



## NEW YEAR, NEW US

With the coming of another calendar year, it is common to see New Year's Resolutions: intentional efforts to be healthier, more responsible, or to simply apply oneself to a particular task or habit with a spirit of mindfulness and intentional discipline. But the old joke goes something along the lines of "The gym is always the most crowded on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, but back to normal by February 1<sup>st</sup>."

While it is human nature that we do not always follow through on serious plans and good intentions, it is also true that we always have an opportunity to embrace reformation and renewal. As Presbyterians, we do not say we are a Reformed Church simply because we draw upon the theological and ecclesial reformations that Calvin, Luther, Knox, and Zwingli enacted five hundred years ago, but also because we understand that Jesus Christ's church must always be in a state of re-formation.

We must always be renewing ourselves: examining our individual and collective lives, praying and listening for the Holy Spirit's guidance, identifying sin, highlighting areas of improvement, humbly asking for God to cleanse and sanctify us, and making sincere effort each day to follow (with every part of our being, every corner of our life) our Lord and Teacher, Jesus Christ.

If you made a New Year's Resolution, good for you! If you already slipped in your resolution, don't be discouraged! Remember that Jesus knows us and knows that we will sometimes stumble. Be sure to show yourself the grace and forgiveness that God pours out for you and that you show to others. If you didn't make a resolution for the new year, that's okay too. Consider this article as a prompt to pray, to reflect on your life, and to ask God how He might guide you (and how you might listen to Him) just a little bit better today, this month, this year. Pastor David~



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The Front Office will be  
Closed On  
**Monday, January 15**  
in recognition of



# Monthly Prayer Calendar

Created By Joanne Klaver

## January 2024

**1st Pres Staff**  
David  
McConnell-Booher  
Carina Menaker  
Marta Conner  
Peggy Nicholas  
Paul Bonnell

**Deacons**  
Marta DeLeon  
Nancy Dreydoppel  
Debby Foster  
Daniel Griggs  
Joe LaMagna  
Michele Marney  
Barbara Nore  
Melissa Prince  
Kathy Rahmander

**Elders**  
Sarah Albert  
David Dreydoppel  
Keith Nore  
Paul Reichardt  
Ted Riggs, Sr.  
Brian Rozell  
Bill Satterberg  
Brian Sunderland

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Adam, Emily, Nora & Holden Kohl	3 Isaac, Leah, Aaro, Adalie & Ezra Mackey  The Well (every Wednesday)	4 Lonny & Michele Marney	5 Scot, Rackell & Caxton Marney	6 Don Marsh
7 Youth Ministry	8 Rick, Heidi, Twila, Kiana & Avery May	9 David & Brenna McConnell- Booher	10 Bill & Sandy McKee	11 Jason, Heather & Cody McFarland	12 Judy McNinch	13 James, Carina, Diego, Essie & Lucy Menaker
14 FPC	15 Gayle Meurs	16 Diane Miller	17 Deanna Morris	18 Ray & Trish Mirolajczyk	19 Jack, Ashley, Henry & Sarah Morris	20 Fred, Maria, Cassie & Jacob Morrison
21 Sunday Schools	22 Linda Mullen	23 Peggy Nicholas	24 Keith, Barbara, Kari & Kelsey Nore	25 Barbara Page	26 Josephine Papp	27 Meridith Nava
28 Our Pastor	29 Bobby, Rachel, Jerry, Devin, Mya, Emily & Ethan Perkins	30 Thelma Pierce	31 Melissa & Autumn Prince	<b>Healing Prayers for</b> Joyce Tapper Pat & Sig Fink June Champlin Joy-el Culligan Chris & Maggie Demers Deanna Morris George Shoogukwrk		

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- 2 Sarah Curtis
- 5 Denise Wartes
- 6 Beth Brummond
- 7 Benjamin Hull
- 10 Michael Repasky
- 12 Joan Riggs
- 14 Sara Cogley
- 16 Geoff Beyersdorf
- 16 Jack Schnurr
- 25 Shelia Williams
- 26 Kari Nore
- 29 Samuel Boylan
- 31 Karina Huffaker

## THE FPC TALENT SHOW IS COMING!



ARE YOU READY!

COMEDY, SKITS, MUSIC, POETRY ~ WE WANT IT ALL!  
Many famous entertainers got their start at the  
FPC Talent Show...or not

Saturday, February 17, 6:00pm in the Sanctuary  
Contact Jerry Cleworth at: 907-452-6461 (days) or  
907-452-5551 (evenings/weekends) to sign up your act.

# Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

**Boldness In Our God**

(1:1-2:8)

**Face to Face**

(2:9-20)

**Good News About The Good News**

(3:1-13)

**More and More [Sanctification]**

(4:1-12)

**The End and The Beginning**

(4:13-5:11)

**The Paul-ish Goodbye**

(5:12-28)

**Sermon Series, beginning January 7**



Our **VISION** is to see the world transformed to love, worship and serve Christ.

We do this through our **MISSION**, which is to welcome all people, equip them for a deep and living faith in Jesus Christ, and send them into the world to share God's love.

# Welcome!

## SUNDAY SERVICES

Children Sunday School, 9am

Adult Sunday School, 9am

Worship Service 10am

### ROOTS

3-6th grade youth group, 4-6pm, dinner provided

High School Youth Group, 11:30-2pm

## WEEKLY SERVICES

### Men-In-Action

Meets for lunch on Monday's at 11:45 in the Narthex for fellowship. For additional information, please contact Jim Aldrich at 907-378-2582 or [jwaldrich@gmail.com](mailto:jwaldrich@gmail.com).

### Prayer Time

all are invited, each Tuesday at 12:15 in the sanctuary for a time to intercede for our world, nation, community, and our church family and friends.

### Food Boxes Distributions

In partnership with the Fairbanks Food Bank, food boxes are distributed each Wednesday. To request food boxes, please call the church's front office (907-452-2406) on Wednesday mornings, 10am-12pm. Pickup is from 1:30-4pm.

### CLIMB Youth Group

Grades 6-8th, meet each Wednesday, 3-5pm

### High School Youth Group

Wednesdays, 1-4p, Youth Room

### Life Study Group

lead by Paul and Terry Reichardt, each Thursday from 6:30-8:30p, a light dinner will be provided. For additional information, please contact Paul or Terry at 907-455-6703 or 907-347-3214.

### Al-Anon Meetings

FPC Library, Mondays & Fridays, 12:30-2pm



# CHILDREN'S ministry



Dear First Pres Folks,  
Praise God for a joyous Christmas season! Our children spent 2 months preparing for our Christmas program: singing, playing bells, dancing and acting too. I am so proud of their diligence and willingness to help tell the Christmas story!

As a parent, I know that December fills up with special events and opportunities for kids to share their God given gifts at school and in the wider community. It's so much fun to see my daughter in the Nutcracker and know that kids are playing flute and trumpet and cello and trombone and piano at seasonal events! I believe they are meant to use their gifts beautifully to honor God and to draw people toward the Most Beautiful One, God himself.

It is especially sweet though, when they are able to speak directly of God's goodness, and dance in response to songs of praise. That's what eternity will look like! Thank you for being our co-worshippers on Dec. 11. Thank you for giving the kids a taste of worship in heaven.

 *Carrie*

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
IS IN SESSION!  
9:00 A.M.  
FIRESIDE ROOM

**CLUBS ARE IN SESSION!**  
Roots Club for Kids 3rd-5th  
meets Sundays 4-6  
Climb Club for Kids 6th-8th  
meets Wednesdays 4-6

## MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

The next Children's Ministry Team meeting is scheduled for January 21 following the church service

## CHURCH SESSION MEETING

**What follows is a short summary of the decisions and actions of the Session, at the December 19, 2023 Stated Session Meeting, which began at 6:00 pm in the Church Conference Room. The minutes of the meeting will contain a more complete record.**

- Moderator McConnell-Booher opened the meeting with prayer and then presented a devotion from Matthew 13:44 and used parallels to the life of Saint Nicholas of Myra.
- Those in attendance recited the Vision and Mission Statements.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the agenda as presented.
- Elders spent time in prayer. After making prayer requests known, Elders prayed for those needs.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Minutes from the last Stated Session meeting and vital statistics from the last month as presented.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Consent Calendar item, approval of the minutes of the Deacon's October 24, 2023 meeting.
- A written financial report was received from the church treasurer, Mikki Holt.
- The Session wishes to express their gratitude to the Board of Deacons for their outstanding service to First Presbyterian Church and to the Fairbanks Community in general. It was acknowledged that in the recent months more has been asked of them, and they have stepped up to the needs.
- Ruling Elders Paul Reichardt and Ted Riggs volunteered to assist with Communion on January 7, 2024.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to elect Ruling Elders Keith Nore and Brian Sunderland as Commissioners to the upcoming Presbytery Meeting at Woodland Presbyterian Church, in Woodland WA, February 1st to 3rd, 2024.
- Session continued working on the 2024 Budget.
- Written and verbal reports were received from Ministry Teams.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer, by the Moderator at 9:00 pm.

**The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on January 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm, in the Church Conference Room.**

# how to: Church

## A brief class on the essentials of our faith

**Sundays after church, January 7, 14, 21**

Whether you are considering formally joining the church as a member, discerning a call to serve as a Deacon or Elder, or just want to learn more about what we believe and how we live out our call to follow Jesus Christ in a presbyterian context, this class is a chance to learn and grow together as the church!

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### Ministers

Congregation

### Lead Servants

Elders and Deacons

### Sound

Paul Bonnell

### Nursery

Peggy Nicholas

### Office Manager

Marta Conner

### Youth Minister Director

Nicole Matthews

### Children Ministry Director

Carina Menaker

### Pastor

David McConnell-Booher

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Sarah Curtis

Marta DeLeon

Nancy Dreydoppel

Debra Foster

David Griggs

Joe LaMagna

Michele Marney

Barbara Nore

Melissa Prince

Kathy Rahmandar-Halfhill

## Clerk of Session

David Dreydoppel

## Congregation Care

Keith Nore

## Facility

Brian Sunderland

## Finance

Paul Reichardt

## THE SESSION of Fairbanks First Presbyterian Church

## Moderator

Pastor David

## Hospitality

Ted Riggs, Sr.

## Personnel

Brian Rozell  
William Satterberg

## Treasurer

Mikki Holt

## Worship

Sarah Albert