



# First Presbyterian Church

May, 2014

*Bringing people to the celebration of Christ*

## Gospel Lessons for May

5/4 - Luke 24:13-35

5/11 - John 10:1-10

5/18 - John 14:1-14

5/25 - John 14:15-12



## Calendar of Events

- 5/4 Worship at 9 am\*
- 5/6 Volunteer Day at Food Bank, 8:30 am-1 pm
- 5/6 Presbyterian Women Meeting at 2 pm
- 5/11 Mother's Day/Worship at 9 am\*
- 5/18 Worship at 9 am\*
- 5/18 Session Meeting at 2 pm
- 5/25 Worship at 9 am\*/Beth Flynn, Preacher

*\*Worship Service is now back in the Sanctuary.  
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Fellowship Hall is being renovated.*



## Pastor's Message

*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." ~ Ephesians 4:2*

What a delight to be worshipping in our Sanctuary once again! Thank you all for your continued patience as we move to phase two of the project when the Fellowship Hall will be out of commission for nearly all of May. As a result, coffee hour will not be held each Sunday and other meetings will need to take place in the Sanctuary.

This also means the office will be unusable for the next few weeks. I will be coming to Luling one day during the week for visits and meetings around town, and will work from home the rest of the time. Please know that I am always available by phone or text or email and am happy to come to Luling if a need arises.

There is a lot going on with our church right now and I want you all to feel comfortable approaching me with any concerns or needs. As we continue to seek out what God has in mind for our community, open communication and dialogue will help us along the way. If you hear concerns being raised from others, encourage them to talk to me or a session member so we can address them. We want to make sure everyone's voice is being heard and concerns are being addressed.

So even though my office will be closed this month, don't hesitate to contact me. I'd love to hear how things are going for you and hear your thoughts on the church!  
Grace and Peace,

**Pastor Becca**

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

- 5/10 Marjorie Newton  
5/22 Rebecca & J.T. Longino  
5/24 Bill & Susan Rutherford

## Liturgy/Church Host Schedule

Our thanks to **Bill Rutherford** for serving as liturgist during May and to **Beth Flynn** for preaching on May 25. There will not be a coffee hour during May while the Fellowship Hall is being renovated.



## Service Under The Tree

A special thanks to **Bill Cardwell** for hosting the April 27 "Under the Tree" Worship Service and to everyone who helped set up and clean up. The service was well attended and has become a very special annual occasion for our church.



## Session

Session will meet at 2 pm on **Sunday, May 18**.

Members of the Session are overseeing the current building renovation, as well as the fundraising efforts to support the effort. A special announcement on the progress of the "**Securing Our Next 100 Years**" campaign will be made **immediately following Worship Service on Sunday, May 4**.

Mission Presbytery meetings are scheduled **June 6-7** at San Pedro Presbyterian Church in San Antonio and **October 24-25** at First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio. Please let Beth Flynn know if you are interested in attending one of these meetings.

## Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet at 2 pm on **Tuesday, May 6**, to discuss *Lesson 9: God's Abiding Presence*.

On **Tuesday, June 24**, PW will conclude the program year with a special luncheon and presentation by Sherry Hardwick of New Braunfels, who was a participant in the 2013 Mission Experience in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina.

Theme of the mission trip was "**Unto These Hills**." Sherry will share the history and culture of the region, the existing ministry of the church there, and the challenges faced by women, children and families living in the area.

As part of the luncheon, PW members will be asked to bring donations for the area **Women's Center**. More information will be included in the June newsletter.

**Susan Rutherford** will attend the Mo Ranch Women's Conference **May 27-29**. Theme of the conference is "The Sacramental Life: Living Your Sacred Story."

The annual Farmland Cluster meeting is scheduled **Saturday, August 9**, in Smithville. This gathering of Presbyterian Women from around the region is always a great opportunity to get to know others and to hear about plans for the coming year, including the new Horizons Bible Study.



## Mission and Outreach

The **Food Bank** continues to be in need of donations. Suggestions for May include spaghetti sauce and pasta. On **Tuesday, May 6**, FPC members will serve as volunteers at the Food Bank. Please let Pastor Becca know if you are interested in helping out.

On **April 30**, our church hosted the **"Feed the Kids"** lunch for Luling high school students at The Episcopal Church. Nearly 50 students enjoyed the meal!



## Did you know?

\*The **new hymnals** have arrived and made their appearance in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday! Titled **"Glory to God,"** the new hymnals contain approximately 850 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs.

Music covering all major historical and contemporary sacred genres are included, from African American/Gospel hymns like *"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"* to traditional hymns like *"Holy, Holy, Holy,"* from older hymns that have never been published in a Presbyterian hymnal like *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* to contemporary praise songs and global music. The new hymnal is organized according to the history of salvation, beginning with creation and finishing with the Church's hope for the Lord's return.

Members may **"purchase" a hymnal** in memory or honor of someone; the cost per hymnal is \$17.50. A bookplate noting the donation will be placed inside the front cover. Donation envelopes are located in the Sanctuary pew racks.

## Remember When

**Sunday, May 25**, is designated as **Presbyterian Heritage Sunday**, set aside by the General Assembly of the PC(USA) as an annual day to celebrate, reflect upon, and learn more about the long and rich history of the Presbyterian movement in America. It falls on the Sunday closest to May 21, the date of the opening of the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in 1789.

Presbyterians were among the earliest Reformed immigrants to America. They settled up and down the east coast, and began to push westward into the American wilderness, founding congregations as early as the 1630s. The first Presbyterian presbytery in the New World was founded in Philadelphia in 1706. The clergy assumed the freedom to organize and the right to worship, preach and teach, and to administer the sacraments. The church began to develop its own indigenous leadership and educational, mission, and charitable institutions.

More information and history can be found online at [pcusa.org/heritagesunday](http://pcusa.org/heritagesunday).

## Prayer List

### Congregation:

Nell Brown  
Elizabeth Payne  
Raymond & Ernestine Harman  
Bert & Mary Reid  
Tom & Helen Wofford

### Those facing illness:

Bill Cardwell  
Sarah Evans  
Nancy, Sandy Villarreal's cousin  
Alavara Herrera

### Friends/Families of the Congregation:

Mary Ann and David Cochran  
Marianna Brown's sister, Carolyn  
Joanna Glass' daughter-in-law, Debbie; her friend,  
Joyce Ussery; & her cousin, Arlen Eckert  
Fred Buchholtz' sisters-in-law, Debbie & Mary Jane  
Mary Nelson's mother, Frances  
Jimmy Manford's wife, Althea  
Margie and Dick Hudson  
Bill & Becky Slaughter  
Julie Veidt's friend, Nancy  
Jerry Kidd  
Helen Bassett's brother & sister-in-law, Buddy &  
Leona West; & her cousin, Richard Bradley  
Beth Flynn's friend, Jamie Zepplin  
Pastor Charles & Debbie Cropper  
Ernest Camacho  
Lorenzo Miles  
Linda Smalley  
**The Families of:**  
Romaldo Chapa  
Madeleine Seydler  
Kenneth Stevens  
Clifford Tice

## Contributions for April, 2014

### Contributions to the Memorial Fund:

In memory of **Tommy & Mae Pope**: Fred and Sheila Buchholtz.

### Tributes to the Securing Our Next 100 Years Building Campaign:

#### *In memory of:*

**Lola Merle Thompson**: Charles & Etta Weise;  
**Lola Merle Thompson**: Joanna Glass, Carl Jr. &  
Deanna;  
**Kay Rutherford**: Bill & Susan Rutherford;

**Willie Joe Watts, Jr.**: Joanna Glass;  
**Suzanne Shaver**: Joanna Glass & Family;  
**Evie Shanklin**: Paul A. Allen, Jr.; Gail Kiehn; Mike &  
Mary Clymer; Matt & Shelley Rutherford; Bill & Susan  
Rutherford.

#### *In honor of:*

**Bernie Carrasco**: Bill & Susan Rutherford;  
**Margie Shultz**: Pam & Bob Link.

#### Hymnal Fund contributions:

#### *In memory of:*

**Gus T. (Pinkey) Brown**: Marianna Brown;  
**Mr. & Mrs. C.T. Dodson**: Larry & Emma Roberson;  
**Charles & Bobby Roberson**: Larry & Emma Roberson;  
**J.D. Seay**: Carrol & Beth Flynn;  
**Lucile Scrutchin**: Carrol & Beth Flynn;  
**Bill & Corinna Robbins**: Bill & Susan Rutherford;  
**Ellis & Kay Rutherford**: Bill & Susan Rutherford;  
**Our grandparents who have joined the great cloud  
of witness**: Rev. Becca & JT Longino;  
**Mother Blanche Miles**: Jimmy Lewis;  
**Carl Glass, Sr.**: Joanna Glass;  
**Jake & Bea Bookout**: Joanna Glass;  
**Tom & Letha Glass**: Joanna Glass;  
**David & Willie Rossington**: Joanna Glass;  
**James T. & James R. Wert**: Joanna Glass;  
**Clint Buccholtz**: Fred Buccholtz;  
**Arthur Buccholtz**: Fred Buccholtz;  
**Myrl Buccholtz**: Fred Buccholtz.

#### *In honor of:*

**John, Becky & JT Brown**: Marianna Brown;  
**Marianna Brown**: Bill & Susan Rutherford;  
**Our Granddaughters Mia, Ruby & Olivia**: Bill & Susan  
Rutherford;  
**Buccholtz Family (Fred, Sheila, Heidi, Paul & Jarret)**  
(5 hymnals): Fred Buccholtz.  
**Additional hymnal donation**: Marianna Brown

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