



# First Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News  
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Choir Director

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Accompanist

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Sound Room Technician

**Ana Ortiz**  
Nursery

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### ***From your Session***

### **So quick to forget...**

I'd like to share some of my experience in following Jesus. No, this is not about my aging memory for things like names – you can tell I'm showing signs of aged memory when I don't greet you by name, even though I've known you for years! J

This IS about (not) forgetting the things Jesus has done, His promises and gifts, and that He is never far away. Paul the apostle writes in his letter to the Romans that he struggles with his "old nature". He has been freed from the influence of his old, or human, nature by faith in Jesus's death and resurrection, but the old nature keeps trying to get back in control (Romans 7:14-25).

For me, part of following Jesus instead of my old nature is not forgetting all He's done up to now. Seems that is part of what Jesus was saying when He said I'm to "remain in Him" (John 15:4,5).

But I'm so quick to forget how He has provided for every need, through difficult times and through good times. It helps me to remain in Jesus to remember some of those provisions, especially the surprises!

I'm quick to forget the times when He has healed us – my wife and me. I know that I'm "promised" to return to dust one day. In the meantime, memories of the healings He's provided, sometimes not on my schedule but on His, help me remain in Jesus.

In fact, I'm quick to forget that God's view of time is not like my human view of time. Peter talks about a day being like a thousand years, and the reverse (2 Peter 3:8). It helps me to remember that God is in charge of when anything happens to me and that He doesn't view time like I do.

When I've completed a task, especially one that was challenging, I forget that Jesus did that task and chose to let me participate. I'm quick to pat myself on the back and congratulate myself on my ability, forgetting that Jesus said that apart from Him I can do nothing (John 15).

Do I have any ideas on how to remember? Paul the apostle comes to my rescue in 1 Thessalonians 5:16, where he says I should always be doing three things: rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks. (Perhaps Paul found himself forgetting, like I do.) It's certainly easier to remember if I do what Paul says. And I'm sure the Holy Spirit will help me to rejoice, pray, and give thanks if I ask Him!

### ***Paul***



## **PW Garage Sale Saturday, August 25, 2018**



PW will hold a garage sale in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 25, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. to benefit the choir trip to Carnegie Hall.

Please take this opportunity to part with those items you no longer need or use but could be used by others. We all have some “stuff” sitting in various places taking up space and collecting dust.

Some of that “stuff” could be put to good use elsewhere. Let’s keep it moving along and raise some funds for the choir.

If you need assistance in getting your stuff to Fellowship Hall, please call Jocelyn Bolles at (972) 296-2715 or (972) 679-4089 and arrangements will be made. Items can be brought to Fellowship Hall beginning Monday, August 20.

Thank you.

Jocelyn Bolles



Benefiting the Community Choir trip to

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August 2018

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## **Worship Volunteer Schedule August 2018**

**August 5**

**Greeters  
Ushers  
Tellers  
Nursery  
End of Service Ministry  
Communion Servers**

**Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson  
Dub Guthrie & Eddie  
Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis  
Anna Murphy  
Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger  
Dick Bergman, Connie Steger,  
Irving Kezar, Margaret Lewis &  
Marna Bayless**

**August 12**

**Greeters  
Ushers  
Tellers  
Nursery Volunteer  
End of Service Ministry**

**Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy  
Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar  
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett  
Jason Cordova  
Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown**

**August 19**

**Greeters  
Ushers  
Tellers  
Nursery Volunteer  
End of Service Ministry**

**Doris Metzger & Jocelyn Bolles  
Jack Pegues & Albert Teel  
Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy  
Logan Russell  
Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman**

**August 26**

**Greeters  
Ushers  
Tellers  
Nursery Volunteer  
End of Service Ministry**

**Youth  
Youth  
Teresa Reed & Joan Brown  
Jocelyn Bolles  
Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova**

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"*

Matthew 25:35

## August Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or [info@fpcd.org](mailto:info@fpcd.org). Thank you.

Wendy Jensen, August 5	Lori Glover, August 23
Kathleen Hartless, August 6	Eugene Jimmerson, August 23
Sydney Russell, August 6	Jaime Cordova, August 24
Brenda Everett, August 17	Dale Walters, August 28
Donna To, August 18	Scott Hartless, August 29
Eddie Cowand, August 20	Doris Metzger, August 29



## 2018 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
June	\$19,847*	\$16,386**
Jan - June	\$120,213***	\$128,313****

\*\$8,500 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$11,347 for budget

\*\*\$1,604 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$14,782 for budget

\*\*\*\$24,007 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$96,206 for budget

\*\*\*\*\$19,744 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$108,569 for budget

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education — 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.