

# This Week at First Presbyterian Church

## 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

Prayer List

**Today:** 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, sanctuary  
Daily Change Offering received  
11:00 a.m. - Youth (Lunch & Faith Journey with Mimi Michael), H/S Youth Room  
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Class, upper level  
2:00 p.m. - Memorial Service for Johnsie Abernethy, sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Trinity) fellowship hall

**Tuesday:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Classical Conversations Homeschool

**Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group  
9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting  
6:00 p.m. - Handbells  
7:00 p.m. - Choir

**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Bible study w/David, Library  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Shower Ministry, lower level  
5:00 p.m. - Council on Caring mtg., f. hall  
5:45 p.m. - Adult Fellowship Dinner, f. hall

**Friday:** 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall reserved (Eckard)

**Saturday:** 8:00 a.m. - Noon - Fellowship Hall reserved, Delta Kappa Gamma

**Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
9:45 a.m. - Annual Congregational meeting, sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. - Worship service, sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Class, upper level  
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (FPC Youth), f. hall

The flowers this morning are given by Cheryl Glenn to the glory of God and in loving memory of Johnsie and Harold Abernethy.

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:** Deward Clark, Rob Inscoe, Gary McDonald, Kent Holcomb

**Week of January 14th**  
Elder on Call: Randy Williams  
Lay Leader: Bob Neill  
Sound System: RaeAnn Hennes

**Week of January 21st**  
Elder on Call: Gary McDougal  
Greeters/Ushers: Jay & Sylvia Bajorek, RaeAnn Hennes & Lynette Inscoe  
Lay Leader: Karen McDougal  
Flowers: Bill & Kay Long  
Sound System: RaeAnn Hennes

**Attendance - January 7th**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - 103

**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, Judy Brown, Dennis DeBalso, Joe Jones, Richard Foley, Angela Mauney & family

**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, Julian Isley, Dr. Chris Bensen, Dawn Vosburgh, Robin Wood, Mary Williams, family of Doug Boliek, Judy Kennon, Georgia Case

**Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:**  
**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Janet Drum, Richard Foley, 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)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of December 2023	
2023 Pledge Budget	464,000.00
Pledge Budget through December 31, 2023	464,000.00
Pledge Receipts through December 31, 2023	482,565.13

# Announcements – Week of January 14th

**2024 Offering Envelopes**

2024 Offering Envelopes are available for your use, please pick them up in the narthex. If you do not see your name and would like a box, please contact the church office.

**Daily Change Offering**

Thanks to everyone who contributes to our Daily Change Offering! Your offering has been turned into a fantastic gift to one of our local ministries. ECCCM is the recent recipient of a \$12,000 grant from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina from the Daily Change Offering fund!

**January 2024 Youth Events**

**21<sup>st</sup>** - 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Community Supper, fellowship hall

**28<sup>th</sup>**- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m.  
Youth and Young Disciples - Lunch and Bowling

**Sunday, February 11th - Mark Your Calendar!**  
The *Souper Bowl of Caring* will be held in the fellowship hall at 11:00 a.m.

**Coffee News! Now Available!**

We now have peppermint and ginger teas, both decaffeinated, at \$4.00 per box (20 bags). We also have delicious Georgia-grown pecans! The pecans come in 8 oz. bags and are \$6.75. We also have hot cocoa mix available for those cold winter days!

**Congregational Meeting**

The Session has called the church’s annual congregational meeting for next Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to install and ordain our Class of 2026 elders. The Class of 2026 Elders are: Ray Rhinehart, Margie Pulliam, Jim Ten Kate and Eva Bonnema.

Other business for the meeting includes presentation of the 2023 Annual Report and election of the Officers of the Church’s Corporation. Copies of the annual report will be available to everyone at this meeting.

**Upcoming Women’s Ministries Events**  
**Wednesday, January 24th**

Tales of the Raven or “Not a Bird Brain”  
Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor as Margie Pulliam shares with us stories she gathered as a Park Ranger in Alaska. Guys and Gals! All are welcome! For more information, please contact Eva Bonnema at 253-736-4433.

**FPC Shower Ministry**

The Shower Ministry is in need of warm winter clothing and shoes, especially for men. Blankets, pillows, and sleeping bags are also requested. These items go as soon as they are available. Folks are cold during this wet wintry weather. Thanks for anything you can do to help.

**Adult Fellowship Dinner**

Come join us this Thursday, Jan. 18th for the first Adult Fellowship Dinner in 2024 beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Each person is asked to bring one of the following: an appetizer, main dish or dessert.

5:45 p.m. - Appetizers  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner  
6:40 - 7:30 p.m. - Program

Rev. J. Charles Sisti, Youth Pastor at Highland Baptist Church in Hickory, will be doing our program. He does a scripture reading while he draws a unique chalk art presentation. After the drawing is completed, a black light is used to reveal a hidden picture.