



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

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From Your Session

This is being written in May. May is the month of high school graduations. Most of the graduates were probably asked what their plans were after graduation and what type of job they planned on pursuing. It would be interesting to know what percentage of them were doing what they had planned at graduation ten years later. Life has a way of altering plans as time passes.

Our faith journey is like that. Many of us are doing things or have done things we never imagined as teenagers. Some of our pastors and some of the pulpit supply ministers have had a career prior to becoming a minister. God's plan is not always our plan. Some of the major people in the bible had backgrounds that made them an unlikely choice for what God called them to do. We see the same course correction in Christians today.

Jessica Kusler has been called to enter the ministry. The session recently had the pleasure of interviewing her as one of her steps to be supported by our church and Grace Presbytery. She has spent many years serving God with Wycliffe. Now she has been called to seek a new way of serving Him. We, as her church, will now be a support for her during this journey. This support will include prayer and continuing her financial support.

Jeff Thorpe is now taking courses that will lead into him becoming a lay pastor. Jeff was called into the ministry several years ago but was unable to pursue the education required at that time. He has been able to use his talent to speak from the pulpit. Once he completes the required courses, he will be able to pastor a church. We need to continue to support him on his journey.

A church is made up of people with many different callings. Some have been called to be missionaries, some music directors, other choir members, and others the many tasks to keep the church functioning. In 1 Corinthians, we are told the parts of the church are like the human body. All need to be working together for the best function. All are equally important for the best outcomes.

The lesson for all of us is to be open and willing to serve as God calls us. We also must be willing to change if a new call comes.

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Graduations and Next Steps Matthew and Rylee Reed



Rylee Reed graduated from Midlothian High School in May 2026. There she was in the band. The band went to state both this year and in her Junior year.

She currently works as a caregiver. She will attend Tarrant County College in the fall for 2 years, then transfer to Baylor University. She plans on becoming a Labor and Delivery Nurse.



Brian "Matthew" Reed graduated from Midlothian High School in 2024. He attended UTA for 2 years. On May 27, 2026, he was sworn into the United States Air Force. He will leave for boot camp in August.



Graduations and Next Steps Weston and Tristan Russell



Tristan graduated from Duncanville High School #85 of 976 graduates. He will attend the University of North Texas with the ELEVAR program and wants to study Environmental Science.



Weston graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering from Texas A&M. He has a job working in College Station at Torres Associates LLC.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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CALENDAR

June 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Choir Reh. 10:30 AM Worship	8	9 7pm Sarah Circle at Diane's	10	11	12	13 9AM Men's Fellowship
14 Graduation Sunday 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Youth Sunday	15 7PM MCT	16	17 Newsletter Articles for July Newsletter Due!	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Choir Reh. 10:30 AM Worship	22 Austin St. Sandwiches Due!	23	24	25	26	27 9AM Men's Fellowship
28 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	29	30				

**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace.**

June Volunteer Schedule

June 7	Greeter	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers	Darlene Cowand & Teresa Reed
	End of Service Prayer	Nyadia Thorpe & Nancy Bergman
	Communion Service	Sharon Ingram & Nyadia Thorpe
	Communion Preparer	Nancy Bergman
	Liturgist	TBD
June 14	Greeter	Connie Steger
	Tellers	Connie Steger & Ingram
	End of Service Prayer	Jessica Kusler & Darlene Cowand
	Liturgist	TBD
June 21	Greeter	Beau Gaskins
	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
	End of Service Prayer	Dub Guthrie & Lee Austin
	Liturgist	TBD
June 28	Greeter	Sharon Ingram
	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
	End of Service Prayer	Sharon Ingram & Brenda Everett
	Liturgist	TBD

For I will pour out water to quench your thirst
and to irrigate your parched fields.

And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants,
and my blessing on your children.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
 — 10:30 a.m.

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June 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.

Victoria Salazar, June 3	Katherine Liddle, June 11
Vanessa Cordova, June 11	Caius Thorpe, June 14
Kent Glover, June 11	Felicia Smith, June 29



2026 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
April	\$ 13,282	\$ 11,059
YTD	\$ 79,618	\$ 61,314