



First Light

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FAIRBANKS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 2021

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

FPC Meetings is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Congregational Meeting January 3, 2021

Time: Jan 3, 2021 10:30 AM (after the service ends)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91240147905?pwd=N1A3RmVicmpocXJZS294dnk1b2hzdz09>

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AGENDA

- I. Meeting called to order / opening prayer
- II. Presentation of slate of nominees for Pastor Search Committee
Brenna McConnell-Booher
Terry Reichardt
Jenna Dreydoppel
- III. Closing Prayer / Adjournment

A message from David McConnell-Booher

If your family is like mine, this time around January 1st is when we look at our new calendars and planners and try to predict and plan the coming year. Maybe you've said or heard questions like these?

- When we will go on vacation?
- What about fishing or hunting?
- Didn't your parents say they wanted to visit this summer?
- How will we fit all of our cancelled 2020 plans into 2021?
- Will everyone be vaccinated so we can go back to normal by August?



In the midst of planning and questing for a better year than the last, it is crucial to also approach your calendar as a follower of Jesus. Be sure to consider questions like ...

- How will I grow as a disciple of Christ?
- How can I encourage my family in their faith journeys?
- How will we be blessing our neighbors this year?
- Are we budgeting for the work of God's Kingdom and not just for our own family?
- What will do that is new or different this year to give the glory to our Creator and Redeemer?

While we cannot predict the future and while no plan will be perfect, we can be intentional and faithful with how we greet the coming new year. May the God of time and eternity grant you patience, wisdom, and resilience to you in 2021.



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January Birthdays

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, January 1
New Year's Holiday

Monday, January 18
Martin Luther King Day Holiday

Weekly Ministries Highlights

Children Sunday School (via ZOOM)
Sundays, 8:45am

Worship Services (in-person and live online)
Sundays, 9:30am

Adult Sunday School (via ZOOM)
Sundays, 11:15am

Spicy Mustard Youth Group
Sundays, 11am-3pm
Wednesdays, 4-7pm

FPC Men's Group
Mondays, 11:30am

The Well
Wednesdays, 6-7

FoodBoxes
Wednesdays, 10am-12noon
Wednesdays, 2-4

Terry & Paul Reichardt
Lifegroup Bible Study (via ZOOM)
Thursdays, 7pm, 9:30am

Brenna and David McConnell-Booher
Lifegroup Bible Study (in-person)
Thursdays, 6:30pm

Thank You

*Many sincere thanks to everyone for
the thoughtful staff appreciation gifts
received the holiday seasons.*

FPC Staff



What follows is a short summary of the decisions and actions of the Session, at the December 15, 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, December 15th.

The meeting was opened by Clerk of Session Dave Dreydoppel with prayer and devotion.

In the absence of Moderator Jim Aldrich, it was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to elect Ruling Elder Stephanie Rozell as Acting Moderator, until Moderator Aldrich can resume his duties.

It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to approve the agenda as presented.

Vital Statistics from November 18, 2020 to December 15, 2020, as well as Minutes from the November 17, 2020 Stated Session Meeting and the December 5, 2020 Called Session Meeting, were received. It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to approve them as presented.

Correspondence was received from Pastor Search Committee Members Sheila Williams and Michelle VanHatten tendering their resignations from the committee.

Correspondence was received from Ruling Elder Mark Lawson, tendering his resignation from Session. It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to accept his resignation, with regret.

Correspondence was received from the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest about registration for the January Presbytery Meeting. Information has also been received that there will be a ZOOM option for attendance. It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to elect Dave Dreydoppel as the Commissioner from First Presbyterian Church.

Consent Calendar items were **passed** as proposed. The Consent Calendar items included: Approval of the minutes of Deacons Meeting of October 27, 2020; a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve proposed changes to the Personnel Policy; a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve an updated job description for the position of Administrative Assistant; a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve an updated job description for the Sound Technician; and a motion from the Personnel Committee to provide a \$2,000 bonus to David McConnell-Booher for the extra tasks that he has performed in the last 6 months of 2020, to be paid in the last pay period of the year.

The 2021 Budget came up for final review and adjustments.

It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to reduce the line item under WORSHIP for Pulpit Supply by \$400 to \$1,000.

It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to adopt the 2021 Budget as presented and amended.

It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to amend the 2020 Budget by not moving funds into the Sabbatical Fund for 2020.

The Session has been in negotiations with an EPC Teaching Elder to serve as a Transitional Pastor for FPC.

The Personnel Committee presented a proposed contract and moved that it be approved. It was **moved, and passed** approve the contract.

It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to notify the congregation via email and in services of activity being accomplished by Pastor Search Committee and Transitional Pastor search.

It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to call a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing to the Pastor Search Committee on January 3, 2021 after the morning church service.

Session Ministry Teams presented written and verbal reports.

It was **moved, seconded** and **passed** to have Ruling Elder Keith Nore serve as liaison to the Nominating Committee.

A written report on the finances of FPC was prepared by the Church Treasurer, Christy Repasky.

Devotions for the January Session Meeting will be provided by Ruling Elder Jim Williams.

Elders spent time in prayer. After making prayer requests known, elders prayed for one another and for First Presbyterian, and the meeting was adjourned, in prayer by David McConnell-Booher.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on January 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm via Video Conference.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS



2	Sarah Curtis	14	Sara Cogley
4	Dwight Morris	16	Geoff Beyersdorf
5	Denise Wartes	16	Jack Schnurr
6	Beth Brummond	25	Shelia Williams
7	Benjamin Hull	26	Kari Nore
8	Dave Stephenson	31	Karina Huffaker
10	Michael Repasky		
11	Dale Shelley		
12	Joan Riggs		
13	Jake Sirevaag		

Church Flowers

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.

Year End Reports
are due by
January 15, 2021

Contribution Statements
will be mailed during the
month of January!