



Join us every Sunday:

Worship 11:00am

Sunday School 9:30am

All are Welcome!

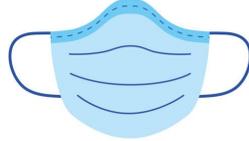
You can also join our live-streamed service on Youtube.com!

As part of our Covid Response Plan:

Each week on Thursday we check the risk level for Mercer County as determined on covidactnow.org - a site we recommend for information about virus cases, transmission rates, and vaccines.

If the risk level is **Red** or 'very high,'

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT THAT SUNDAY'S SERVICE.



If the risk level is lower than that, masks are still recommended—especially for unvaccinated individuals—but not required in the building.



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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:

As Heraclitus so wisely said, “Change is the only Constant.” This month hundreds of college students in Intro to Philosophy classes across the country will read that quote and feel it in their bones. We have all been experiencing massive changes and shifts for months now, and with the fall season before us there’s only more ahead. It can feel exhausting; we might wish for everything to just slow down, stop, stay the same. But, the change is indeed constant.

On the other hand, as a pastor I might have to push back on the philosopher’s characterization that it’s the “only” constant. Thanks be to God that our Lord “is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). When we are weary about the constant flux of the world around us, we are told to lean on the Rock of our faith. When we are unsure what comes next, we can trust that God will continue to be faithful in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. When we’re afraid that the change coming will also mean loss, we can rejoice that we believe in a Resurrected Lord. In this and every season, as changes come and go, know that you are always in my prayers. Blessings, 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:

Sept 9 —Stewardship & Finance on Zoom 6:30

Sept 14—Property & Personnel on Zoom at 6:30

Sept 19—Session Retreat at Hopta Cabin at 3:00

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Members: Greg Testerman, 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: Jakie, Family of Judd Shaw, Josh Lawrence, Louise Carr, Darrell Zimmerman, Caroline Gillespie, Terry Brown, Family of Timmy Lockhart, Warren Butt, Bill Brown, Brenda Payne, Delma Jones, Alice Gray & Family, Joseph Gryder, Betty Shaw, Asher Graham Denham & Parents Matthew & Faith Denham, Family & Friends of Tom Shaffer, The Landreth Family, Mick Chambers, Paul & Teresa Dodson, Kevin Roberts, The Legg Family, 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, 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 October Newsletter, please have it to the church office by **Sept. 21**. 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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