



THE GOOD NEWS

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Worship with us this Sunday!

"A Christian Community of Faith"

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages
 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Worship

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A Message From the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family of FPCC,

You may have thought summer was a time for the church to slow down and (to be quite honest) have boring or traditional worship services. Well, not this summer.

*July is a month full of special worship services. **July 2nd** will be our communion service by intinction. If you have been itching to sing those old time hymns come on **July 9th** for a traditional "hymn sing" and sing hymns like "Wildwood" and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."*



*You don't want miss **July 16**, in which our very own **Lily Selvaggi** will be giving the message. The next Sunday, **July 23rd**, we will have a special service that revolves around "living waters," the theme this year for SCAMP (Summer Creative Arts and Music Program) which will take place the week of July 17 -21. Finally, **Joanna Kim**, who is Director of Cross Cultural Mission and Ministry at Grace Presbytery, will be our guest preacher on **July 30th**, which will follow our inter-generational Sunday School that morning at 9:45 a.m.*

Whew! What an exciting month in the life of our little church! You don't want to miss any of these services! We look forward to times of fellowship and worshipping together during this life giving and active month of July.

Grace and peace be with you all,

Rev. Krista Rasco



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Just what is a Presbyterian woman? Some (though not all) people across the country have views about Presbyterian women that may be a little stereotypical. That is the reason for a series of posters that were designed to get people to think a little deeper and help redirect those views toward the reality of the many things that Presbyterian women actually do.

For instance, at FPC, the Presbyterian Women's Circle is known for helping with meals. SCAMP, our Summer Creative Art and Music Program, will start its third run later this month. The idea for the very popular camp was initiated by the Christian Education Committee. But it takes a lot of people, men and women, from our



church and from the community, to bring this program the success it has enjoyed.

All women of FPC are Presbyterian Women by definition and, whether or not they are regulars at the PW Circle, they help out in a variety of ways.

One way is with the meals that SCAMP provides for campers and workers. And, yes, FPC's Presbyterian Women are helping greatly in that endeavor.

But Presbyterian Women, here and across the country, do so much more than help with food. As the two posters shown here (which are meant to go together) demonstrate so well, there are missions and causes that Presbyterian Women stand up for and support, locally and abroad, with their time and resources.

A recent mission effort of the PW Circle, but which was supported by the entire church was Sole Hope, which sends locally made shoe parts to fabricators who will send completed shoes to those who need them in Africa.

And that's just the "tip of the iceberg." So the next time you hear an incomplete description of what Presbyterian Women are, don't hesitate to toot the horn of Presbyterian Women everywhere.



**Presbyterian Women?
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Yes, Presbyterian Women have been known to offer hospitality in their congregations. They also boldly work for peace and justice, giving voice to the oppressed and standing up for the marginalized.

**Think you know Presbyterian Women?
Think again and prepare to be amazed!**

Visit us at www.presbyterianwomen.org

Thank You

FPC's **Isabel Davis** issued a "Thank you" to everyone who was able to attend the Commerce Food Pantry's orientation and training on June 25.

"We had a good group and had lots of good input and ideas," she said.

If you are a volunteer or want to volunteer to help the food pantry and you were not able to attend, please check in with Isabel or **Angela Roberts** so that you get a packet of information and make arrangements for the required Civil Rights training.

Currently, the food pantry is using **SignUpGenius**, an on-line tool, to schedule volunteers. If you would like to volunteer and feel uncomfortable going on line, you can contact Isabel or Angela and they will help put you to work with a schedule that meets your needs.

For the month of July, three volunteers will be used to sign in neighbors who need food assistance. In addition, each week two people are needed to put the food in sacks, along with one to help take these bags to vehicles as needed.

"We also use one person who acts as pantry manager for the day," Isabel explained. "That means that they oversee the "free" table, bread distribution, produce distribution, and tally the days service as well as make the Brookshire's food order the following week. It takes about 20-30 minutes after we close at 4 p.m. to put things away and lock up the building. It is most helpful when volunteers can stay after 4 to help. To run smoothly, 6 volunteers are needed each Thursday."

Other opportunities include stocking the pantry on Wednesday morning at 8:15 a.m., periodically picking up produce from Cooper or Wolfe City on Thursday morning, and helping to receive shipments to the pantry from the North Texas Food Bank on the first, third, and fifth, Wednesdays.

Support the Commerce Food Pantry at City's July 4 Celebration

The Food Pantry will have a table and will be accepting donations of food and money at the 4th of July celebration this Saturday from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. If it hasn't been filled yet, there may be a need for help to (1) set up at 5:30 , (2) man the table for an hour, (3) help pack up the donations of food and deliver them to the food pantry, or (4) take down the table and canopy. If you can help with one of these things, call Isabel Davis at 903-886-2711.

And don't forget to drop off a food donation as you celebrate our country and its freedoms.



Don't Forget Food Pantry Items

The Commerce Food Pantry serves between 30-45 different families in need each week—over 150 families each month. As a new member of the North Texas Food Bank, the Commerce Food Pantry has greatly expanded its ability to serve food to those in need. Donations, however, remain an important source of its ability to help people. Remember to help out the food pantry with a donation of food each Sunday.

1st Sunday—Peanut butter

2nd Sunday—Bag of pinto beans and/or rice

3rd Sunday—Can of chili or beef stew

4th Sunday—Cans of tuna, spam, chicken

5th Sunday—Cans of fruit: peaches, fruit cocktail

The Good News for mid-July is scheduled to be published on Friday, July 14. . If you have news, pictures, or a story to share, the deadline is Wednesday, July 12.

July 2017 Worship Services

July 2

Communion by Intinction

July 9

Traditional Hymn Sing Service

July 16

Message given by Lily Selvaggi

July 23

"Living Waters" themed service

July 30

**Joanna Kim to preach after
Inter-Generational Sunday School**

Thoughts about Mission: Helping Older Adults

Michele Hendrix, 65, has experienced almost dying while still relatively young. She thinks it has given her insight in her job as president of the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN).

She recently spoke at the seventh *International Conference on Aging and Spirituality* at Chicago's Concordia University. A *Presbyterian News Service* story about her says she "argues passionately for the church to come up with a compassionate response to challenges facing aging populations, their families and society."

"I talked about how older adults are going through so many losses," Hendrix said in the article, "Including the loss of their church. When they can no longer walk inside its walls, they feel disposable

The article points out that by 2030, this country's "estimated 72.8 million adults — 20 percent of U.S. residents — will be 65 or older," an age group that most PC(USA) members fall into.

For the complete story, click [here](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/older-adult-ministry-leader-shares-insights-spirituality-ageing-conference/). Or go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/older-adult-ministry-leader-shares-insights-spirituality-ageing-conference/>

July Worship Leaders

July 2

Host Elder: Brenda Estes
Head Usher: Petra Strassbert
Candle Lighter: TBD
Liturgist: Walt Davis
Elements: Martha Clevenger

July 9

Head Usher: Jordan Conner
Candle Lighter: TBD
Liturgist: Toni Deaton

July 16

Head Usher: Monty Howard
Candle Lighter: TBD
Liturgist: Susan Reeves

July 23

Head Usher: Bob Johnson
Candle Lighter: TBD
Liturgist: Neal Stewart

July 30

Head Usher: Russ Garmon
Candle Lighter: TBD
Liturgist: Barbara Tucker

Upcoming Bible Readings

**Sunday (July 2) Is the
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
And Communion Sunday**

Epistle: Romans 6:12-14 *Dying and Rising with
Christ / Slaves of Righteousness*

Psalter: Psalm 13 *Prayer for Deliverance from
Enemies*

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42 *Rewards*

Old Testament (and sermon focus): Genesis 22:1-14
The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

**Sunday (July 9) Is the
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
And Hymn Sing Sunday**

Old Testament: Isaiah 51:1-8 *Blessings in Store
for God's People*

Psalter: Psalm 90:1-17 *God's Eternity and
Human Frailty*

Gospel: John 1:1-18 *The Word Became Flesh*

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17 *The New Life
in Christ*

Hymn of the Month

Page 476 — *Crashing Waters at Creation*



Have a Safe and Happy



July Calendar

Worship Schedule

2 Communion Sunday

Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Sermon focus on Genesis 22:1-14

9 Hymn Sing Sunday

Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

16 Laity Sunday

Leading worship: Lily Selvaggi

Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Sermon focus to be determined

23 Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Sermon focus on John 7:37-39

30 Guest preacher Joanna Kim

Intergenerational Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Sermon focus to be determined

Other July events

2 Sunday morning before worship—

Children's Music

4 Tuesday, Church office closed for the July Fourth Holiday

5 Wednesday, 6 a.m.—Session meeting

22 Thursday, 5 p.m.—Food pantry board meeting

29 Saturday, 8:30 a.m.—Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team meeting

Note: Teach the Preacher is held during the time of adult Sunday School in July, except for July 9. Participants will be led by Rev. Rasco in candid conversation about upcoming scripture readings and other insights into the worship experience.

WANTED

The church is in need of a fireproof, waterproof cabinet. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Rev. Rasco.

Send Us Your Summer Pictures

Got a picture that evokes the summer? A vacation picture or visitors who came to see you? If it is sharp and well composed, you could see it in The Good News!



In Our Prayers at First Presbyterian

Our Troops	Gordon Hunter	Bruce Campbell
Sara Grace Pullen	Melba Blount	Amy Lopez
Billy Marshall	Joe Yeakley	Grace Byrd
Gayle Shumate	Gladys Gray	Pat Skauge
Mildred Miller	Gaye Furry	Preston Helton
Loretta Kibler		Donald R. Smith
Catherine King Robertson		Bennie Neve
Ron Davis	Janice Sigur	Aaron Senne
Jan Burns	Kristen Rueb	Walt Davis
Jordan Moore	JerryAnn Harris	Kathryn Miller
Joyce McCord	Deryl McKenzie	Janice Hale
Dub Holcomb		The family of Bob Lube

If you have anyone you would like to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

First Presbyterian Church

Staff, Session, and Committees

Staff

Pastor Rev. Krista Rasco
 Clerk of Session Wally Tucker
 Music Director Kim Nolen Wheelock
 Pianist David Vergara
 Nursery Attendant Carolyn McFarland
 Secretary Roger McKenzie

Session Members

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Walter Davis	Martha Clevenger	Brenda Estes
Helon Razniak	Jordan Conner	Tina Fletcher
Petra Strassberg	Wally Tucker	Russ Garmon
	Bettina Zvanut	

Session Committees

Worship:

Chair Martha Clevenger
 Co-Chair Helon Razniak

Christian Education:

Chair Walt Davis
 Co-Chair Bettina Zvanut

Membership and Pastoral Care:

Chair Brenda Estes
 Co-Chair Tina Fletcher Selvaggi

Mission/Evangelism:

Chair Bettina Zvanut
 Co-Chair Petra Strassberg

Buildings and Grounds:

Chair Russ Garmon

Stewardship and Finance:

Chair Jordan Conner

Personnel:

Chair Wally Tucker

Note: Some committees do not have co-chairs.

July Dates to Remember

Happy Birthday to:

1 - Kent Norwood
 4 - Jennifer Duncan Pierce
 6 - Katy Miller Whitaker
 11 - Lindsey Priest
 15 - Kerri Norwood Costa
 20 - Jeff Towne
 22 - Kylie Towne
 28 - Katherine Harrington
 29 - Dean Calvert
 31 - Jimmy Rhodes

Happy Anniversary to:

3 - Jody and Joe McIntier
 3 - Sharon & Walter Sanders
 19 - Kay & Ron Davis
 24 - Tina & Rick Selvaggi
 28 - Janet & Danny Duncan

If we forgot you or got a date wrong, contact the church secretary.