



First Presbyterian Church

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From your Session



Duchess is my pet cat. I adore her so much, almost everything she does is precious. She can just lay next to me and I'll see her tiny paw and just freak out over how cute

she is. I have so many favorite moments together with her and she just keeps growing, and sometimes I look at her and am just in awe to recognize that growth. I didn't know I could love her so much. It hit me the other night when I was looking at her, she looked at me and she blinked, and it's like my heart squealed with joy.

Although almost everything she does is precious to me, she does rattle me sometimes. Like when she scratches my face or randomly attacks my ankles when I'm walking. (I think it's just the language barrier between us.) I probably upset her and I didn't read the signs, and that's why she scratched me. I like to pretend that she's trying to play tag and that's why she jumps on my ankles and legs when I'm walking.

Or when she climbs onto the table where she knows she's not allowed. She's just a young rebel cat exploring ... how could I be mad at her for being adventurous? Even when she climbs on my laptop when I'm trying to finish writing a certain newsletter. (She probably just wanted to read all the good things I wrote about her.) Despite all these frequent upsets, my love for her does not change. I immediately forgive her whenever she does something and when we look at each other, my love for her overpowers any other feeling.

What's even stronger and cooler than my love for Duchess is God's love for us! It's



big and amazing and enough. When we mess up, he doesn't love us any less either. The even cooler thing about our relationship with God is that we don't have a language barrier. We can talk to God through prayer *and He answers!*

Imagine the joy God must feel when we come to spend time with him in prayer. It's probably like how excited I get when Duchess comes to be next to me but times ten! When we pray, we are connecting with God, and when we teach others about prayer, we are sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and his love for us with our community. I encourage you to recall a time in your life that prayer has made a difference for you. Reflect on the emotions you felt *before* and *after* you prayed.

Let us thank God for his goodness! What a wonderful gift it is to have prayer and be able to come to God honestly, as we are, and share with Him the truths of our hearts.

You actually can read a handful of Testimonials from our community members at duncanvilleprayer.com and if you'd like to share your own story please email an elder.

Vanessa



Women's Bible Study

The ladies of the Sarah and Agape Bible Study Circles will gather in May for a time of study, fellowship and prayer. Each will be reading Lesson 9 from *"God's Promise: I Am With You"* by Amy Poling Sutherlun. The place and time of the meeting(s) will be announced early in the month. If you'd like to join them or have any questions, please call Joan Brown (972.742.7997) about the evening group or Connie Steger (972.741.7932) about the afternoon group.



Ladies Seamless Bible Study will meet at Panera in Cedar Hill at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 20. It's not too late to join us!

Sign up online at:
www.fpcd.org/seamless-bible-study or by calling
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May 2019

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Worship Volunteer Schedule May 2019

May 5

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

**Candice & Gary Morris
Jack Pegues
Teresa Reed & Joan Brown
Sharon Ingram
Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova**

May 12

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

**Connie Steger & Joan Brown
Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar
Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
Candice Morris
Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand
Jeff Thorpe, Nancy Bergman,
Vanessa Cordova, Darrell Ingram,
Sandy Gaskins**

May 19

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

**Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson
Dub Guthrie
Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
Anna Murphy
Vanessa Cordova & Dub Guthrie**

May 26

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

**Youth
Youth
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
Jocelyn Bolles
Marna Bayless & Connie Steger**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.

May 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.

Thank you.

Clint Benford, May 5
 Steve Bayless, May 7
 Sam Fithian, May 7
 Lucy Russell, May 13

Marna Bayless, May 22
 Gary Walters, May 22
 Alexander Gaskins, May 31



2019 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
March	\$17,097	\$20,322
Jan - March	\$38,008	\$55,556