

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 10:30 am

In the sanctuary and live-streaming on YouTube through our website: fpcpasadena.org
Nursery provided

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Dear Friends,

Do you know the name Kate Bowler? She is a Canadian-born church historian who teaches at Duke Divinity School. She recently wrote, "Love is more than happiness. It's a sense of belonging."

When I think about our congregation, one of our strongest characteristics is the care we show for one another. This love, which fosters a sense of belonging, is beautiful to watch. I see it in interactions among you. I see it in the genuine warmth with which newcomers are welcomed. I see it in the compassion shown people who come by seeking assistance. I see it in our involvement in missions both locally and in far-flung places around the globe.

In our day and time, such love is particularly exceptional -- and important. Across the board and in so many different venues, connections are ragged. Neighbors don't know each other. Drivers are aggressive. Social media posts bring vitriolic responses. I don't know if there is a simple increase in suspicion among people or if our generalized disconnect is attributable to a failure to recognize that we are all in this life together, but people -- without a doubt -- are quicker to take offense, slower to give the benefit of the doubt, and less inclined even to speak a friendly word to someone they do not know. Some people draw a line from these realities to the break down in trust of institutions.

Into this space, the church has a genuine opportunity to speak up and show a different way of interacting. This is our Christian calling, and it is something First Presbyterian does well. In this tumultuous time in our country's history, let's continue to be counter cultural. Let's continue to show love for one another -- both within and beyond the church -- and foster a sense of belonging, for we all belong to God. Thanks be to God!

Grace and peace,



The Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor

FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH IN JULY

Come join us for our July 7th First Sunday Lunch celebrating our country's independence. On the menu: hot dogs and fixings, watermelon, and lemonade. Marilyn will lead us in a sing-a-long, as well. We hope to see you there!!!

FPC OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2024

Brett Coe
Donna Gilchrest
Bonnie Keith
Tom Swan

Class of 2025

James Jackson
Roy Kreitz
Pat McPhail
Laura Phipps

Class of 2026

Sarah Brown
Betsy Marlow
Jason Reed
Barry Webb

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Class of 2024

Donna Coe
Rhonda Haskins
Elois Murray
James Taylor

Class of 2025

Imelda Carrillo
Cappy Phipps
Liz Reed
Karen Schimnowski

Class of 2026

Samantha Cayton
David Kirkpatrick
Claudia Kreitz
Dolores Thacker

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Clerk's Corner

Submitted by Bonnie Keith, Clerk of Session

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, Texas, met Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:45 p.m.

Here are the highlights.

- The current membership is 197.
- Roy reported that we have a year-to-date net loss of \$8300. The quarterly insurance premium of \$9071.50 has been paid. We will have to be careful with spending for the rest of the year. The Stewardship Ministry is exploring ways to optimize the resources of the church.
- The Office Administrator position is open, and the Personnel Ministry is working to fill it.
- The Cinco de Mayo themed First Sunday Lunch was a lot of fun and the food was delicious.
- There will be the usual First Sunday Lunch on June 2. On July 7 there will be a Fourth of July celebration with hot dogs, potato chips, and watermelon. In August there will be no First Sunday lunch.
- Dr. Fair and the musicians were commended for the meaningful Pentecost service.
- The Summer Family Study will be held June 3- 5. There are special plans for the children.
- The Mission and Outreach Ministry was commended for the success of a Taco and Prayer.
- Barry Webb has been elected to serve on the Mo-Ranch Men's Conference Council representing the Presbytery of New Covenant.
- The video series on Judaism was a success with close to 40 participants.
- The ECP graduation was well done and enjoyable. Carrie Reed runs a program that is well rounded and provides a strong foundation for the young students.
- The next stated session meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2024.

The **Chain Stitches** latest sewing project is **Bibs, Burps, Blankets, & More**. Patterns and leadership by Donna Gilchrest. The Chain Stitches meets most Thursdays from noon-3 in the Fellowship Hall, or 6-9 pm in Room #9. **Come** and work on the current project or bring a project of your own. **Stay** for the fellowship and fun!



Pasadena Community Ministries is always in need of food. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mail or drop in the secure box at church a check made out to First Presbyterian Church with the designation PCM. You may also donate at fpcpasadena.org under **Donate**, Please follow up with an email to kimberly@fpcpasadena.org so she can direct the donation to PCM.

Congratulations go to Pat McPhail, who was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women at the Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Luncheon on May 14. Pat has served on the PW Board for many years and is currently a co-treasurer. She is serving as elder on the Caring and Fellowship Ministry and contributes to the Discipleship Ministry and the Worship and Music Ministry. She has also served as a deacon. Pat is also a faithful choir member. She loves the Astros, is a loving grandmother, a prayer warrior, and a precious “rock of faith” for her family members.



Pat McPhail and Rhonda Haskins.



Presbyterian Women meets next on August 13th at 6:30 pm for a joint meeting. PW does not meet in June or July.

**FPC 85TH ANNIVERSARY
SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2025
Remembering—Reflecting—Rejoicing!**

Over the next 1.5 years the 85th committee will be looking for ‘inventive’ ways to bring in ideas, people, and money to plan an event to celebrate our 85 years!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

Starting July 7 — there will be an 85th Anniversary table in the narthex. On display will be a variety of items to purchase with all proceeds going to the 85th fund.

The next 85th planning meeting is June 19, 6 pm in Room #10. For more information—Contact Natica (chair) at 713-933-9082, or Ruth (co-chair) at 713-515-9248. Hope to see you there!

New Office Administrator at FPC !

Betty Rodriguez joins the office staff starting Monday, June 10, as an Office Administrator. She will work closely with Barbara and Kimberly. Betty comes to us from the Early Childhood Program where she has worked for the past two years. Stop by and say hello when you are in the office!

Please include Betty on all email to Barbara using the same email previously used by Holly – office2@fpcpasadena.org.

2 0 2 4 Dates to remember...

Communion Dates	Session Meetings	Deacon’s Meetings	Holiday Schedule
Homebound, as needed. <i>*Third Sunday unless noted</i>	<i>*Third Monday unless noted</i>	<i>*Third Sunday unless noted</i>	Office Closed
January 21	January 15	January 21	January 1—New Year’s Day
February 18	February 12	February 18	February 19—President’s Day
<i>*March 28—Maundy Thursday</i>	March 18	March 17	April 1—Easter Monday
April 21	April 15	April 21	May 27—Memorial Day
May 19	May 20	May 19	July 4—July 4th
June 16	<i>*June 24</i>	June 16	September 2—Labor Day
July 21	No July Meeting	No July Meeting	October 14—Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples Day
August 18	August 19	August 18	November 28—Thanksgiving
September 15	September 16	September 15	December 25—Christmas Floater Day Off
<i>*October 6—World Communion</i>	October 21	October 20	
<i>*November 3—All Saints’</i>	November 18	November 17	
December 24-Christmas Eve	No December Meeting	No December Meeting	

Young at Heart BUS TRIPS

First Presbyterian Church
4647 Preston Ave, Pasadena, TX 77505

All seniors, 55 and older, are invited to join us on these awesome trips!

Please contact Ruth Askine, 713-515-9248, ruthaskine@gmail.com.

Our buses are furnished free, for seniors, by Precinct 2, Harris County.

Register with Ruth and bring a friend!

Friday, June 14—Hemi Hideout, Brookshire

Bus loads at 8:45 am. Departs at 9:00 am. Returns about 4:00 pm.

Located in a great country setting, with a museum-like building, which is also the largest timber structure in Texas. It contains a huge collection of classic cars, tractors, and 60s/70s American memorabilia.

Cost—\$10, plus your lunch at the Café at Brookwood. The Café also contains a Gift and Garden Center for shopping.

We are limited to 26 passengers on the bus, so please register early with Ruth for your trips!

Young @ Heart met on third Thursday, May 16, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall with a robust crowd of 19 people! Elois and I were late due to a dead battery and her rescue driver having NO sense of direction (*like the pigeon in the commercial*). But, it turns out Ruth kept everyone informed with the itinerary for the upcoming YAH trips, while they were waiting! Thank you, Ruth.

Elois opened the meeting with a prayer. Joan read a poem by Ralph Spaulding Cushman, "I Met God in the Morning". We had no door prizes last month; so, we had three this month! Then it was off to a room full of games.

Elois brought birthday Brownies and there was Banana Pudding. Ann W. brought two gallons of Blue Bell ice cream and Glenda a beautiful Peach/Apple pie. We enjoyed pizza from Marco's paid for by an anonymous donor! It was a most enjoyable day. Join us next third Thursday, June 20 at 10:00 am. It's always more fun when YOU are here. Hugs, Joan

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you."

Jeremiah 29:13-14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

June

- 1 Trey Cooper
- 2 Karen Lancer
- 5 Margaret Bardin
- 6 Carrie Reed
- 13 David Dean
- 14 Mark Corder
- 20 Dolores Thacker
- 21 Dave Bray
- 21 Richard Hoofnagle
- 22 Carol Ann McCaleb
- 23 Ron Ollis
- 28 Liz Griswold
- 29 Natica Dickman

July

- 5 Karen Schimnowski
- 6 Amber Pendleton
- 9 Marilyn Wilkins
- 11 Barbara Chitwood
- 11 Bill Welch
- 12 Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair
- 15 Nola Bray
- 18 Darcy McPhail
- 20 Dallas Rice
- 23 Frank Kucera
- 23 Betsy Marlow
- 24 Nell Lewis
- 26 Dan Slaven
- 29 Ronnie Pendleton

August

- 1 Iliana Vela
- 2 Kathryn Berridge
- 2 John Griswold
- 2 Phillip Rice
- 2 Brad Stratton
- 3 Barbara Davis
- 6 Marvin Clark
- 13 Garland DeLoach
- 13 Kathleen McCullough
- 14 Imelda Carrillo
- 16 Shannon English
- 16 Tica Farley
- 21 Steven English

August

- 21 Roy Kreitz
- 27 Ruth Askine
- 27 Joyce Barclay
- 27 Jami Rice



FPC Nursery on Sundays—

FYI... whenever there are children in the nursery, Yulissa Delgado, our Sunday nursery attendant, needs another adult to join her as she cares for our littles during worship. Let Donna Gilchrest know if you are willing and she will let you know when you are needed. Thanks!

Report from the May 18, 2024 Brunch and Book Group gathering...

Our wonderful group had a good discussion about Tom Lake, by Ann Patchett. Since the story focused on Thornton Wilder's play, "Our Town", several of us had read the play or watched the movie/stage version. Many thanks to Diane Moose, who was in charge, and to Mark and Samantha who took part in the "Minute for Members".

Let's keep in our prayers, love, and concerns these two members of our group — Richard Sims, who is currently getting rehab at The Courtyard on Red Bluff Road, and Diane Moose, who is undergoing many tests and consultations with doctors at M. D. Anderson.

Attached should be the schedule for June-August.

Peace and grace, Ruth

BRUNCH and BOOK GROUP

SATURDAY, June 15, 2024

10am-12:00pm

Bring some brunch goodies, and we will enjoy food, fun and fellowship together!

Saturday, June 15 — The Covenant of Water, by Abraham Verghese. Leader—Our Group

“Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, this novel is set in Kerala, on India’s Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction...”

FPC Fellowship Hall (Note: We will take a special time at the end of our book discussion to continue “**A Minute for Members**”. One or two members will give a brief telling of their personal background and history.)

Saturday, July 20 — Ashes to Ashes: A Ludington-van der Berg Mystery, by M. M. Lindvall.

Leader—Our Group

“Bones in the pastor’s cellar. Secrets and sin. The Reverend Seth Ludington tugs at a set of mysterious threads that entangle his predecessors in the Old Stone Church pulpit and touch on his own shadowed past...”

Saturday, August 17 — The Women, by Kristin Hannah. Leader—Our Group

“This novel reveals the powerful contributions and horrific sacrifices of the American military nurses who served in the Vietnam War. The heroine, Frances McGrath, stirs a deep, overdue compassion and tears for every single soldier...”

BOOKS RECOMMENDED by our Book Group members for your reading...

The Madstone, by Elizabeth Crook

Mad Honey, by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan

A Short History of Nearly Everything, by Bill Bryson

SAVE YOUR ‘THESE DAYS MAGAZINES! Please return your gently used ‘These Days’ to the collection area in the narthex. Imelda Carrillo will deliver them to the Pasadena City Jail.

Current Activities at FPC ... *known updates in red*

(see bulletin, newsletter, or fpcpasadena.org for more details)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Worship—Sundays at 10:30 am

Sunday School Classes for ALL—9 am

Yoga—Tuesday & Thursday—Chair Yoga 5-6 pm, FH

Yoga—Tuesday & Thursday—Mat Yoga 6:15-7:15 pm, FH

Brown Bag & Bible—Wednesday @ noon, FH (*will not meet in July*)

Prayer Shawl—Wednesdays 1-3 pm, Room #10

Choir—Wednesdays 7-8 pm

Chain Stitchers (Quilting)—Thursdays 12-3 pm and 6-9 pm, FH

Men's Breakfast at Frank's Grill—Thursdays 7:30 am

Intercessory Prayer—Thursdays 1 pm, Library

Handbells—Sundays 12:15-1:15, Room #11 (*resumes July 28*)

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Sunday Lunch—1st Sunday after worship (*no lunch in August*)

Communion—3rd Sunday

Session Meeting—~~3rd~~ Monday 6:45 pm, FH (*4th Monday, June 24—no July meeting*)

Ministry Meetings—throughout the month

Presbyterian Women—2nd Tuesday 10 am, FH (*resumes August 13*)

Cut-Ups—*Resumes August 5, Monday 1-3 pm, Room #9*

Young @ Heart—3rd Thursday 10-noon, FH

Book Group—3rd Saturday 10-noon, FH

Men's Breakfast—Last Saturday/month 8 am, FH

OCCASIONAL ACTIVITIES

Young at Heart Bus Trip—June 14

Little Free Library



Under the porte cochère is a whimsical flower sculpture garden surrounding a Little Free Library providing book-sharing for the community.



Drop by and browse, take a book, bring a book, or rest on the bench and enjoy a book.



Created by
Gary and Cindy Berridge

The Intercessory Prayer Group invites you to pray for the following members...

Clay, Shelley, Nolan, Olivia Covington; Barbara & Brian Davis; Kashif, Uzma, Imsaal, Mark, David Dean; Garland & Joyce DeLoach; Natica, Al, Mia Dickman, & Trey, Tyler Cooper; Dylan Duggan; Barbara Dunn; Chrissi, Kensi Ellis; Steven, Shannon, Walker, Eliza English; Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair; Jennie Fairfield; Steve & Jeanie Falls; Megan Whitley, John, Thomas, Tica Farley; Joan Gibertini; Donna Gilchrest; Kay Goates; John & Liz Griswold; Kim & John Griswold; Diane Hall; Emily, Reyth, Lily Hall.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...

Health concerns: Karen Lancer; John S. Griswold; Margaret Bardin; Maurice Barclay; Kay Goates; Pat Pesl; Mike & Susan Wallace; Anne Berridge; Brad Stratton; Rex & Mary Knapik; Kay Hutson; Imelda Carrillo; Those who are homebound; People of Ukraine; Baywood Crossing residents and staff.

Those serving with the Military:

Teresa Haltom	Zachary Guillory
Chris Haltom	Matthew Knapik
Brandon Waggett	



Mission Statement

“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”

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