

### Sunday School

9:45 am for Adults in Jim Thomas Hall  
9:45 am Children in the Compass  
Nursery available beginning at 8:15

BrewHaHa! In JTH Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship at 9:30.

Time with Young Disciples Part 2 Kindergarten -5th grade are invited to join Ms. Davis in the Compass after TWYD.

Vacation Bible School June 13-17 from 9am till noon. Monumental Fun is waiting for all kids going into K- Rising 5th Grader! Registration has begun for students & volunteers. Use the link on the eBlast or <http://vbspro.events/p/fpcf>

Graduate Sunday will be May 22nd We will celebrate our graduates with a luncheon at 12:15pm in JTH.

EarthCare Coordinator needed! If you are passionate about the environment then you are perfect for this position. Please call the church office if you're interested. 904-261-3837

Connections Class is beginning a new study by Adam Hamilton - *Christianity and World Religions - Questions We Ask About Other Faiths*. Sundays at 9:45 am in JTH beginning June 19th.

### ► *Join us in praying for...*

#### *Our Church Family*

Ben & Lilly Isaac  
John Bousfield  
Mary Long  
Gary Marmentello  
Sherril Gilbert-Stewart  
Bobby Mayne  
Gloria & Nelson Hamilton  
Mim Walker  
Erika Zimmerman  
Kathryn Jackson  
Nan Jansson  
Jane & Dave Turney  
Anita Gardiner

Judy & Ken Loper  
Cheryl Ann Brown  
Bonnie Sovereign  
Vivian & George Geiger  
Eunice Kurtz  
Matt Showalter  
Nick Clark  
Kathy & Bill Maurer  
Pat Ermold  
Nathan Bowers  
Marlene Spayde

#### *Friends of the Church*

David & Mickie Nelson  
James Schumacher  
Eileen & Michael York  
Christopher S. Javens  
Moody Family  
Larry Snell  
Curtis G.  
Lily Jane Phillips (baby)  
Mike Polese  
Rev. Jimmy Duke  
Kendra Johnston  
Stockman Family  
Garner Family

Hosmer Family  
Shannon Budrow-Glascock  
Joy & Steve Kemp  
Barbara Tuveri  
Francesco Borghese  
Justin Marley  
Gary Saul  
Vanessa Bigelow  
Philip Schumacher  
Caroline Warner  
Mary Catherine Buyck  
Eileen Brown  
Julie Marley

Youth at Montreat for High School students is July 10-16. Contact Roger Martin to sign up by Apr. 30.

Youth Mission Trip in Pennsylvania - June 29-July 7. Register by April 30. Contact Tom Wilke [twilke4700@gmail.com](mailto:twilke4700@gmail.com) for more information.

Friends of the Church Prayer List In an effort to keep the Prayer List up to date we will leave names on the list for 4 weeks, after which they will be removed unless we receive a request indicating that they should remain on the prayer list. Thank you for your help!

The Dumpster is locked, due to neighbors using our dumpster. If you need a key, please come by the church office and we will be happy to sign one out to you. Thanks!

PW Circle Meetings-All women of the church are invited to join in a Horizons Bible Study  
*"What My Grandmothers Taught Me"*  
Elizabeth Circle: Thur, 5/12, 10:30 a.m. -Compass Conf.  
Esther Circle: Thur, 5/12, 1:00 p.m. -Alday Cottage  
Hannah Circle: Tues, 5/10, 1:00 p.m. -Compass Conf.  
Lydia Circle: Thur, 5/19, 7:00 p.m. -Sue Rowan's Home  
Ruth Circle: Thur, 5/12, 10:00 a.m. -Alday Cottage

Teacher Appreciation Day is next Sunday, May 15th! We will honor all those who have served in Christian Education.

*A warm welcome to:*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**May 8th, 2022 | Mother's Day and the 4th Sunday of Easter**

Welcome! We are delighted to have you in worship today as we share together the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The ushers and pastors are here to help you. During the first hymn, ushers will walk the aisles to collect prayer requests that will be included in today's Pastoral Prayer. Prayer Request Cards are found in the pew rack. Please feel free to ask any questions you have.

### TODAY'S MESSAGE

**"God Always Takes the First Step"**

Dr. Karl Kling

### JOIN US THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day	Monday, May 9	Tuesday, May 10
8:30 am Worship in person 9:00 am Virtual Worship 9:30 am BrewHaHa! Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in person	1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group (Alday) 6:30 pm Committee Chairs Mtg. (Zoom)	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study 1:00 pm Hannah Ladies Circle (Compass Conf. Rm) 4:00 pm Property Meeting (Compass Conf. Rm) 5:00 pm Worship Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, May 11	Thursday, May 12	Friday, May 13
10:00 am Staff Meeting (Alday) 4:30 pm Bell Practice 5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting (JTH) 6:00 pm PNC 6:15 pm Youth (Anchor) 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am POP's Playtime (Compass Nursery) 10:00 am Ruth Circle (Alday) 10:30 am Elizabeth Circle (Compass Conf. Rm) 1:00 pm Esther Circle (Alday) 5:00 pm Youth at Hope House 5:30 pm Endowment Comm. (Zoom)	

**First Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

**Dr. Karl Kling, Interim Pastor & Head of Staff**

**Rev. Julie A. Higbee, Associate Pastor**

**Andy Shepard, Interim Dir. of Music Ministry**     **Doris Davis, Interim Dir. of Family Ministry**

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## We Gather to Worship

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PRELUDE: “The Church's One Foundation” Samuel Sebastian Wesley Andy Shepard

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Karl Kling  
CELEBRATION OF THE WOMEN OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP:

*LEADER:* We praise God for the Lord's love and faithfulness.

**PEOPLE:** God's compassion and generosity never end.

*LEADER:* The Lord fills our lives with grace and goodness.

**PEOPLE:** We worship God with our hearts, minds, and actions.

*LEADER:* Let us worship God!

### ▲ HYMN OF PRAISE: #20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Doris Davis

*PRAYER:* God the Father bless us. God the Son help us. God the Spirit keep us, now and evermore.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION: Dr. Kling

Our Gracious God, we give you all of our praise. All creation reflects your glory. Mountains and oceans show your power. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ you have triumphed over death. We worship you with our love and loyalty. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION: Rev. Julie Higbee

God is perfect, but God invites us to come to God as we are. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

**Our merciful God, at times this past week, we were too proud. We did not listen to you. We overlooked our own faults and focused on the mistakes of others. Forgive our sin. Help us to follow the example of humility that Jesus taught us. Give us the grace to focus on the needs of others. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

*LEADER:* Our Loving God has heard our confession. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, our sins are forgiven. Peace be with you in Jesus' name. Amen. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God!

### ▲ HYMN OF GRATITUDE: # 37 “Let All Things Now Living”

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## We Listen to God's Word

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Rev. Higbee  
Dear Lord, we pray that you will open our eyes to see the wonderful truth in your Word. Then we ask you to guide our actions as we share your good news with our words and actions. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSON #1: Revelation 7:9-12

ANTHEM: “Do You Know My Jesus” V.B. Ellis and William F. Lakey/arr. Stan Pethel Chancel Choir

LESSON #2: Acts 16:11-15 Dr. Kling

LEADER : This is the Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!**

SERMON : **“God Always Takes the First Step”**  
*Dr. Karl Kling*

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## We Respond to God's Grace

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▲ STATEMENT OF FAITH: #35 “The Apostles' Creed” Rev. Higbee

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Kling

INVITATION TO WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERING:

OFFERTORY: “Prayer” Pietro Mascagni/arr. Claire W. Johnson Mike Watkins Trumpet 8:30 am  
“Arioso” Johann Sebastian Bach Marcus Yew 11:00 am

▲ OFFERTORY RESPONSE: # 606 “Doxology”

UPDATE FROM THE PNC Steve Chenowith

PRAYER FOR THE PNC: Rev. Higbee

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on this church, and so guide the minds of the search team for our next Pastor & Head of Staff, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us to serve you joyfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

▲ HYMN OF SENDING: #80 “You Shall Go Out With Joy”

CHARGE & BLESSING: Dr. Kling

**Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; There is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!**

PASTOR: As God's people we all say, **PEOPLE: Alleluia, Amen!**

POSTLUDE: “You Are My All in All” Dennis Jernigan Andy Shepard

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*This week's flowers were given today by Jim Thomas  
In loving celebration of all mothers*