



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church

Valdosta, GA



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First Family News



Fun Work

As I write this article for the March Newsletter, I am finishing up a week of study leave in East Tennessee. What a productive and fun week it has been. I am glad to have checked many tasks off my to-do list. The Worship Calendar for the 2020 liturgical calendar is complete. As a result, biblical texts, hymns, and some general themes are laid out for each Sunday, allowing Dr. Donna Gosnell plenty of time to plan music, and allowing me plenty of time to plan upcoming worship services with energy and creativity. Regarding upcoming services, I am particularly excited about two sermon series that are in the works—a “Nature” series during the Season of Lent, and in the summer, a series entitled, “Questions Jesus Asked.”

Putting together the services for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, the bookends for our Wednesday Welcome Table experience, was also an important part of the work I accomplished. I started planning Holy Humor Sunday, the worship service that the Youth and Children of FPC will help lead the Sunday after Easter. Finally, another item I checked off my list was to read a book about including children in worship. Honestly, the book was disappointing, but it gave me an opportunity to daydream about additional ways to encourage children to participate more fully in worship. Some ideas I am pondering include worship that involves more of our senses, sacred signing and liturgical dance, and the addition of dramas and skits, on occasion.

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As the saying goes, “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” Well, it makes Glenda pretty dull, too. So, I am happy to report that I squeezed in a little fun during my study leave, too. Kinney and I enjoyed dinner with our children and grandchildren, good conversations with friends, and a quick trip to Cherokee Lake. We even visited our old stomping ground—Knoxville—and this in the pouring down snow. Indeed, my study leave was fun and good work, and I am grateful for it.

Grace & Peace,
Dr. Glenda



A Fresh, New Look
You may notice our newsletter has a new look, including a new picture of the church. A huge “Thank-you” to Kelly Williams who donated her time, talent and resources to create it. The original is in the Session Room - in case you wish to see it.

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church is to celebrate God’s grace and to share Christ’s love through worship, study, and service.



Our friends at the Synagogue have chosen Break Bread Together to be the primary benefactor of their Corned Beef Sandwich Sale this year. We will receive several thousand dollars for that program. All they ask of us is that we help with ticket sales and meal preparation. We will let you know when tickets become available. The sandwiches are always incredibly tasty! Sale dates are Friday, Sunday, and Monday, March 20, 22, and 23. Beth has posted sheets on the bulletin board of the Centennial Building with time that volunteers are needed to assist in the preparation of meals. Please check the board and sign up to help.

Thank You for Your Generosity!



Because of your generous support of the Souper Bowl Luncheon, we received \$487.94 to support the hospitality programs of FPC. Thank you!

What a Magical Father Daughter Dance



Jeff and Becky Stewart continue to organize the dance and recruit an endless list of people to pull it all together. Truly, the 24th Annual Father Daughter Dance was a tremendous success. The impact of this dance reaches beyond our imagination, but none of it would be possible without our whole church being part of this community ministry! Thank you!

The Noisy Offering Returns March 8



On the second Sunday in each quarter the Noisy Offering is received by our children and youth. These funds support local programming for our children and youth and provide scholarship money to attend Presbyterian camps and conferences. We certainly appreciate your generous participation in this offering.

memorials, honorariums & gifts to Break Bread Together or FPC

Gifts to Break Bread Together and First Presbyterian Church

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JC & Judy McMullen

Judy Hinton

Frank & Gloria Corker

Susan Sheridan

Byrd Simmons

Julie & Alan Stout

Mark & Sherrida Crawford

Shirley Andrews

Ted & Juanita Sauls

In Memory of Brannen Paulette Sineath

Barbara & Lee Bradley

In Memory of Talley Wisenbaker III

Marcus & Diane Lewis, Kendal Daughtrey &

Haley Lewis



Sunday Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
 Generations of Faith /Ladies Sunday
 School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.

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Noisy Offering March 8th.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 11:00 a.m.  Friends out Front	2 Circle #1 3:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	3	4 Centering Prayer 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Welcome Table 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	5  Coffeehouse Office Hours 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	6  First Friday Contemplative Service 5:30 p.m.	7
8 Worship 11:00 a.m.  Friends out Front	9	10 Circle #2 6:30 p.m. At the home of Barbara Tomlinson	11 Centering Prayer 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Welcome Table 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	12 NO Coffeehouse Office Hours	13	14  Pub Theology 2 p.m. Georgia Beer Co.
15 Worship 11:00 a.m.  Committee Lunch & Meetings	16	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18 Centering Prayer 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Welcome Table 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	19  Coffeehouse Office Hours 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	20	21
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29 Worship 11:00 a.m.	30	31	Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am. Be still and know. Be still. Be. — St. Patrick 			

Notes from the February 16, 2020 Session Meeting

Session approved the following:

- To receive Ebb Dudley as a new member by Transfer of Letter from Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- 2020 Communion dates to include First Sundays of each month, First Fridays of each month, Wednesdays during Lent - Wednesday Welcome Table, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve
- Palm Sunday Celebration and Potluck Lunch/Fellowship after worship on April 5th with a Photo Booth opportunity.
- Confirmation Presentation on Easter Sunday, April 12th.

Other Business:

Sissy Almand reported that after a review of the Active Membership Role, our membership stands at 93.

Upcoming Dates:

Feb 26 Ash Wednesday (Start of Wednesday Welcome Table)
 Mar 6 First Friday Contemplative Service
 Mar 8 Noisy Offering
 Mar 14 Pub Theology
 Mar 15 Committee Lunch & Meetings
 Apr 3 First Friday Contemplative Service
 Apr 5 Palm Sunday Potluck/Picnic
 Apr 9 Maundy Thursday & Tenebrae Service
 (Final Wednesday Welcome Table)
 Apr 11 Pub Theology
 Apr 12 Easter; One Great Hour of Sharing
 Apr 19 Holy Humor Sunday; Next Stated Session Meeting

March birthdays

5 Betty Sanders	18 Marcus Lewis
8 Christal Dudley	20 Kelsey Jepson
11 Laurelee Wilkerson	21 Conner Thomson
16 Sister Elliott	24 Ed Blalock

March anniversaries

8 John & Eva Plowden
16 Kinney & Glenda Hollingshead
29 Mark & Sherrida Crawford



Pub Theology happens the 2nd Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. at Georgia Beer Co. Join us for different brews & different views. Water and soft drinks are available and a food truck is generally on site.



Our Confirmation Class is underway and we are studying Big God Big Questions. Confirmands include Madison Miller, Elise Phelps, and Jaxson Routsong. Please keep them in your prayers as they explore the things of God and prepare to confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.



Daylight Savings Time begins April 8th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

To access **Online Giving** or for more information about **First Presbyterian Church** you may visit our website at www.firstpresvaldosta.org or scan this QR code with your smart phone app.



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