



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

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After Easter, after our journey through Lent, there can be a pulling in our hearts for things not to return to the status quo or how they were before. I find myself in the major church holidays hoping for a change and a transformation in me each season, that I grow nearer to Christ, that I finally pluck that thorn from my side. But hoping is different than active prayer and faithful anticipation. And perhaps by hope, I mean wishing. Wishing for a miracle that I hadn't truly asked for, rather casually daydreamed about.

This Eastertide season, I am praying for renewal and enlivened imagination to live into our community's calling to share the Good News of Jesus with the city of Duncanville. And beyond that, I invite the Holy Spirit to keep showing up to open doors and my mind to the power of the possibility of aligning with the power of God that is availed to us. I genuinely believe that each new season has hope that springs toward heaven.

In seeking the holy wisdom and imagination of the Holy Spirit following the beautiful but busy season of Lent and Easter, the Holy Spirit led me to illustrate that each Sunday, we are indeed worshipping

with a purpose. We do not worship in vain, nor because of tradition's sake. We worship faithfully and fully the God who makes the impossible possible. How we do that is important, and why we do it is even more critical. Especially in our church, which reflects a multitude of diverse life and worship experiences, and especially in our current time where the church struggles with the balance of relevance and meaning. That we do not have to give up the importance of one or the other. Let us faithfully pray together to live the full life of resurrection people, that the Trinity is not just a concept we read about in a book, and that our lives can indeed be transformed and connected to the living word. Let us pray in bold, enthusiastic, and wholehearted ways. As we learn why our rhythms of worship reflect meaning and purpose as defined by Scripture and the life of Christ. My prayer is that we become greater in faith and, therefore, more ready to accept the amazing things that God can do through His faithful Children!

*Rev.
Rachael
McConnell*





PW Annual Plant and Bake Sale



Mark your calendars for the annual PW Plant and Bake Sale. The date is **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, following the morning worship service. In addition to assorted garden annuals, perennials, and hanging baskets, just in time for Mothers' Day the following Sunday. Plus, you'll find a delicious assortment of baked goods from the kitchens of our illustrious bakers.

We purchase most of the plants we offer, but if you want to donate a plant or two, please do. Also, we can't offer the selection of delicious baked goods without donations from you, our illustrious bakers and cooks. So please plan to have your baking or cooking donations available for Sunday, May 5.

Thank you.



For God so loved
the world, that
he gave his only
Son, that whoever
believes in him
should not perish
but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16, ESV

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April Volunteer Schedule

April 7	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Communion Service Communion Preparer	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Dub Guthrie & Dudley Austin Jimmy Cordova & Jocelyn Bolles Nancy Bergman
April 14	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer	Connie Steger Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sharon Ingram & Diane Pegues
April 21	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer	Sharon Ingram Darlene Cowand & Teresa Reed Brittany Haywood & Nancy Bergman
April 28	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer	Dudley Austin Jaime Cordova & Brenda Everett Sharon Ingram & Darlene Cowand

Jesus said,
"Feed my sheep."

From John 21:17

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
 — 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED


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April 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.

Weston Russell, April 2
 Bob Harrison, April 7

Sandy Gaskins, April 16
 John McConnell, April 17



2024 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
Jan	\$ 8,929.50	\$ 14,322.68