



Join us every Sunday:

Worship 11:00am

Sunday School 9:30am

All are Welcome!

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God's Children, historically and intentionally diverse, daily sent on Christ's mission of love and grace

A Note from the Pastor:

It felt like winter hung on long into spring this year, but as we enter June it really feels like summer is around the corner. It tastes like summer—fresh strawberries and greens, and it smells like summer— apologies to all, like me, who are suffering from pollen allergies! Summer for me is always a time to be outside. I've got plans this month to camp, hike, and kayak; and I can't wait! The first Saturday in June is National Trails Day, and my family has long made it a point to be out walking together. This year, we're joining a cousin who is on the Appalachian Trail. While we'll just be with him a few miles, he's hiking all 2100 to Maine. He's sharing lessons of the trail with us and reflecting on the long history of *pilgrimage* as a spiritual practice. "A pilgrim," he told me recently, "is one who takes the journey slowly and tries to notice all the details around himself, because that's where he finds God's presence." In the details, like the taste of fresh strawberries or the smell of summer blooms, the feel of the creek or the sound of a bat meeting a ball—these summer 'sacraments' can be moments of holiness. May this season be a time when you are invited to take it slow and notice the small blessings as signs of God with you.

Grace and Peace, *Rev. Maggie Rust*

Want to go deeper?

Reflection questions on the previous day's sermon text are available each Monday on our Church Website. Checkout FPC News at firstpresblfd.org!



Tuesday Morning Devotional Group

Join us for a brief time of devotion & prayer, every Tuesday at 9:00am on Zoom! Contact Sharon Perkinson to be added to the list.



Upcoming Meetings:

June 8—Stewardship & Finance on Zoom 6:30
June 10—Property & Personnel on Zoom at 6:30
June 20—Session after Church in Fellowship Hall

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Members: Eleanor Kensinger, Betty Bailey, Randy Snider, Zella Denham, Betty Kincaid, Jimbo Godwin, Carolyn Neale, Lois Mustard, Carole Dodson, Terry Dodson, Kathy Kennedy, Suzanne Compton, Linnie Hammonds, Robert Perry, Liz Ann Boykin, Eddie & Billie Boyd, Sarah Murphy and Tokita Webb

Others for whom prayer is requested: Warren Butt, Bill Brown, Brenda Payne, Delma Jones, Reagan Perkinson, Alice & Jim Gray, Joseph Gryder, Tony Papa, Betty Shaw, Asher Graham Denham & Parents Matthew & Faith Denham, The Family & Friends of Tom Shaffer, The Landreth Family, Mick Chambers, Paul & Teresa Dodson, Kevin Roberts, The Legg Family, The Harry Family, The Robinson/Jose Families, Emily Broome, Harry & Betty White, Margarette Joplin, Debbie Blaskowski, Johnny Snelling, Mark Pafford, Jack Sarver, Don Kennedy, David Hammond, Paul Anderson, Cooper Jewell, Pat Smith, Jonathan Murphy, Dean Farmer, Kellie Cox, Janet Slager, The Family of Suzanne Peery, The Family of Stacy Harris, Pam Murphy, Maggie Jo Murphy, David Nentarz, The Nentarz Family, Jason Blevins, Holly Matney, Zac Carter, Marlene Smith, Andrew Brewer, Rosemarie Dixon

REMINDER: If you have an addition for the July Newsletter, please have it to the church office by **June 22**. Announcements or changes to the prayer list for Sunday's bulletin are due to the church office by Wednesday at 11am.

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