nan McBride; Frances Kysler - Friend of Patricia Hacker; Lori Lee - Friend of Beverly Wills; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Markes Little - Brother of Peggy Galloway; Kevin McCarley - Brother of Roy McCorkle; Beth Lee McCormick - Friend of the Fowler Family; Glenn Myers - Friend of Beverly Wills; Diana Rose - Mother of Serena Neely; Scott Sedlitz - Stepson of Annewhite Fuller; Fred Stucky, Jr. - Father of Fred Stucky; Billy Wallace - Brother of Beverly Wills.

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care: Elissa Green (Brookdale Hampton Cove); Jeanette Hollis (Harbor Chase); Pat Ivy (Redstone Village); Darwin Perkins (Brookdale Place); Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs); Marge Sharp (Birmingham).

The Church: Rev. Tara Bulger, and her family; First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff. NAP seminary students Devon Reynolds (New Market) and Sara Jane Bush Nixon (First, Athens).

Military & International: All those serving in the armed forces.

Our Nation: President Trump and our representatives.

First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries: Appalachia Service Project (ASP); Good Samaritans; International Missionary Fellowship (HaitiHospital.org); The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children; Second Mile Preschool; Kids to Love; and the CUP program.

Other Prayers: Let us remember all those who have suffered and continue to suffer from natural disasters, our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and other benevolent agencies.

First Presbyterian Church Staff & Leadership

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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THE SESSION

Class of 2018: Vicky Goodwin (Care); Marshall Schreeder, Jr. (Sustain); Danny Bryant (Gather); David Galloway (Maintain); Bob McKemie (Worship); Karen Madison (Share); Woodward Howard (Grow).

Class of 2019: Mary Adams (Care); Steve Cornelius (Sustain); Sheila Fogle (Gather); Brian Clayton (Maintain); Leslie Ecklund (Worship); Charles Bozeman (Share); Leigh Brown (Grow).

Moderator:

Rev. Tara W. Bulger, Senior Pastor

Clerk of Session:

Leigh Brown

Moving Clerk:

Amy Stucky

To view Current session minutes, click [HERE](#).

DIACONATE (DEACONS)

Class of 2018: Ryan Parker (Sustain); Sue Garrison (Worship); Joe Lundy (Gather); Annewhite Fuller (Care); Andrew Bevel (Share); Jesse Guthrie (Maintain); Ben Peters (Grow).

Class of 2019: Rick Rawls (Sustain); Anne Brigance (Worship); Bryce Connor (Gather); Jane McBride (Care); Nancy Lundy (Share); Joe Sparks (Maintain); Stephanie Hyatt (Grow).

TRUSTEES

Class of 2017: Bill Johnson and Jay Stowe

Class of 2019: Bill Lummus and Jim Daughtry

Class of 2020: Andy Watson and Sara Graves

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