



First Presbyterian Church

October, 2014

Bringing people to the celebration of Christ

Gospel Lessons for October

- 10/5** Matthew 5:17; Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17
- 10/12** Matthew 4:8-10; Joshua 24:1-15
- 10/19** Matthew 21:33-41; 2 Samuel 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9
- 10/26** Matthew 6:9-10; 1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28



Calendar of Events

- 10/1** Sailboat Church Study & Dinner, 6 pm
- 10/5** Worship, 9 am/World Communion Sunday with Rev. Sheila Sidberry-Thomas
- 10/7** Volunteer Day at Food Bank, 8-11 am
- 10/8** Sailboat Church Study & Dinner, 6 pm
- 10/9** Presbyterian Women, 2 pm
- 10/12** Worship, 9 am
Birthday/Anniversary Blessing
Session Meeting, 1 pm
- 10/15** Sailboat Church Study & Dinner, 6 pm
- 10/19** Worship, 9 am
- 10/21** Supper & Stories, 6 pm
- 10/22** Sailboat Church Study & Dinner, 6 pm
- 10/25** Estate/Garage Sale, 8 am-5pm
- 10/26** Worship, 9 am
- 10/29** Sailboat Church Study & Dinner, 6 pm



Pastor's Message

Dear Church Family,

You've probably heard by now that JT and I are expecting our first child, due in late March. We are over the moon with excitement to be expanding our family and welcoming a child into our world! We're also very excited that you, First Presbyterian, get to be an instrumental part in raising Lil' Longino.

Pregnancy has introduced me to a world of emotions I had not encountered before. Suddenly I find myself in prayer and reflection about what it means to parent and raise a child. Our faith story adds another dimension as we discern how to teach our children about God and raise them in faith. During these ruminations, I stumbled upon a baptismal liturgy that I had not seen before. It is from the French Reformed Church tradition, and is an option for us in the PC(USA) to use at baptism. I thought I would share it with you this month:

"For you, little one, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people. It was for you that the Word of God became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. For you, [name], Jesus Christ suffered death crying out at the end, "It is finished!" For you Christ triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all. All of this was done for you, little one, though you do not know any of this yet. But we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own. And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled: 'We love because God first loved us.'"

May you, child of God, remember these words as you reflect on your own baptism.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Becca

Birthdays/Anniversaries

10/2 Emma Roberson

10/10 Tom Wofford

10/27 Althea Manford

Sincere apologies to Larry Roberson for omitting his name from the birthday list last month!

A *special blessing* for everyone with a birthday or anniversary will be held on the **second Sunday of each month**. Anyone with a birthday or anniversary during that month will be invited to be recognized with the rest of their month's special folks and will receive a blessing and gift. Join us for a celebration of our church family!

Liturgy/Church Host Schedule

Our thanks to **Bill and Susan Rutherford** for serving as liturgists and church hosts during October.

Session

Session will meet **Sunday, October 12, at 1 pm**.

During a congregational meeting in September, **Fred Buchholtz** was elected to fill a vacancy on the Session. Members also voted to sell the house left to the church through Bill Cardwell's estate.

Last call for Congregational Surveys, your opportunity to give input to the Session. Surveys are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Presbytery will meet **October 24-25** at First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio.

Special Opportunities

Sailboat Church discussions and dinners continue each **Wednesday at 6 pm during October**. Don't worry about having a copy of the book or coming "prepared." The discussions have been thought-provoking. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Special thanks to those who are serving as discussion leaders and/or dinner hosts.

Supper and Storytelling will be **Tuesday, October 21, at 6pm**. **Beth Flynn** will serve as this month's storyteller.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women started the new program year in September with a study on "Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians." The **monthly meeting date** is the **second Thursday at 2 pm**.

Church Estate/Garage Sale

Everyone's help is needed for the upcoming estate/garage sale on **Saturday, October 25**. Please see attachment for list of needs and work assignments. The central sign-up sheet will be on the board in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will go to the church building and renovation fund.

Mission and Outreach

On **Tuesday, October 7**, FPC members will serve as volunteers at the Food Bank from 8-11 am. Please join in and volunteer in a much needed service to the community.

The **Food Bank** also needs donations. Suggestions for October include cornbread dressing, yams and soup.

The new **Peace & Global Witness Offering** is an opportunity to support nonviolent resolutions to conflict. Gifts allow peace builders to answer God's call to become advocates for social justice and witness around the world. There are three ways to give: sending in contributions using envelopes available at the church office, texting PEACE to 20222 to give \$10, or through the website: specialofferings.pcusa.org/peace-global.

Prayer List

Congregation:

Nell Brown

Elizabeth Payne

Raymond & Ernestine Harman

Bert & Mary Reid

Tom & Helen Wofford

Friends/Families of the Congregation:

Mary Ann & David Cochran

Marianna's sister, Carolyn

Susan's mother, Carolyn

Prayer List (cont.)

Joanna's daughter-in-law, Debbie, & her friend, Joyce
Fred Buchholtz's sister-in-law, Mary Jane
Marge Shultz & James Manford's sister, Betsy
Mary Nelson's mother, Frances
Jimmy Manford's wife, Althea
Margie & Dick Hudson
Bill & Becky Slaughter
Alavaro Herrera
Baby Journey
Jennifer, Lynn, Mark Withers, Dr. Hensly, Keith, Dovie
Edwards Brantford, Mike Allen

Contributions for September, 2014

Contributions to the Memorial Fund during the months of August and September include the following:

In memory of

Bill Cardwell: Jay & Sharon Terry

Contributions to the Securing Our Next 100 Years Building Campaign made in September included the following Tributes:

In memory of

Carl Glass: Billy Cole

Mary Ekland: Joanna Glass

Bill Cardwell: Jay Derrickson

In honor of

Matt Rutherford: Bill & Susan Rutherford

Olivia Rutherford: Bill & Susan Rutherford

Mia Carrasco: Bill & Susan Rutherford

Recipe Request

Several people requested the Rutherford's salad recipe served at the Sailboat Church gathering recently and said, "just put it in the newsletter." So here you go!

Sweet & Spicy Pineapple Carrot Salad

2 c pineapple chunks
2 c carrots, shredded (best when you shred rather than using prepared)
2 T orange marmalade
1 T canola oil
1 T white wine vinegar
¼ t chipotle chili powder
1/8 t salt
1/8 t pepper

Combine pineapple and carrots in a large bowl. Stir together marmalade, oil, vinegar, chili powder, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Pour over pineapple mixture, mixing well. Serves 4, but easily doubles for a larger crowd.

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