



# 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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**Liliana Ortiz**  
Nursery

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### ***From Your Session***

## **When God Doesn't Make Sense**

The last ten years of my dad's life were spent on a bed. He was not able to walk after a surgery on his lower back, and he never recovered from it. As the years went by, his health was deteriorating more and more. He lost sight on both eyes; both legs were amputated from the knee down. His dementia got really bad and it was one complication after another. My mother and my sister were living in Los Angeles and got to live those years close to him and suffered a lot with each incident.

One day I found a book in a store, "When God Doesn't Make Sense" from Dr. James Dobson, and I picked it up thinking I would give it to my sister to comfort her. However, I had not read the book and didn't know if it would help her cope with the pain of seeing Dad go through what he was going through or if it would make her doubt her faith. I decided not to give it to her. One thing was for sure, I didn't understand why my dad had to suffer so much. I didn't understand what was going on. I could not understand God's plan.

Luckily for me, I had already joined FPCD, and I had started my journey in that search to get closer to God, to growth in my faith, and I had come to the right place. I was understanding that being a Christian does not mean we will have a life without tribulations and that everything is peaceful and calm. I have grown a lot in my faith, I have matured by your side. Being here with you, I have

learned to pray through the tough times. When sickness comes, pray and pray with faith, with conviction.

I have seen many of you endure losses of loved ones and how you have maintained your faith through the hardest of times, and not questioned God's Will but accepted His Will. I have learned that God answers our prayers, and sometimes the answer is not what we were waiting for or the answer we were hoping for.

I still don't have the answer to why God allows certain things to happen. And I know I am not supposed to have the answer. What I know is that I am not alone. I know that God is with me, that God is with us even if it doesn't make sense. I know that God loves us even if we cannot say God, we love you back. I know that if we are in the eye of the storm, we need to pray to God with faith, and don't stop praying.

God is Good All the Time and All the Time God is Good.

*Jaime*





WE HAVE A PROBLEM, POP. THE IRISH SETTERS REFUSE TO SHARE A COMPARTMENT WITH THE ENGLISH BULLDOGS

## Laugh Library



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October 2021

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Don't worry about anything;  
instead, pray about everything.  
Tell God what you need,  
and thank him for all he has done.

~Philippians 4:6 (NLT)





## **Worship Volunteer Schedule October 2021**

<b>October 3</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Rotation</b>	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sean Russell & Brenda Everett Allen Conley
<b>October 10</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Rotation</b>	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Brittany Haywood & Dub Guthrie Jennifer McWilliams
<b>October 17</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Rotation</b>	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Darrell Ingram & Joan Brown Logan Russell
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Rotation</b>	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Paul Griffith & Diane Pegues Jimmy Cordova
<b>October 31</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Rotation</b>	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Dennis Walters & Nancy Bergman Allen Conley




## October 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.

Zephyr Lewis, October 2	Jonathan Liddle, October 18
Diane Pegues, October 3	Barbara Notari, October 19
Carlos Benitez, October 8	Andres Benitez, October 22
Grant Everett, October 9	Brandon Cowand, October 24
Sean Russell, October 14	Lorraine Cordova, October 30
Doyce Smith, October 15	

		
2021 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
August	\$21,893	\$44,777*
Jan-Aug	\$257,069**	\$274,598***
* \$24,203 of this for building projects		
**\$78,810 of this for building repairs		
***\$123,883 of this for building projects		

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education  
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.  
— 10:30 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Impact Youth  
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.  
— 6:30 p.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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