



# First Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

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

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### **CHURCH STAFF:**

**Rev. Dr. Ginger Hertenstein,**  
Pastor

**Jennifer Johnson**  
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**Brittany Haywood**  
Accompanists

**Sean Russell,**  
Sound Room Technician

**Ana Ortiz**  
**Liliana Ortiz**  
Nursery

### *From your Session*

### **Opportunities to Do Our Best**

In our breakfast prayer nearly every morning, Steve and I ask God to help us make good use of the day and the opportunities the day will present. We hope to use our time well. It is a gift from God to be thoughtfully spent.

However, there are mornings when we look back, wondering what we had accomplished the day before. So, one morning, I found myself praying, "Dear God, thank you for today's opportunities and help us to complete the opportunities you gave us yesterday."

Where did the time go? It couldn't be Thursday again. It seems like it was last Thursday just yesterday.

So, when Pastor Ginger is presenting challenges and inspiring us to consider seemingly impossible tasks, I respond with a "yes" to those kinds of things. They can be accomplished. We have done it before. But it takes a united effort with everyone pushing toward the same goal. If we didn't accomplish it yesterday, let's work some more on it today!

I am reminded of the funny AT&T commercial about the surgeon where "just OK is not OK".

<https://www.ispot.tv/ad/IZ6U/at-and-t-wireless-ok-surgeon>

The challenge is to pursue excellence. It is a way of giving our best back to God.

A current challenging goal is to improve the live stream broadcast of our Sunday Morning Worship Service.

Many people are involved in the effort. Pastor Ginger and Liturgists, Sean Russell and the media crew (Jaime, Jimmy, and Jason Cordova, and Dennis Walters), and Nyadia Thorpe with choir members and instrumentalists. Jennifer Johnson inspired and guided the upgrading of the slides so they would have the words right on them, which eliminated the need to project the words. Joshua Bayless helped in that area also. Steve Bayless could be found facilitating the changes when needed and helping hold the Sunday rehearsals.

Each Sunday there have been improvements from the previous Sunday's live stream and sanctuary presentations.

I commend all those involved in making the improvements and thank them for not being satisfied with "just OK."

*Marna*



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# *A Prayer During This Pandemic*

## Filled With Life

I come to you, O great One, seeking renewal of my weary and worried spirit. Let me rest in you for a while and feel you surrounding me in safety and love. Then let that rest in you call forth new strength in me.


For others who are weary, I pray for comfort and peace. For others who are worried, I pray for solace and reassurance. For the desperate, I pray for relief and hope. Help us all set our priorities differently, so you come before all other demands in our lives. Only then, we know, O God, may we be filled with your life once again for the fullest living on this earth, even during days of darkness.

Hear my prayers and grant me your peace, in the name of Jesus, O Lord. Amen.






**Worship Volunteer Schedule  
July 2020**



<b>July 5</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	Joan Brown & Teresa Reed
<b>July 26</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova



**For the *Joy* of the *Lord*  
is your **Strength****

*from* Nehemiah 8:10

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**  
**Impact Youth**  
**Fearless Youth Group**

— 6:30 p.m.  
 — 5:30 p.m.

**Christian Education**  
**Worship Service**

— 9:15 a.m.  
 — 10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## July 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.

Linda Simons, July 2  
 Caleb Liddle, July 8  
 Peggy Kezar, July 10

Matthew Reed, July 14  
 Larry Lewis, July 28  
 Jessica Kusler, July 30



### 2020 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
May	\$14,179 + \$28,541*	\$15,468
Jan - May	\$103,691 + \$28,541*	\$98,586

\*PPP loan from government