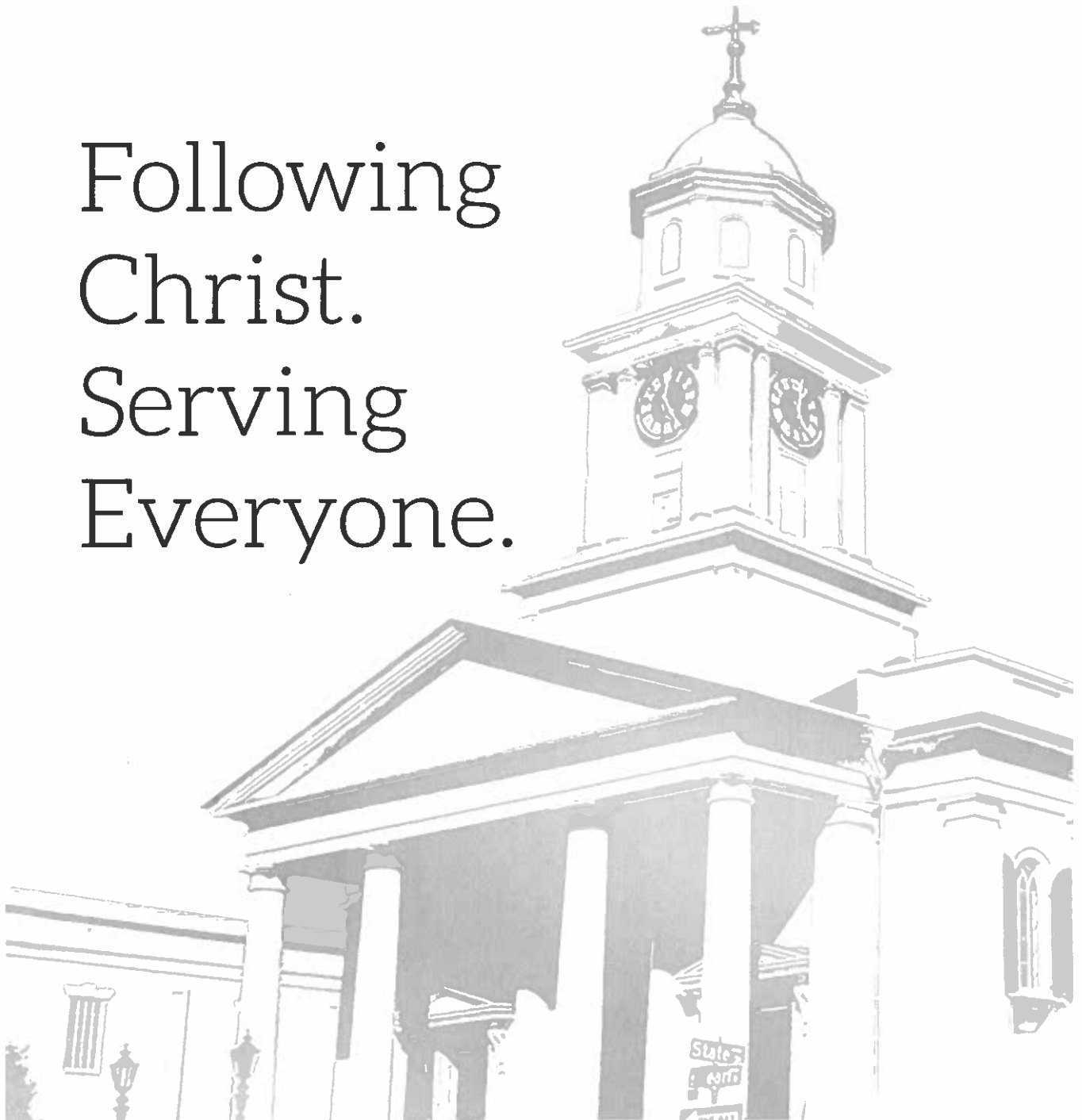




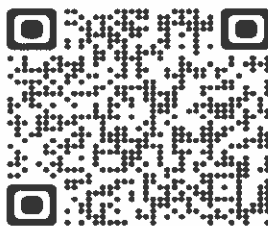
First Presbyterian Church of Natchez

Following
Christ.
Serving
Everyone.



Welcome!

We are delighted you have joined us in worship at First Presbyterian Church Natchez. So that we might get to know you a little better, please take a moment to fill out a connect card by scanning the QR code below.



You may also send your contact information to fpcnatchez@bellsouth.net.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2024 ~ 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Joan W. Gandy, Minister
The Rev. Chase Caldwell, Associate Minister
Mr. Vincent Bache III, Director of Music and Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering our lives in the life of Christ's church
Join in the ministries of your church as God calls you!

Today's Highlighted Event:
Election of Officers after Worship Today!

THE GATHERING

Westminster Chimes

The chiming of the hour signals to us that it is time to worship.
Now let us direct our hearts to the One who calls us here!

Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 145:1, 3, 8

We will exalt you, God and King! We will bless your name forever!

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

*Processional Hymn 610, verses 1-4:

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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Morning Prayer

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The congregation joins in Call to Confession and Unison Prayer of Confession.
After silent prayer, all sing the *Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)*.

Call to Confession

Almighty God, Maker of all things,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Giver of life,

Have Mercy on us.

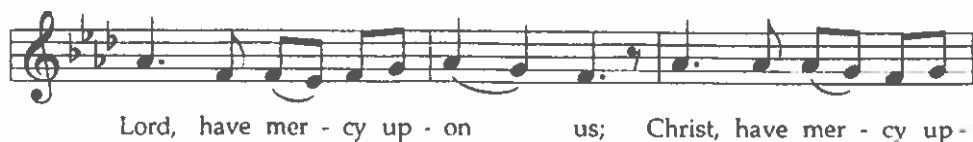
Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the past, present, and future, God of all times and all places, we confess that we have not expected your kingdom; we are not prepared. We live casual lives. We ignore your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse to emulate your divine justice and peace in our own lives. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Time for Silent Confession

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us
(Choir and congregation sing.)

Kyrie



Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

It is true! Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ that you are forgiven.

Amen.

*Response Hymn 581

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

* Greeting and the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you today.

All: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

Story and Prayers for Young Disciples

Afterwards, children may return to their seats or go to children's class.

Prayer for Illumination

Doris Ann Benoist, reader

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 16-17, 24-29 *Pew Bible Page 161*

Reading from Psalms: Psalm 19:7-14 *Pew Bible Page 614*

Reading from the Epistles: James 5:13-20 *Pew Bible Page 281*

*Gospel Hymn 801, verses 1-3:

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 801

(Psalm 23)

1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
 4 My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;
 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,

in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
 my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

This paraphrase of Psalm 23 comes from the so-called Scottish Psalter of 1650, actually produced by the Westminster Assembly and intended for use by all Presbyterians in the British Isles, in place of the Sternhold and Hopkins "Old Version" of the Church of England.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-41

Pew Bible Page 55

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Building His Community"

Rev. Gandy

Affirmation of Our Faith

*Apostles' Creed

Traditional

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Traditional

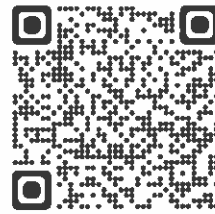
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

Call for the Offering

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.*

Psalm 24:1



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Offertory

Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee

Text: 12th Century Latin, tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Music: Simon Lole

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what is none but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SENDING

*Hymn 485: *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

Please be seated for a brief Congregational Meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee and to have an opportunity to make further nominations for the Class of 2027.

*Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Fink by Sally Fink.

We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)
 F Csus C C/B^b F/A

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)
 F C F G7 C

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)
 Cm F B^b Gm Dm

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4
 (Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)
 Gm F Csus C Gm F

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

Music Notes: The Prelude this morning is *Voluntary No. 1* from *Preludes and Voluntaries for Organ* by English organist and composer Erick H. Thiman (1900-1975). The Anthem at the Offertory is a choral setting of the text *Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee* by living organist, choir trainer and composer Simon Lole (b. 1957). The Postlude is *Toccata in F Major* by German Baroque organist and composer Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting Today: The Session has called a meeting of the congregation to elect new officers today, September 29, 2024, immediately after the worship service. At that time, the congregation will hear the slate of nominees proposed by the nominating committee and have an opportunity to nominate from the floor. Nominated for the Class of 2027 Elders: Bobby Meason, George Bates, Danna Mooney, and Ralph Loe. Nominated for the Class of 2027 deacons: Kristen Abney, Hubert Smith, and Sharon Williams.

Tuesday Bible Study: The Pastor's Bible Study meets on Tuesday, October 1, at 11 a.m. in the parlor of Stratton Chapel. Scriptures for study this week are Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, and Mark 10:2-16.

Sunday, October 6: Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. On that day you will have an opportunity to make donations for PCUSA Peace & Global Witness ministries as well as First Presbyterian ministries supporting peace and global witness.

Men's Culinary Event: The Men's Culinary Event will be Friday, October 25, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Hawthorne, the home of Bettye Jenkins, 23 Hawthorne Place. Tickets are \$20. Tickets will be on sale before and after worship at both entrances to the sanctuary starting October 6. All proceeds go to FPC mission projects. More details coming soon.

Raffle at Culinary Event: If you like raffles, or if you just want to support the mission work of this church, take a chance on the Men's Culinary Event raffle. Two items are already on display in Stratton Chapel. The two handmade quilts will be raffled at the October 25 event. Several more items may be included in the raffle. Watch for more information. Tickets are \$5. You may purchase tickets in the church office now.

Thank you! The FPC Mission Committee continues to ship the hundreds of plastic pill bottles you are helping to collect. This is such a simple but effective and transformative mission! Thank you for helping medical missionaries! Keep it up!

Acolyte Formation: Acolytes meet with Rev. Gandy on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Third Thursday Book Club: Please join this group of avid readers who are meeting once a month for book discussion –Third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Stratton Chapel parlor. The selected book for October is *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* by Joe Siple. The discussion will be led by Leigh Anderson. The date is October 17.

Monday Prayer: Community prayer in the Prayer Room, located adjacent to the sanctuary, is held Mondays at 11:30 a.m. This prayer time is informal and offers opportunity to pray with others for people and things that are on each heart.

Sponsor a Child: For those of you who have not sponsored a child at Haiti Outreach Ministry schools, sponsorship forms are available in the church office or you may fill out the form at the end of the announcements.

Grief Support Group at FPC: First Presbyterian Grief Support Group meets Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the church library.

Wednesday Youth Group: Wednesday Youth Group will meet at 4:15 in the youth room. Our lesson (and candy quiz!) will be on Mark 7 this week.

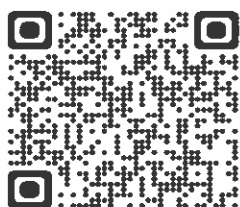
Wonderful Wednesday: The Wednesday gathering will begin with a meal at 5:15 with Bible study afterwards. The Bible study group is beginning a ten-week study of Mark. Welcome all!

Sanctuary Choir: The Sanctuary Choir rehearses Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Photo Gallery Docents: Visits by tourists will begin to increase now that fall has arrived. Natchez in Historic Photographs is a favorite destination! Are you available to serve as a docent, welcoming and giving a few words of explanation about the church and photographs? Please consider donating a couple of hours to the museum as a docent. The exhibit is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Rosemary Hall or the church office to sign up.

Organ Update Fund: We are halfway there! Please help to get the organ update scheduled soon! The new programs will include rich new tones and instruments to give new ways for our gifted organist to give glory to God through music. Gifts may be made in honor of the organist and choir or in honor or memory of others. Every gift is important!

Give to the Organ Fund:

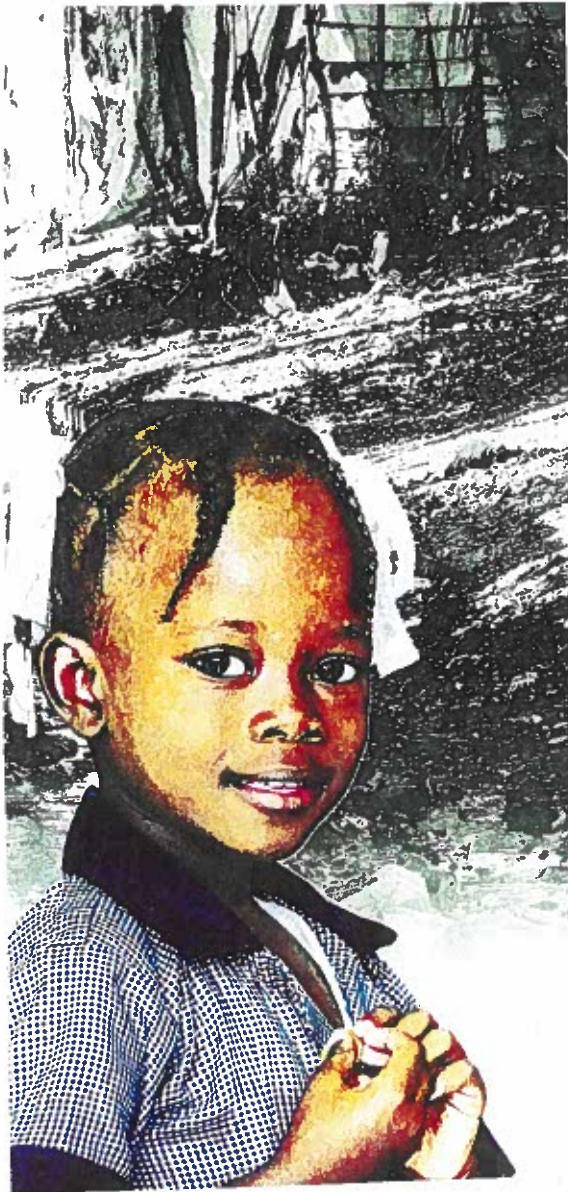


New Members Welcomed: If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, you will be warmly welcomed. The first step is to let the minister know of your interest. You may see her before or after worship; or call the church at 601-442-2581 to speak with her.

AA Meetings: Open Gates AA Meeting meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12 noon in the downstairs meeting room in Stratton Chapel. These are open discussion meetings.

Pastoral Visits: If you have special needs and wish to share them with the minister, please plan a visit so that you can talk about what's going on in your life. Contact the minister at 601-442-2581.

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to give a child a future and
a hope. And you can give
a child the tools to build a
brighter tomorrow.

I WANT TO BE A SPONSOR!

You may sponsor a child online at HaitiIOM.org or by completing the form below and mailing it with your payment to: HOM Sponsorship Director, P.O. Box 942, Matthews, NC 28106.

DONOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

SELECT GENDER:

Boy Girl Either

SELECT AGE GROUP:

Primary School (Pre-K - 6th)
\$40/month or \$480/year

Secondary School (7th - 13th)
\$65/month or \$780/year

MY SPONSORSHIP IS TO BE PAID AS FOLLOWS:

Annual payment (*check enclosed payable to Haiti Outreach Ministries*)

Annual payment via credit card*

Recurring monthly gift via credit card*

*CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

Name on card: _____

Card No. _____

Exp. Date: _____ Sec. Code: _____

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Date: _____

FPC YOUTH FALL EVENTS

2024

PICKLEBALL 101
FELLOWSHIP HALL
SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, 9-10

**CAR WASH SUNDAY
FUNDRAISER**
SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 11:30-2:00

FALL RETREAT
FELICIANA RETREAT CENTER
SAT- MON, OCT. 12-14
REGISTER BY SEPT. 26TH

WILD FAITH YOUTH BONFIRE
CHUCK AND CHRIS BORUM'S
SATURDAY, NOV. 16, 5-7

**YOUTH GROUP PARTNERS
AND PARENTS MEETING**
(WITH PIZZA!)
SUNDAY, NOV. 10
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

SEPT. 2024

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Pam McNeil, Office Administrator
Mary Ann Peoples, Financial Secretary
Deon Buford, Sexton

Officers of the Church

ELDERS

Class of 2024: George Bates, Stratton Bull, Bobby Meason, Cara Moody
Class of 2025: Chuck Borum, Sandra Burkes, Marc Doyle, Jay Fitch, Sammy Gore
Class of 2026: Mary Lessley, Helen Smith, Anne Vidal Suen
Clerk of Session: Rosemary Hall
Assistant Clerk of Session: Danna Mooney

DEACONS

Class of 2024: Kristen Abney (Moderator), Everette Ratcliffe, Hubert Smith
Class of 2025: Edie Christian, Rusty Jenkins, and Randy Smith
Class of 2026: Leigh Anderson, Ken Price

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