

# F I R S T L I G H T

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## *Finding Peace in God's Promise*



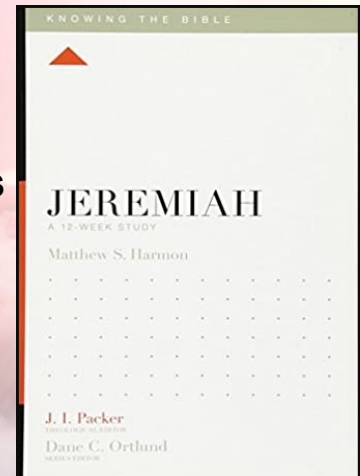
*They are new every morning, great is Your faithfulness.*

*Lamentations 3:23*

### NEW TIME!!!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

On August 2, the Adult Sunday School Class will begin meeting at 11:15am, and the class is studying the Book of Jeremiah. If you have never attended an Adult Sunday School Class, we encourage you to do so. It is a fascinating way to learn about the various Books of the Bible and further your spiritual growth. Books are available at the church office (\$7.00 a copy). To participate, just contact Stephanie Rozell at [stepanie.a.rozell@gmail.com](mailto:stepanie.a.rozell@gmail.com) or call or text her at 907-687-3730.



### CHURCH OFFICERS

#### ELDERS

James Aldrich (Moderator)  
Maggie Demers (Youth)  
Jenna Dreydoppel (Worship)  
Mikaila Holt (Children)  
Mark Lawson (Nominating)  
Keith Nore (Congregational Care)  
Barbara Page (Finance)  
Terry Reichardt (Personnel)  
Mike Repasky (Facilities)  
Stephanie Rozell (Hospitality)  
Jim Williams (Mission/Outreach)

#### DEACONS

Sarah Curtis  
Lindsey Dreydoppel  
Debby Foster  
Logan Foster  
Lillian Fortune  
Gayle Meurs  
Kathy Rahmandar-Halfhill  
Joan Riggs  
Ted Riggs, Sr.  
Kathi Stevens (Moderator)

# SESSION MEETING

What follows is a short summary of the decisions and actions of the Session, at the July 21, 2020 Session Meeting. The minutes of the meeting will contain a more complete record.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met, virtually via Zoom at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was opened by Ruling Elder Stephanie Rozell with a devotion based on Psalms.

Newly ordained and installed Ruling Elders Maggie Demers (Youth), Jenna Dreydoppel (Worship), Mark Lawson (Nominating), and Keith Nore (Congregational Care) were in attendance. Also in attendance were Ruling Elders June Champlin and Janice Cleworth, who are going off of Session.

A report from the Pastoral Search Committee was received.

Minutes from the June 16, 2020 Stated Meeting, July 2, 2020 Special Session Meeting, July 8, 2020 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting and vital statistics from June 17, 2020 to July 21, 2020 were received and approved.

Consent Calendar items were passed as presented. The Consent Calendar items included: Approval of the minutes of Deacons Meeting: May 26, 2020 and awarding a \$1,000 bonus to Youth Director David McConnell-Booher in recognition of his work.

A list for sign-up to present devotions and snacks (once meetings are held in person) will be forwarded by Stephanie Rozell.

New Elder and Deacon training was discussed. Clerk David Dreydoppel, Youth Director David McConnell-Booher, and Ruling Elder Barb Page will put the training together and present it to the new officers.

Expectations for elders were briefly discussed. A copy of the Session Covenant will be forwarded to all elders.

A written Financial Report was provided to Session, with Treasurer Christy Repasky on hand to answer questions.

The new Ruling Elders; Maggie Demers, Jenna Dreydoppel, Mark Lawson, and Keith Nore introduced themselves and spoke about their journey to faith in Christ.

It was decided that action on the approval of the Sexual Misconduct Policy will be postponed until further notice.

Reports from the Ministry Teams were received.

Elders spent time in prayer. After making prayer requests known, elders prayed for one another and for First Presbyterian.


**The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on August 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Church Conference Room or if needed via Video Conference.**

The FPC Men's Group meets for lunch on Monday's at 11:30am at the Hometown Restaurant. Come join us for fellowship and a discussion of the previous Sundays sermon. For additional information, please contact Jim at [jwaldrich@gmail.com](mailto:jwaldrich@gmail.com).

Quarterly Contribution Statements were recently mailed. If there has been a change of address or if you find any type discrepancy, please contact the church front office for assistance.

1 Peter 5:7 | Joshua 1:9  
Isaiah 41:10 | Psalm 91  
Colossians 3:2

**Think  
About Such  
Things**

Psalm 23 | Isaiah 55  
Ephesians 3:20 |   
1 Corinthians 15:58

If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, there are plenty of spots available throughout the rest of the year. Please see the bulletin board in the atrium to sign up. The flower fee is \$40 per week.

The Spicy Mustard Youth Group (grades 7-12) meet on Wednesdays and Sundays from 4-7pm to participate in bible study, fellowship and fun! For additional information, please contact David McConnell-Booher (Youth Director) at 978-2939.

Paul and Terry Reichardt's Lifegroup Bible Study  
Monday Evenings at 7pm.  
Please contact Terry at [reich@alaska.net](mailto:reich@alaska.net) and a ZOOM link will be sent to you.





Life during a pandemic carries on and we have learned how to create a “new normal” in our summer activities. We have learned to recognize one another wearing our masks and really looking at each other’s eyes and noticing when others are smiling back at us. The beauty of spruce trees, fireweed, watching momma ducks and their ducklings grow and survive independently, the thrill of the “catch of the day” in Seward, Alaska, the transformation of a new shed from materials, building plans, intelligence, and sweat equity, and the weekly flowers at First Presbyterian Church that bless members in need with encouragement and joy.

ONCE A DEACON – ALWAYS A DEACON! Those of us that have served as deacons take a break from serving as “active” deacons, but we will always be DEACONS. We are His servants and that will never change. Special thanks are delivered to Nancy Dreydoppel, Keith Nore, Lonny Marney, Rosario Sheets, and Barbara Nore for their dedication to the congregation of FPC.

The Deacons of First Presbyterian Church are happy to welcome our new members: Lindsey Dreydoppel and Gayle Meurs and we are thankful that Kathi Stevens offered to serve as a deacon for another term. We lift up our deacons that begin new leadership positions: Kathi Stevens now serves as the Moderator of the deacons, Joan Riggs is the Treasurer, and Sarah Curtis is the Secretary. May God always direct their paths and show them His love for their willingness to assume more responsibility. Have a blessed summer and stay safe in His care.

In His service, Barbara Nore, Member of First Presbyterian Church



1 Jim Aldrich  
1 Ava Denton  
1 Andréé Thies  
1 Chris Demers  
3 Angela Adams  
3 Nathan Vander Lugt  
4 Phillip Jones  
5 Blake Bunch  
7 Greg Young  
9 Kelsey Per Nore  
9 Karen Binkley  
9 Bryon Cogley  
10 Linda Armstrong  
11 Heather Young  
13 Mark Albert  
13 Sena Gilbert  
15 Paul Reichardt  
16 Maggie Hess  
18 Peggy Nicholas  
20 Rick Wagner  
20 Perry Schneider  
20 Siegfried Fink  
20 Savannah VanHarper  
22 Jim Williams  
23 Lauren Bouta



23 Eli Brovold  
24 Amber Sunderlund  
24 Kathy Buckley  
25 Wendy Cogley  
26 Dan Brady  
26 Toby Rozell  
27 Isaac Mackey  
27 Janice Cleworth  
28 Karson Riggs  
30 Marita Bunch  
31 Barbara Nore  
31 Liesl Wietgreffe  
31 Abigail Sirevaag  
31 Hunter Dudgeon

