



First Presbyterian Church

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

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From your Session

Learning Experience

My journey as a minister started on January 28, 2016. It was not the time I accepted my call to preach, even though that call was in June 1996, after high school, but it was the first time I was volunteered to be a Sunday School teacher. I will never forget thinking how unworthy I was to teach the word of God, not to mention I had no clue of how to teach the word, especially to kids.

So, I took my Sunday School book home and read, and read, and read, and read, and fell asleep, and read some more. The funny thing about it was, I didn't have a clue what I read or how to teach the kids what I had learned. The lesson had to do with Matthew 7:19, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." As I began to understand the lesson, I was able to take notes and prepare for the kids on Sunday. I do not remember how I taught the lesson, but I did realize that a coloring book and 4 minutes of saying, this is a tree, was all they needed. Their attention spans were done after 5 minutes. I did learn a valuable lesson on age-appropriate lessons.

As I started preaching, I also learned every sermon is not for every church. Some churches only want to hear what makes them feel good, and they

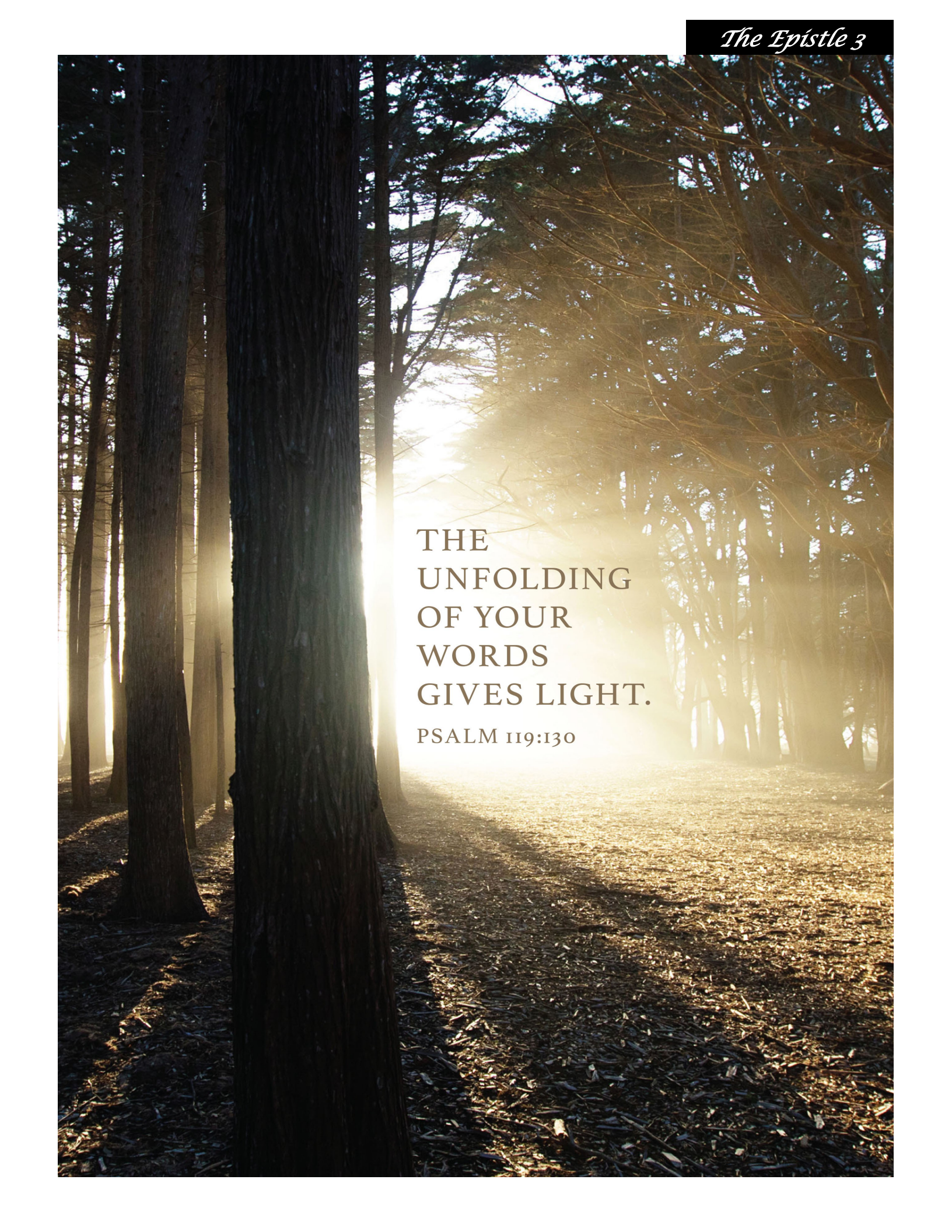
confuse the feel-good with the experience. And some churches are ready for the truth so they can move forward. Yet, these are the things I learn along the way. In the scripture 1Corinthians 3:2, Paul is letting them know, when he came to minister to them he was only able to give them the amount of truth they could take, which wasn't much, but he gave them the truth. Hebrews 5:12, says, "You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food." (NLT)

As a minister, I had to learn that every classroom and audience is not the same, and the importance of really knowing what is appropriate for the group you are teaching. If a pastor has a mentality to shove the gospel truth down someone's throat, it can be overwhelming and turn some of them away from God. We cannot force people to become what we think they should, but we can teach them as they are and pray for spiritual growth.

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Worship Volunteer Schedule August 2020

August 2	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
August 9	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
August 16	Tellers	Joan Brown & Teresa Reed
August 23	Tellers	Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova
August 30	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons



WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Impact Youth
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.
— 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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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.

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
Lori Staalsen, August 11	Dale Walters, August 28
Brenda Everett, August 17	Scott Hartless, August 29
Donna To, August 18	Doris Metzger, August 29
Eddie Cowand, August 20	



2020 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
June	\$20,920	\$32,576
Jan - Jun	\$124,611 + \$28,541*	\$130,996

*PPP loan from government