

Weekly Worship

**Sunday,
 The Lord's Day**
 9:00

Worship Service Outside
 on the Church Lawn and
 Facebook Live

11:00 Facebook Video
 Available

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Sept. 1
 6:00 *GriefShare*

Tuesday, Sept. 8
 6:00 *GriefShare*

Tuesday, Sept. 15
 6:00 *GriefShare*

Monday, Sept. 21
 1:00 *Prayers & Squares*
 3:00 *Visitation Ministry*
 6:00 *Session Meeting*

Tuesday, Sept. 22
 6:00 *GriefShare*

Tuesday, Sept. 29
 6:00 *GriefShare*

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Meet Our New Members

We are a family, and our family is growing. These are our new members that joined August 2, 2020. Take a moment to recognize them and learn about them. They were each asked the same questions and their responses are unique.

What most excites you about what God is doing at FPC?

What's your favorite ice cream?

What do you like to do for fun?

Who's your hero?

What's your favorite scripture and why?



Kristi Gallant and Roy Smith—*Kristi* is excited about the music here at First Presbyterian. Her favorite ice cream is maple walnut. For fun she likes gardening and RVing camping. Her hero is her mother. Favorite scripture is Matthew 6:33-34 — “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Roy enjoys the worship and getting involved with the community. His favorite ice cream is Dutch chocolate. He enjoys wood working, hunting, and RVing camping. His hero is his father. Roy does not have a favorite scripture.

Linda and Charles Heubach—*Linda* is excited about the warm and friendly congregation that has made her feel welcome and cared for, especially when she recently lost her mother. During this time of social distancing, the church has continued to offer worship and outreach, even though it is in different ways. The Bible teaching in the sermons from Pastor Timothy each week is a blessing. Linda doesn't eat ice cream, but sometimes enjoys a sugar free root beer with cream. For fun she enjoys camping at Hunting State Park in their Aliner, walking on the beach and golf cart rides with her grandchildren. She enjoys seeing the sunset and is learning watercolor painting. Her hero is Jesus. Linda's favorite scripture is 1 Peter 3:15 because it reminds us to be prepared to share our hope in a gentle and respectful way. “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”



Charles feels as a new member, that he is still attempting to discern FPC's role in God's Kingdom. He loves that it is a Bible believing church. Clearly, the people of the church are happy and grateful to know Jesus and it is evident by their welcoming nature. Charles doesn't eat ice cream, but when he did, his favorite was vanilla. He likes to draw and make art. He does digital paintings and makes shirts, wooden plaques, coasters, greeting cards, towels, and things like that. He doesn't have any living heroes, his parents are his hero and of course, Jesus Christ...

who is the most amazing man that ever lived. His favorite scripture is Zephaniah 3:17 “The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.” It was his honor to lead a Cursillo weekend. (Similar to Presbyterian Pilgrimage of South Carolina, to which he belongs). The Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. He chose Zephaniah 3:16 as the weekend’s primary verse because it sums up his understanding of who God is.



Eve Hinman—What excites Eve about FPC is that she has very quickly joined the Worship Team! She has been a visitor with the team a few times, and has also sung in the choir. She is looking forward to learning about the other outreach ministries. Her long-time friendship and musical affiliation with Sarah and David Brown, and their love of our church family, is what drew her here. Her favorite ice-cream flavor is butter pecan. She has a number of heroes: her husband, Steve, her Dad, and her older brother, Robert... and heroines!: her mother, sister, daughter, and prayer-warrior cousins. All are women of great faith, resilience, and perseverance through challenges! She is most comforted by the words of Jesus... “Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” Matt. 11:28; and, “Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me.” John 14:1. Psalms 23 and 91 are also favorites, especially in time of stress or anxiety. She stood on Psalm 91:2 as she faced major surgery seven years ago and has been cancer-free ever since!

Ed, Deidre, Abby and Sam Stehmeyer—*Ed* admires the focus on the 4 Core Values. The one that he feels most strongly about is “Raising the Next Generation for God”. His favorite ice cream is strawberry. He enjoys fishing, drag racing his 1978 Chevy Malibu, and collecting/building Legos. His heroes were his grandfathers, Edward Henry Stehmeyer, Sr., and George Anderson. His favorite scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” This verse keeps all facets of life in perspective for him and provides Ed with a solid foundation off which to build.

Deidre is excited about children’s ministries and the outreach programs, especially the quilts. It can mean so much to a person who is going through a hard time to have a tangible reminder of God’s love and the prayers that others have covered them with. She doesn’t have a favorite ice cream—she enjoys all of them!! Doesn’t have a flavor she didn’t like. She enjoys crafts of all kinds, knitting, reading, and running. It may sound cliché, but her husband is her hero. He’s an amazing, selfless leader and provider for our family. Favorite scripture is Matthew 6:34 “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own..” Deidre says “I’m a worrier to a fault. This verse reminds me to stay in the moment without focusing on the “what-if” that may come tomorrow.”



Abby likes that there are a lot of kids’ activities at FPC and her favorite ice cream is vanilla. She likes to draw and hang out with her friends. Her favorite hero is Katherine Johnson, a former mathematician for NASA. Her favorite verse is Genesis 1:1 because it is the very first verse she ever memorized.

Sam loves the music! It’s the best band I ever heard my whole life! His favorite ice cream is also vanilla. He likes to spend time with his friends and family. He doesn’t have a hero. Sam’s favorite verse is Mark 4:39 “He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.” It’s my favorite because no one on earth can make everything be still except for Jesus!

Preston, Jane, Gunnar and Sayler Ussery—*Preston* is excited about the persistence that has been shown throughout this difficult time of the Covid-19 virus. Regardless of restrictions on gathering, FPC has made a way to show God’s presence through various and creative ways, without giving up continued worship and togetherness. His favorite ice cream is salted caramel. For fun, Preston enjoys home projects, being outdoors, sports, running, and fishing with his family. His hero is “Granny Coree,” (his maternal grandmother).



Preston says that Granny Coree’s love of Christ was evident from an early age in his life. He has fond memories of her reading the Bible daily and always praying for blessings as well as heartaches. He feels that because of Granny Coree’s influence in his life, that he drew closer to God and found a deeper understanding for God’s love for us. She always reminded Preston that idle hands were the devil’s work, so if she found moments where she was not busy, she read the Bible. She admitted before she died, that during her lifetime, she had read the Bible 82 times from beginning to end. Preston’s favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things in him who

strengthens me.” This is his favorite because by trusting in the Lord, Preston knows that God will always provide the strength he needs to endure any circumstance.

Jane is excited at FPC about the outpouring of love, feeling of sincere care, and interest in them that others have shown their family. Since finding FPC was literally a “Goggle search,” it proves that God had a plan all along for them to be at FPC. By contrary belief, it was not because a fellow Tennessean is the pastor, however, that made them even more excited! Her favorite ice cream is homemade vanilla. For fun, Jane enjoys running, cooking, gardening, being outdoors, and anything that involves family time. Her hero is Jesus. “His sincerity, love, kindness, and patience are immeasurable in my life. Jesus has taught me to love without limitations, even when I have not always felt that in return from others. Jesus has been my father when I have needed guidance and leadership. He has also found me at times in my life when I could not find my way back to Him.” Her favorite verse is one that was shared between her late brother and herself. She always reverts to this verse during times of happiness and sadness. “But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31) This verse has played many significant roles in her life in times of weakness and in times of strength. Knowing that God is always going to love us through our flaws and imperfections reassures her that she has a meaning and a purpose.

Gunnar is most excited to see that at FPC, God is bringing people together as a family. His favorite ice cream is Peanut Butter Cup. For fun, Gunnar loves to fish, hunt, and play baseball. His mom, Jane, is his hero. Gunnar says he chose his mom because she has guided him through decisions, tough and easy, through good times and bad. Gunnar’s favorite scripture is also Isaiah 40:31, “But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” This is Gunnar’s favorite because God has always been with him through every moment of his life and knowing this has helped him to stay strong through life’s journey. Gunnar is proud to become a part of the FPC family!

Sayler is excited about what God is doing at FPC by giving Pastor Timothy the ability to teach the Bible in a way that she can understand. Sayler says that Pastor Timothy helps make the lessons easier for her to use in her life. Her favorite ice cream is Mint Chocolate Chip. For fun, Sayler likes to play with her Barbies, baby dolls, swim, and be outdoors. She also has a Maine Coon cat named Willow that she loves dearly! Sayler’s hero is her Daddy. She says she chose him because he makes her feel happy, loved, and cared for. His respect and kindness for others is important to her. Sayler’s favorite scripture is Psalms 56:3, “When I am afraid, I will trust in you.” This is her favorite because Sayler knows that she can trust God because he proves this over and over.

Fellowship Sunday, August 2, on the Church Lawn

This was an exciting day for our church. With Covid-19, social distancing, and having services outside on the church lawn, it was a special day for us. We had eight confirmands that joined the church: Jacob Buitenhuis, Bryn Hoffer, Andrew Mims, Lydia Murchison, Addie Rucker, Will Rucker, Davis Hampton, and Weathers Hampton. New members joined our family: Kristin Gallant and Roy Smith; Linda and Charles Heubach; Eve Hinman; Deidre, Ed, Abby, and Sam Stehmeyer; Preston, Jane, Saylor, and Gunnar Ussery; and Margaret “Peggy” Williams. We had two baptisms: Bryn Hoffer and Saylor Ussery.

We shared in the sacrament of communion and had “dinner on the grounds” with a bagged lunch. It was a day like none we have ever experienced at FPC. Even with the Covid-19 pandemic, God’s church is alive and well—and growing!!



Confirmants and Our New Members



Bryn Hoffer (left) and Saylor Ussery (right) receiving the Sacrament of Baptism

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PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP

Middle School and High School Youth

It's not all about me!

The youth know they are a part of this community and they are pitching in. In July they helped repaint the handrails around the exterior of the church.

But they didn't just stop there, they've helped with the yard work too! They've pulled weeds, and even learned how to mix and pour concrete. No more pothole!



Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, August 17 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer and devotion led by Pastor Timothy
 - Was tasked with each elder with conducting a “Pain Point Survey” to determine broad needs in our community
 - Approved the minutes from the July Session meeting
 - Discussed feedback of our outdoor worship services
 - Agreed to begin surveying Sunday school classes about the possibilities of indoor, in-person worship
 - Received update from Building and Grounds: Restoration Project coming along nicely:
 - o New floor and paint in the Fellowship Hall complete
 - o New Windows, paint, and handrails in the Sanctuary complete
 - o New carpet in the Sanctuary estimated to be finished by the middle of September
 - Received report from the Pastor on Doctor of Ministry work and new coaching relationship
 - Closed with pastoral prayer for the needs of church and community
- Our next Session meeting will be at 6pm on Monday, September 21



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- 2 Wanda Wood
- 3 Preston Bell
- 4 Elaine Hewitt
Doris Partlow
Ben Tipton
Eleanor Wilson
- 5 Gene Williams
Evelyn Baruch
Don Brown
- 7 Jacob Carter
- 8 Lillian Brock
- 9 Cooper Propst
- 10 Kenzie Knight
- 11 Clair Orvin
- 12 Cullen Worten
- 13 Rebecca Cribb
- 14 Lisa Britt
- 15 Abby Stehmeyer
- 16 Merritt Batkins
Ken Coffey
Hayden Carner
- 18 Morgan Hood
Taylor Hood
- 19 Pam Coffey
Ruth Lusk
- 20 Jane Hulst
Evan Hulst
Dave Soderberg
Johnny Wood
- 22 Becca Morris
Cathy Ollic
- 24 Nancy Potts
- 25 Craig Mims
- 26 Gray Livingston
- 27 Peggy Williams
- 28 Rick Ollic
- 29 David Bash

We extend Christian Sympathy to Cyndy Britt and her family. Cyndy’s sister, Pamela (Pam) Watson, passed away on Monday, August 17.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Fran Johnson and her family. Fran’s father, William Phipps, passed away on Wednesday, August 19.

*Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,
Thank you for the memorial you sent to Trinity Lutheran Church of Elloree in memory of my mother, Sara Ann Fogle. My family and I appreciate your thoughtfulness during this sad time.
Love, Clisha and Jeff Weathers and family*

*Dear First Presbyterian Church Helping Hands,
Thank you for the gift card (Chick-Fil-A) you sent our family when mama died. It was put to good use and our family enjoyed the meals. We appreciate your thoughtfulness during this sad time.
Love, Clisha and Jeff Weathers and the boys.*

Commitment Report	Budget for 2020	\$450,820.00
	<u>August 23, 2020</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 6,627.32	\$248,450.67
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,669.61	\$294,766.74

Offering – Please continue your generous response to God’s grace by giving financially even though we are not meeting in person. You can **mail** in your tithe or offering to the church office or call Sally at the church and arrange for a time to give it to her. This is a great time to explore our **online giving options**. Go to First Presbyterian’s website by visiting the Giving page at firstpcmonckscorner.org/giving/ or you can log in directly to Breeze at firstpresbymc.breezechms.com. Create an account or sign in.

September 2020 First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 9:30—12:00 Home School Coop. 11:30 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 GriefShare</p>	<p>2 11:00 Prayer Ministry</p>	3	4	5
<p>6 9:00 Worship Service Outside on the Church Lawn and Live Stream</p>	<p>7 <i>Labor Day</i></p>	<p>8 9:30—12:00 Home School Coop. 11:30 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 GriefShare</p>	<p>9 11:00 Prayer Ministry</p>	10	11	12
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The Story: Cultivate

Sermon Study
“A Deep-Dive into Genesis”

Genesis

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IN to one another, and OUT to the world!**