

# This Week at First Presbyterian Church

## Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Prayer List

**Today:** 7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Worship Service, Deal Lot  
 7:20 a.m. - Congregational Breakfast, fellowship hall  
 9:45 a.m. - Pre-Service music, sanctuary  
 10:00 a.m. - Easter worship service with Sacrament of Holy Communion, sanctuary  
 One Great Hour of Sharing offering rec'd  
 No Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt, Deal lot (adjacent to fellowship hall)  
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Adult S/S class), fellowship hall

**Monday:** Holiday - Church Office Closed

**Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Classical Conversations Homeschool

**Wednesday:** 2:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle, home of Susan Roquemore  
 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group  
 9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - Choir, Choir Room

**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Bible study w/David, Library  
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Shower Ministry, lower level

**Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter**  
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service with Sacrament of Holy Communion, sanctuary  
 11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Class, upper level  
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Mt. Pleasant Methodist Youth), f. hall

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion:** The Presbyterian Church practices "open" communion. All persons present in worship are encouraged to receive the sacrament. The communion bread was baked by Jeannie Clark. The elders assisting this morning are: Cindy Combs, Bill Long, and Scott Cranford.

**Personal hearing devices** are available. Please see an usher. **Persons interested in joining the church** should speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, or contact the church office.

**Please sign the "Friendship Book"** located in the pew during the Offertory and then pass it along. When it reaches the end of the row, send it back down the row, and note the names written down. Please speak to others you do not know, or who may be visiting and help them feel welcome in our worship service.

**Greeters/Ushers:** Alan Forshey, Jim & Sylvia Payne, Cliff Pernell

**Week of March 31st**

Elder on Call: Mimi Michael  
 Lay Leader: Gary McDougal  
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

**Week of April 7th**

Elder on Call: Jim Ten Kate  
 Greeters/Ushers: Alan Forshey, Jim & Sylvia Payne, Cliff Pernell  
 Lay Leader: Ray Rhinehart  
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

**Attendance - March 24th**

10:00 a.m. Worship - 126  
 Shower Ministry - March 21st - 3

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, Kay Long, Jeannie Clark, Elise Yaussy, Jo Todd, Judy Fulton, Terryl Anderson and family, David Roquemore, Rick Knowles, Ron Valentini, Dale Whitaker, Tom Witherspoon, Norris & Gail McRee, Eric Ellis, John Taylor, Dennis DeBalso, Joe Jones, Angela Mauney & family, Scott Cranford, Richard Hedrick, Heidi Jonas, Brian, Ericka, & Emmy Krueger

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Zachary Ausel, Maryia Johnson & family, Margaret Hale, Caitlan Reese, Zak Kuhn, Cora Compton, Luke Ohman, Michelle Nelson-Beers, Leenie Vallandingham, Nanelle McAlpin, Katie Day, Megan Bergman, family of Leah Lowdermilk, Gary Hefner, Amanda McDonald-Miller, Toby Hemphill, the Frazier family, the Porterfield family, Nancy Kiser, Brooke Powell, Kenny & Vickie McConnell, Jean Bentley, Dr. Chris Bensen, Robin Wood, Mary Williams, family of Doug Boliek, Georgia Case, Bob Kupits, Bill Clark, Dawn Vosburgh, Dean Holland (friend of Faye Morgan)

**Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:**

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Pete Keel, Robin Miller, Frankie Sigmon

**Prayers for those in Assisted Living/Homebound:**

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Dennis DeBalso, Betty Epps, Frances Inscoe, Frances Ennis, Wanda Hicks, Ann White, Peggy Templeton, Richard Hedrick

**Prayers for those in the Military:**

John Hardin, U.S. Army, Fort Sill, OK  
 (Cindy Baldwin's nephew)  
 Captain Joshua Smith, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC  
 (Brenda Smith's son)  
 Major Christopher Walker, U.S. Army, Fort Knox, KY  
 (Tammy Walker's son)  
 LT Max Morrill, U.S. Navy, Virginia Beach, VA  
 (Joan Inscoe's grandson)  
 Captain Patrick Day, Chaplain, U.S. Army Multinational Force Observers, Egypt  
 (Amy Yenderusiak's brother)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of February, 2024**

2024 Pledge Budget	475,000.00
Pledge Budget through February 29, 2024	79,166.00
Pledge Receipts through February 29, 2024	128,845.37

# Announcements – Week of March 31st

**Adult Sunday School Class Update**

There will be no Sunday School this morning, but will continue next Sunday, April 7th and go through April 28th, taught by a variety of people. We hope you will join us!

**March Madness Food Drive**

Basketball and a food drive . . . A winning combination! It's time for the 6th Annual March Madness Food Drive Challenge!! Ashure Ministry (formerly Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry or ECCCM) provides food for those across the county who need food supplies for their families. FPC is proud to participate in this challenge.

Through April 10th, there will be collection boxes in the narthex. We ask you to donate food or money on behalf of your favorite college basketball team. We will have four boxes; NC State, Duke, UNC, and "Other Teams". Food donations count as 1 pound = 2 points. Financial donations are even more helpful, so money counts as \$1 = 3 points. The team with the most points at the end of the period wins the challenge! If you donate on behalf of a team in the "Other" category, you may write your team's name on the product or bag, and your team will get credit when Ashure tabulates the results. For monetary donations, please write "FPC" and your team's name on the memo line and turn it in to the church office. Donations can also be made at [ecccm.org/mmc](http://ecccm.org/mmc).

**Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!! *Rise Against Hunger's* packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. During the four past events, volunteers have packaged over 65,000 meals. Our church will again sponsor an event on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Again this year, we are excited to be working with our friends from Beth Eden Lutheran Church. We will also be assisted by a group of young adults from the Junior Beta Club at Riverbend Middle School. This event is for all ages and we encourage everyone to participate as they are able. Set up will begin at 11:00 am and several volunteers are needed for this. To volunteer, please visit the following link:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstPresbyterianNewton2024>

**Rise Against Hunger  
Saturday, April 20th (12:30 - 3:00 p.m.)  
FPC Newton Fellowship Hall**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I will: Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Donate financially: \_\_\_\_\_

Help Set-Up: \_\_\_\_\_ (11:30 a.m.)

Family Members Volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

***Return to the church office by Monday, April 15th***

**Easter Flowers**

If you purchased flowers in honor or in memory of someone for this morning's worship service, please pick them up following this morning's service.

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

The Presbyterian Church (USA) collects four Special Offerings throughout the year which allows the whole Church to join together in response to God's grace. They represent the largest, collective way Presbyterians come together to work for a better world. The first Special offering of the year is the One Great Hour of Sharing and will be received this morning.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. The receipts from our congregation will be disbursed to several PC(USA) organizations including Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development of People.

**A Note of Thanks from Cathy Murdock**

I do not think any words I can share are totally adequate to tell you all just how much I appreciated the luncheon hosted by First Presbyterian Church last Sunday to celebrate my years of serving as Director of Music. My heart is so full and I feel so incredibly blessed by all the comments shared during the luncheon, the beautiful messages shared in the cards received, and by all the thought and time put into making the luncheon and day possible. The meal, prepared and served by so many people, was wonderful. The decorations were beautiful. The cake Margy made and decorated was delicious. The music shared by Susan and Sam was excellent, as always, and the slideshow was filled with good memories. Many thanks to the youth group for helping to clean the dishes after lunch. Thank you for the gift of the Western Piedmont Symphony season tickets for 2024-2025 and the monetary gift. We will definitely enjoy that gift of music and think of you all at each concert. I will always be thankful for the 33 years I have had at FPC as Director of Music. All those in the Chancel Choir, the Handbell Choir and those who participated as instrumentalists and soloists will always hold a special place in my heart. I especially thank my husband, Bruce, for all his support and participation all our married lives, as I have been a church music director throughout most of our time together. I give thanks for all of you, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as Director of Music for First Presbyterian Church – Newton.

With grateful heart and much love,  
Cathy