



# First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Sound Room Technician

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

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### ***From our Session***

## **Welcoming vs. Greeting**

Growing up, I attended many different Catholic churches in different countries as well as different states here in the U.S., both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking.

They all were big churches and some were really big churches and cathedrals, with hundreds of parishioners in a single mass. I found common in all of them that you could be greeted by the end of mass, sometimes by the Priest or Father greeting people as you walk out. Other than that, no one else noticed you had attended a mass. Communication was via announcements and pamphlets. Some of them offered Saturday or Sunday classes, and if you didn't look for them you might not know they were offered. In my 30 plus years as a Catholic, not once did I receive a Birthday card, nor a phone call to see how I was doing. No one from the Parish ever asked me how my family was doing.

When I first started visiting First Presbyterian Church of Duncanville it was a completely different story. First off, I was invited very kindly to attend an event or a service. In either case, the congregation made me feel welcome. A lot of people reached out to me to talk to me, to introduce themselves, to ensure I was comfortable. I was invited to potlucks and enjoyed a delicious and varied meals. I was invited to attend Bible study classes, to learn about the Bible, to fellowship. These things that someone might think are insignificant, I tell you these are acts of love, of

compassion and they impact with a bang on people. I felt special, I wanted to belong here. Starting with our Pastor Ginger, she made everyone feel special and welcomed. To my surprise I was not the only one feeling this way. I have had the opportunity to hear testimonies from many of you and that is something that comes up every time. Whenever we ask new members why do they want to become members, that always comes up - how they were made to feel special and welcomed.

Greeting. Yes, many churches greet you either when you get there or when you are leaving. One of the definitions of greeting is "a polite word or sign of welcome or recognition" and that is it. On the other hand, the definition of welcoming is "*behaving* in a polite of friendly way to a guest or new arrival". Keep up the great work FPCD. You do an amazing job of making us newcomers welcome. That work you do has brought and keeps bringing new members to this congregation. I believe this has been done for many years. However, my time is when Pastor Ginger has been here and this behavior is clearly a representation of who she is. Thank you, Pastor Ginger, for everything that you have done for this congregation and for Duncanville. You have blessed so many lives. The way FPCD makes everyone feel welcome is part of your legacy. May God Bless You.

*Jaime*



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## **Worship Volunteer Schedule February 2023**

<b>February 5</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Assistant</b> <b>COMMUNION Servers</b> <b>COMMUNION Prep</b>	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Dennis Walters & Nancy Bergman Allen Conley Dub Guthrie & Lori Glover Jennifer McWilliams
<b>February 12</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Assistant</b>	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Jaime Cordova & Darlene Cowand Jimmy Cordova
<b>February 19</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Assistant</b>	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Jennifer McWilliams
<b>February 26</b>	<b>Greeters</b> <b>Tellers</b> <b>End of Service Ministry</b> <b>Sound Room Assistant</b>	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Brittany Haywood & Dudley Austin Jimmy Cordova

We know that all things  
work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called  
according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28, NRSV

## February 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.

Glenn Favors, February 2  
Candice Morris, February 2  
Carol McKinney, February 4  
Christy Favors, February 6  
Triston Russell, February 8  
Paul Griffith, February 12

Leo Skinner, February 15  
Claudia Griffith, February 16  
Lee Austin, February 21  
Susan Walters, February 22  
Gary Simons, February 26  
Gary Morris, February 28



### 2023 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
Dec 2022	\$ 40,593	\$ 25,407
Jan - Dec	\$290,547	\$302,944

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education  
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.  
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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