

# FIRST THINGS FIRST

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STERLING, COLORADO

MAY 2023

## eastertide

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## ***Easter Lilies given to the glory of God...***

by Carol Arnold *in memory of* **Baxter Arnold**

by Pat Borner *in memory of* **George Borner**

by Connie Brown, Traci Reeves & Family, Brad Saucerman & Family *in memory of* **Warren Brown**

by Liz Chaney *for the new flower arrangements*

by Connie Sue Clark *in memory of* **Bob & Helen Walker, Don & Mazie Pomeroy, Palmer & Esther Clark**

by Chuck and Beverly Cumming *in memory of* **Herbert & Kathryn Green**

by Darrel and Patty Fenton *in memory of* **loved ones**

by Beverly Fritzler *in memory of* **husband Leon Fritzler; granddaughters Kelsey & Alix Altenbern**

by Darla Korrey Gertner *in honor of* **all the musicians of FPCS**

by Ashlee and Chuck Glaser *in memory of* **Sandy Glaser**

by Connie Ham *in loving memory of* **Stan Ham**

by Dana and Jay Harris family *in memory of* **Jace Harris, Delbert, Joan, Mike and Spencer Sonnenberg**

by Joyce Lebsack and Family *in memory of* **Don & Julie Ann**

by Jomari Lechtman *in honor of* **the Balabanis Family**

by Ken and Delinda Korrey McDowell *in honor of* **Bev Cumming** *for her dedication to FPC, sharing her love and light wherever needed.*

by Ken and Delinda Korrey McDowell *in honor of* **Fellowship Committee members** *who work tirelessly each month, at special church events, and at funerals, to nourish our bodies and feed our spirit.*

by Linda Meisner *in memory of* **Gene Meisner**

by the Meisner Family *in memory of* **Loved Ones**

by Harry Peterson *in memory of* **Nancy**

by Tanna Prince *in memory of* **Mom and Dad**

by Terri and David Rhodes Family *in memory of* **Cole Alan Rhodes**

by Pam Trimble *in memory of* **Owen & Marjorie Trimble**

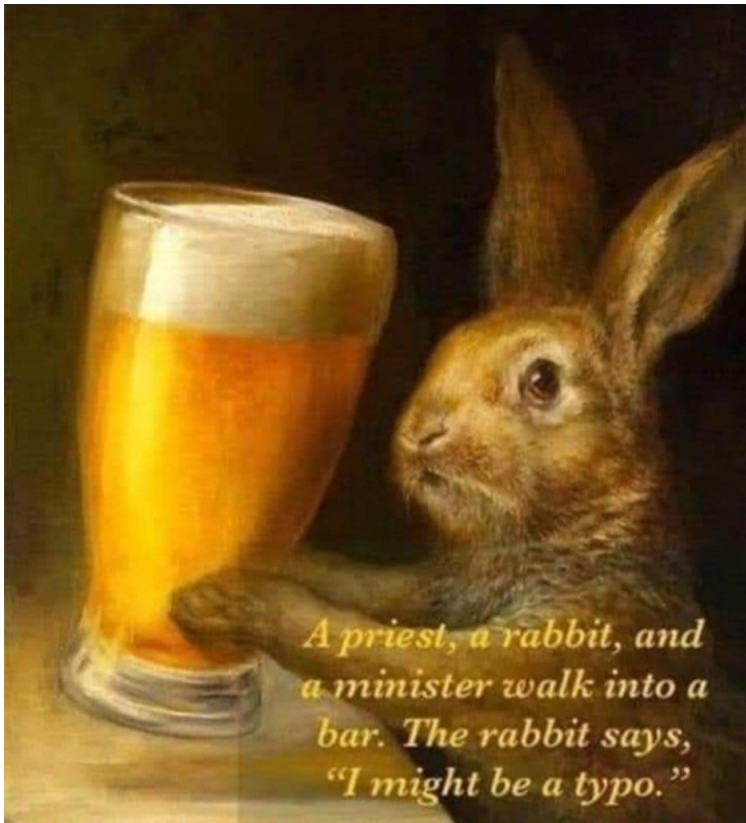
by Pam Werner *in memory of* **Marylin Wernsman**

Thank you to Sue Weingardt for creating the beautiful new silk lily arrangements.

***Thank you to all who donated!***



# A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE. . .



## *Typos & Grace*

We very nearly proclaimed “*Chris* is risen!” on Easter Sunday. Thanks to one of our office volunteers, we caught that typo in time.

My mom sent me this photo/joke and I laughed so hard — the way you laugh when you can really relate. One Sunday I had “Easter” misspelled on one of the slides (*Eeaster*) — unfortunately we didn’t catch that until after the service. I’ve suggested maybe we should award prizes when people discover our (my) typos...

We are keenly aware of our weaknesses as we adjust to Bev’s retirement. As we knew we

would, we appreciate more than ever how much she kept things running smoothly. Even though we are bumbling a bit, our staff team and a very helpful team of volunteers have come together to pitch in and help out in the interim. I am very grateful and inspired by the time and dedication that people have given. In particular (just to name a few), Janet Klobberdanz, Karlee Manuello, Linda Meisner, Jackie Reynolds, Pat Borner, Jomari Lechtman, and Liz Chaney have been so helpful in jumping in to take care of the day to day administrative tasks (not to mention Bev, who has still been available to help us when we call on her). It really is inspiring to see people step up to help when needed. Please be sure to say *thank you* to all who have pitched in (and please accept my apologies for any I’ve neglected to name).

I am excited to share very soon the details of our **new hire!** Get ready to welcome someone new to the Office Administrator position, beginning mid-May....

Until then (and always), I appreciate your good humor and grace as we continue to make our way through life and ministry together.

Looking forward with hope...

*Rev. Michelle*



# Looking forward...

## MAY 28

### CONFIRMATION/HS SENIOR/YOUTH SUNDAY (AND **PENTECOST!**)



Taylor plans to attend NJC, and then she'd like to travel and study culinary arts.

The Cranwells invite you to celebrate with them at their home following the SHS graduation ceremony on 5/27/23 from 2-5pm. And, join us for HS Senior Sunday on May 28.

*Congratulations* Taylor Cranwell

Sterling High School Class of 2023

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
in believing, so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Wear **RED** to celebrate Pentecost on May 28.



The Confirmation journey began in February with a special blessing of the confirmands and mentors. Join us for worship on May 28 when the confirmands make their profession of faith.

**PENTECOST**  
*The comforter has come*





PENTECOST  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Offering  
supports our ministries  
with children and youth.

*join us!*

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

April 18 – June 5, 2022



At Pentecost,  
we celebrate that  
God offers more  
than we can plan.

# Life Source Program

IAN SCHNEIDER, AMEN FAHMY

I know the plans I have for you,  
says the Lord,  
... to give you a future with *hope.*  
— JEREMIAH 29:11.

**The Pentecost Offering is a denominational offering benefitting children & youth**

**... 60% of the offering goes to support denominational programs**

**... 40% of the offering goes to support local programs**

**This year, the local portion of the Pentecost Offering will go to support the**

### **LIFE SOURCE PROGRAM:**

The Life Source program provides professional mental health therapy for youth at risk of suicide in the Counties of Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma, Cheyenne, Kit Carson and Lincoln.

The goal of this grant funded program is to decrease youth suicides by removing the financial and social barriers to treatment.

**To contribute to the Pentecost Offering, write "Pentecost" on the memo line of your check.**

# First Friday @ First Presbyterian Sterling High School Jazz Band



**May 5, 2023**

12:05-12:35

Free & open to the public

**In Person & on Facebook**

130 South 4th Street, Sterling | [facebook.com/ fpc.sterling](https://facebook.com/fpc.sterling)

## **Food Pantry**

You may bring your donations to the church and put them under the table outside the church office, or in the box in the elevator vestibule.

## **Cooperating Ministry: May**

Baked Beans or Pork and Beans (small cans)

## **NJC Food Pantry:**

Nuts, Dried Fruit, Trail Mix; Jerky; Tuna or Salmon (cans/packets); Protein Bars; Peanut Butter; Nut Butter; Crackers; Granola; Fruit/Nut Bars; Instant Oatmeal; Popcorn; Microwavable meals.



**VBS: JULY 10-14**

**Save the Date!**

To sign up to attend or volunteer, or for more information,  
contact Kay Brigham Rich  
by email (klbr1956@yahoo.com),  
or by phone call or text (970-571-0766)

**OR SIGN UP/REGISTER ONLINE:**

<https://fpcsterlingvbs.mycokesburyvbs.com>



**DEACONS WORK DAYS**

**Use the yellow forms  
on the table outside the church office  
AND LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP**



**Beyond the surface of mothering**, adapted from a prayer by Amy Young for Mothers' Day:

Forgive us when we assume that what we see on the surface is all there is to someone's story.

We know in our midst there are women and mothers who:

Like Eve, have children with serious rivalry.

Like Hagar, have been discarded for a new family and are mothering alone.

Like Naomi, have tasted the bitterness of a child's death.

Like Mary, have a complicated pregnancy story or

Like Tamar, have tried multiple ways to become a mother or

Like Rachel, have counted the months and years while other women in your family and circle of friends become pregnant.

Who like Rebekah, are drawn to one of your children more than the others.

Like Ham's mother, have children whose substance abuse can cause problems.

Like Bathsheba, have sick children who may die.

Like Joseph and Benjamin, experienced the death of their mother.

Like Mary, have children with public legal situations and all you can do is watch.

Like the Shunammite woman when told by Elisha she would become pregnant, replied,

"No, please do not mislead your servant!" Like her, not wanting to open doors to hope, only to have them slammed in your face.

Like many, watched their mothers age and waste before their eyes.

Like Moses' mother, reluctantly gave up her child because it wasn't safe for you to bring her child up herself. Or

Who like Pharaoh's daughter, were called to love and nurture children that weren't yours by birth.

Like Timothy's mother and grandmother, are steadily and without much fanfare or recognition teaching your children about the truths of God, sowing seeds for eternity...

We are called to be a people who rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. For the seen and known joys of motherhood, we rejoice and celebrate. For the seen and known suffering in motherhood, we ache with those who ache.

In joy and in sorrow, we belong to God, and we belong to each other — parents, children, all.

Amen.



# Congratulations...

**Pam Werner**, financial advisor for Edward Jones in Sterling, has been named to the list of 2023 “Best-in-State Wealth Advisors” in Colorado by Forbes and SHOOK Research. SHOOK Research conducted more than 17,000 interviews with financial advisors across the nation to determine this list for 2023.

Pam is a Sterling native. She and her husband Mike both attended Sterling High School, were high school sweethearts, and “married young!” almost 40 years ago. They have two daughters. Emily lives in north Washington State and Anna resides in California.



Pam has worked as a financial advisor for Edward Jones for 23 years. Early this year she passed the exam to become a Certified Financial Planner, the highest certification in her profession.

Pam becomes tearful when she talks about how much our Presbyterian church means to her and all her family. She and Mike joined the Presbyterian Church in 1990 as they felt it was vital to be a part of a loving church family as they raised their children. “The church centers our lives,” Pam said. She is so proud of our church because we are willing to work hard as a congregation to make our community a safer and better place to live. She has served as an elder for the last 6 years and is the chair of the Membership/Stewardship Committee. Congratulations, Pam!

Congratulations to **Ava Reeves** and Elizabeth Miller who placed in the Top 4 at the recent Colorado FBLA Leadership Conference. This honor automatically qualifies them to attend the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in June. The team of two competed in the live Data Analysis competition. This is the second year in a row this pair has qualified to participate in the FBLA State Leadership Conference.

Ava is a junior at Sterling High School. She is a member of our church and serves as a Youth Elder on the Session. Congratulations, Ava!



## Retirement Party

*in honor of*

### Connie Ham

*After 43 years  
Connie is turning off her  
calculator*

**May 2  
3-6pm**

*Sky Ranch  
Golf & Grill*

17408 CR 28

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Congratulations, Connie!



Congratulations to our church's very own **Delinda Korrey** for being honored by the Logan County Chamber of Commerce as 2023 Citizen of the Year, an honor she has earned more than once! She

was recently recognized in an article written by Jeff Rice in the *South Platte Sentinel* as a

"Community Champion." She certainly deserves this recognition—and so much more.

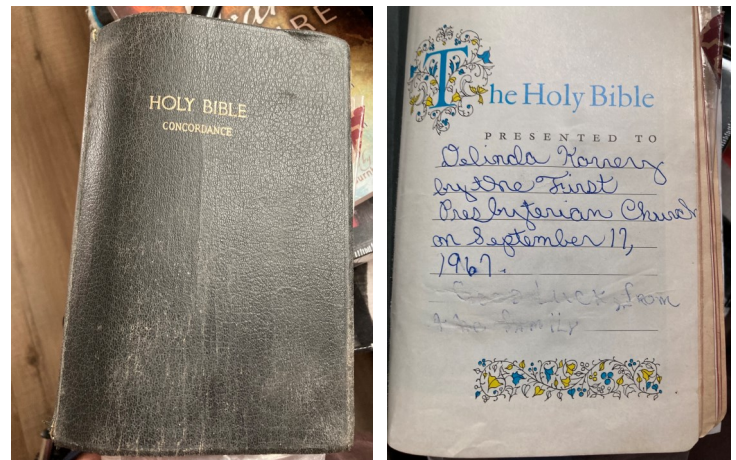
Delinda grew up in Sterling and in our church. She believes that "it's an honor to help wherever it is needed." She is a member of the Stewardship/Membership Committee, a Deacon, and has helped with VBS. In the past, she really enjoyed doing the Children's Moment during Sunday morning services. Delinda says that "The children listen so intently, share openly and honestly and we learn from each other." Most colorfully, she supports our church's commitment to the community by knitting hats and scarves that our church provides to those who need them at the Family Resource Center.

Delinda graduated from Sterling High School in 1976, moved away to finish college, work in another state, and meet her husband Ken McDowell. In 1988 she and Ken moved back to Sterling to start their own newspaper, the *South Platte Sentinel*, which they ran until retiring 7 years ago.

Throughout their years of living in Sterling, Delinda and Ken have worked tirelessly to support our community. She has been active in the Chamber of Commerce, the Re-1 School Foundation, American Red Cross, Help for Abused Partners of which she was a founding member, NJC Community Education Advisory Board, and many other organizations and groups that make life better in Sterling.

She has also always supported young people in our community. A great example of this is that she traveled numerous times with Sterling Police Department Youth Services Director Virgie Nelson to the Colorado State Prison in Canon City as part of the "Shape Up" program where troubled youth could see first hand why they needed to make better choices and decisions.

Delinda has precious memories of her growing up years in the church. She says that "I still use the Bible I received from First Presbyterian Church in September 1967 when I was 9 years old. That was also the first year I was involved in the Christmas program at the church and I remember standing on the pulpit with the other kids and singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem."



Growing up one of her best friends was Jan Rundus, the daughter of Rev. Ivan and Agnes Rundus. Her late Uncle Ed and Aunt Hazel Korrey and late Aunt Mary and Uncle Ed May were lifelong members of FPC. Her relatives have passed and Jan and Agnes no longer live in Sterling, but "I always feel I'm surrounded by good friends or family whenever I'm in our church."

Congratulation and God Bless you, Delinda.

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# PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## Military Personnel

Luke Brigham (Randy & Terry's son)  
Thomas Gage Snyder (Kim Schlup's son)  
Cameron Venn (Doris Ramsel's grandson)

## For those with special needs or concerns....

Carl Anderson  
Florence Annan  
Grace Ann (Connie Clark's relative)  
David Balabanis Family  
Tye Bennett (Neblett's grandson)  
Norm Blackburn  
Brenda Boeff  
Paul Budin  
Gabe Chapin  
Confirmants & Mentors  
Cooperating Ministry  
Jeanne Crouch & Family  
Chuck Cumming  
Cierra Davis (friend of Becky Cranwell)  
Andrew DeSouza (Michelle Hawkins' son)  
Gary Espinosa (Arden Fennell's family)  
Family Resource Center  
Rev. Greg Faulkner  
Norman Foos  
Koehn Gertner (Mike's grandson)  
Meredith Goodwin (friend of Propsts)  
David Hashman, SCF Inmate Highlands Camp  
Sonja Holden (friend of Arden Fennell)  
Hollis Jackson  
Chris Jutz  
Josh Jutz & Kaylee  
Janae (Klindt) Kerr  
Kiel/Alva Family (friends of Weingardts)  
Robert Koehler (friend of Laura Guenzi)  
Debby Korrey (Delinda's & Darla's sister)  
Patty Moriarity Korrey (Delinda's & Darla's sister-in-law)  
Jimmie McCaffree  
Emerson McClanahan (Ellen Bernhard's daughter)

Delinda Korrey McDowell  
Aline Marquez (friend of Becky Cranwell)  
Rev. Betsey & Eric Moe, & the people of Guatemala  
Lynne Morrison (friend of Weingardts)  
Jeni Porter (In-law of Blackburns)  
Frances Rhodes (Dave's mother)  
Jerry Rich (Gary's brother)  
Agnes Rundus  
Betty Scharf  
Steven Shinn (friend of Jim Leh)  
Darrell Smith  
AJ, Sara, & Baby Leo Sonnenberg (friends of Weingardts)  
Becky Stieb, Justin & Torin (friends of Michelle Hawkins)  
Charlie & Roseanne Thompson (friends of Nebletts)  
Peggy Thompson (Carol Arnold's daughter)  
Mike Tyson  
Amy & Byron Uhrich (Jill Vollmer's parents)  
Under the Umbrella  
Robert Vance (Michelle White's dad)  
Norma Wagner (Jana Lock's mom)  
Declan Nash Warner (Jason Rose's grandson)  
Derek Weingardt (nephew of Rhodes and Weingardts)  
Masi Wells (friend of Taylor Cranwell)  
Jeff Weskamp  
Deb White (Ellen Miles' daughter)  
Joan Whitney

Do you have an update on anyone listed on our church prayer list? We'd love to hear the good news of recovery, healing and answered prayer. If you have a joy to report, let us know!

## May BIRTHDAYS

2 Sue Weingardt  
3 Ann Leh  
5 Chris Roberts  
Tess Rounph  
7 Don Jones  
Mike Werner  
8 Erin Guenzi  
14 Linda Borner  
Hollis Jackson  
Jase Knutson  
15 Ron Barrett  
Dave Guenzi  
16 Daisy Borner  
Shelby Rossen  
20 Dylan Cranwell  
John Fabela  
Harper Roberts  
21 Barbara Thiele  
Bart Thiele  
24 Hailey Foos  
25 Lilly Miller  
26 Jimmie McCaffree  
27 Marli Christenson  
Kinsley Jo Rossen  
29 Jenevieve DeSoto  
Rod Mari  
30 Kay Fix  
31 Connie Sue Clark  
Juli County  
Carson Guenzi  
Mackenzi Meier

*Happy Birthday...*

**May your day be blessed!**



# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session of First Presbyterian Church Sterling, Colorado, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

## INQUIRER APPLICATION:

- IT WAS VOTED endorse BJ Eaton's request to be enrolled as an inquirer. Jomari Lechtman agreed to serve as BJ's liaison with the session as he explores a call to ministry.

## PASTOR'S REPORT:

- "Teri" Ilene DeBord entered life triumphant January 13, 2023. A memorial service was held at FPC on January 21, 2023, officiated by Rev. Michelle D. Witherspoon.
- Donald Debus entered life triumphant January 27, 2023. A funeral service was held at Chaney Raney Funeral, with internment following at Riverside Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Michelle Witherspoon.

## CLERK'S REPORT:

- IT WAS VOTED to remove two members from the active member roll per their request.
- The list of committee rosters has been received.

## FINANCE:

- IT WAS VOTED to approve the updated Investment Policy.
- IT WAS VOTED that the remaining Logan County CARES grant in the savings account (\$2,964.59) be used for utility bills.

## PROPERTY:

- IT WAS VOTED to approve the church use request from Elsie Fetzer on February 26, from 3-5 pm, in the sanctuary for Orpheus Club auditions.

## PERSONNEL:

- Janet Kloberdanz returned to work from medical leave on January 16, 2023.
- Bev Cumming will retire at the end of February 2023.

## WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS:

- An updated Serving Elders Duties and Responsibilities list for elders who are scheduled to serve communion was distributed.
- Communion was served on February 5, 2023, to 60 people in worship; an estimated 11 online, and an unknown number on the radio.
- Homebound communion was served to 3 people by Rev. Michelle Witherspoon.
- IT WAS VOTED to approve the following guest preachers: BJ Eaton (March 12); Fred Crawford (April 23)

## FELLOWSHIP:

- The Ash Wednesday Supper and service scheduled for February 22, 2023, was canceled due to inclement weather.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

- Confirmation is underway with the following participants:

*Alex Hicks mentored by Tom Westfall*

*Kaleb Knutson mentored by Tanna Prince*

*Leila Warden mentored by Linda Meisner*

*Lena Witherspoon mentored by Penny Propst*

*Rex Witherspoon mentored by Mike Werner*

- Kay has reached out to VBS leaders/volunteers to set a date for 2023 VBS (July 10- 14).

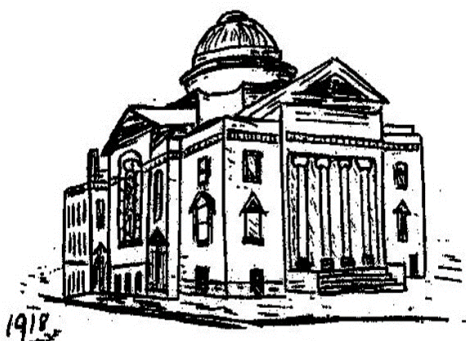
## MISSION CONTACT:

- IT WAS VOTED to hold the spring rummage sale April 24-29, 2023.

## PRESBYTERY REPORT:

- A written report was received from Jomari Lechtman.

RETREAT: April 21-13 in Estes Park.



# MEMBERS OF THE 2023 SESSION & DIACONATE

## ELDERS

### *Class of 2023*

Taylor Cranwell  
Ava Reeves (youth)  
Jackie Reynolds  
Pam Werner

### *Class of 2024*

Pat Borner  
Jomari Lechtman  
Linda Meisner  
Tanna Prince

### *Class of 2025*

Becky Cranwell  
BJ Eaton  
Bob Smith  
Mike Tyson

## DEACONS

### *Class of 2023*

Tammie Malone  
Delinda Korrey McDowell  
Traci Reeves  
Sue Weingardt

### *Class of 2024*

Dean Boeff  
Mason Boeff  
Justin Cranwell

### *Class of 2025*

Michelle Hawkins  
Alie Sheldon  
Kim Weingardt

## CLERK OF SESSION

Tara Guenzi

## TREASURER

Bob Smith

## 2023 SESSION COMMITTEES

Christian Education — Becky Cranwell, chair  
Fellowship — Pat Borner, chair  
Finance — Linda Meisner, chair  
Membership/Stewardship — Pam Werner, chair  
Mission Contact — Jackie Reynolds  
Nominating — Jomari Lechtman, chair  
Property — Linda Meisner, chair  
Personnel — Jackie Reynolds, chair  
Worship & Sacraments — Tanna Prince, chair

# SERVING IN CHURCH

## USHERS

|               |                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>May 7</b>  | Justin Cranwell, Michelle Hawkins     |
| <b>May 14</b> | Sue Weingardt, Alie Sheldon           |
| <b>May 21</b> | Tammie Malone, Kim Weingardt          |
| <b>May 28</b> | Ken McDowell, Delinda Korrey McDowell |

## FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

|               |                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>May 7</b>  | Finance Committee              |
| <b>May 14</b> | Worship & Sacraments Committee |
| <b>May 21</b> | Fellowship (lunch)             |
| <b>May 28</b> | Personnel                      |

## COUNT OFFERING

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| <b>May 7</b>  | Linda Meisner |
| <b>May 14</b> | BJ Eaton      |
| <b>May 21</b> | Bob Smith     |
| <b>May 28</b> | Connie Ham    |

## AV TECHS

|               |                                                   |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>May 7</b>  | Jeff Christenson (sound); Myra Westfall (slides)  |
| <b>May 14</b> | Justin Cranwell (sound); Pam Trimble (slides)     |
| <b>May 21</b> | Dean Boeff (sound); Jeff Christenson (slides)     |
| <b>May 28</b> | Tanna Prince/Rex (sound); Callie Jackson (slides) |

## FIRST RESPONSE/BULLETIN DELIVERY

|            |                         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| <b>May</b> | Delinda Korrey McDowell |
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## LITURGISTS

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| <b>May 7</b>  | Linda Meisner |
| <b>May 14</b> | Pam Werner    |
| <b>May 21</b> | Kay Rich      |
| <b>May 28</b> | Youth         |

## COMMUNION: MAY 7, 2023

Traditional elements will be served from trays.

## PREPARING/SERVING COMMUNION

**Preparing**  
Tanna Prince  
Mike Tyson

**Serving**  
Taylor Cranwell  
Jackie Reynolds  
Tanna Prince

Remember to let the church office know if you trade serving dates with someone (522-2708).

**Serving schedules subject to change. Check the website for most up-to-date schedules.**  
**[www.firstpressterling.org/servingschedules](http://www.firstpressterling.org/servingschedules)**



# 2023 COMMITTEE ROSTER

## **Christian Education**

### Session Members

Becky Cranwell– Elder (chair)  
Tanna Prince – Elder

### Members-at Large

Brenda Christenson  
Traci Reeves  
Michelle Hawkins

### Staff

Kay Brigham Rich

## **Fellowship**

### Session Members

Pat Borner - Elder (chair)  
Linda Meisner – Elder

### Members-at Large

Sue Weingardt  
Pam Trimble  
Jomari Lechtman

Cheryl Kaan  
Terri Rhodes  
Jackie Reynolds

Lena Witherspoon

## **Finance**

### Session Members

Linda Meisner – Elder (chair)  
Bob Smith-Treasurer, Elder  
BJ Eaton, Elder

### Members-at Large

Connie Ham  
Bev Cumming

### Staff

Karlee Manuello

### Scholarship: (sub-committee of Finance)

Linda Meisner (chair), Connie Ham; Bev Fritzler, Jomari Lechtman, Pam Trimble, Kim Jackson

## **Membership/Stewardship**

### Session Members

Pam Werner – Chair  
Bob Smith – Elder

### Members-at Large

Connie Clark  
Delinda Korrey McDowell  
Bev Cumming

## **Nominating**

### Session Members

Jomari Lechtman, Elder (chair)  
Pat Borner

### Members-at Large

Bev Cumming  
Darla Korrey Gertner

### Deacon

Kim Weingardt

## **Personnel** (current committee chairs)

Jackie Reynolds, chair  
Linda Meisner  
Pam Werner

Tanna Prince  
Pat Borner  
Jomari Lechtman

Becky Cranwell

## **Property**

### Session Members

Linda Meisner– Elder (chair)

### Members-at Large

Rick Weingardt  
Rick Lock  
Harry Peterson  
Cory Jackson

### Staff

Janet Kloberdanz

## **Worship & Sacraments**

### Session Members

Tanna Prince – Elder (chair)  
Mike Tyson - Elder  
Jomari Lechtman - Elder

### Members-at Large

Rose Neblett  
Sue Weingardt  
Nancy Mann

### Staff

Darla Korrey Gertner  
Elsie Fetzer

Rev. Michelle Witherspoon provides support to committees as needed.

*Thank you to all who contribute to the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church!*

# May 2023

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                             | Mon                 | Tue                                                     | Wed                                    | Thu                                                            | Fri                        | Sat |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
|                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1                   | 2                                                       | 3                                      | 4                                                              | 5                          | 6   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                 |                     | 5:15 Fellowship Committee                               | 10:30 Worship & Sacraments Committee   | 5:30 Bell Choir<br>7:00 Choir                                  | 12:05 First Friday concert |     |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                               | 8                   | 9                                                       | 10                                     | 11                                                             | 12                         | 13  |
| 9 Confirmation<br>10:30 Worship<br>11:30 Fellowship<br>Coffee                                                                                                                   |                     | Presbytery Meeting (Sterling)<br>5:15 Finance Committee | 10:00 Membership/Stewardship Committee | 5:30 Bell Choir<br>7:00 Choir                                  |                            |     |
| 14                                                                                                                                                                              | 15                  | 16                                                      | 17                                     | 18                                                             | 19                         | 20  |
| Mothers' Day<br>10:30 Worship/Communion<br>11:30 Fellowship<br>Coffee                                                                                                           | Newsletter Deadline | 5:30 Session                                            |                                        | 1:30 Women's Book/Bible Study<br>5:30 Bell Choir<br>7:00 Choir |                            |     |
| 21                                                                                                                                                                              | 22                  | 23                                                      | 24                                     | 25                                                             | 26                         | 27  |
| 9 Confirmation<br>10:30 Worship<br>11:30 Fellowship<br>Lunch                                                                                                                    |                     |                                                         |                                        | 5:30 Bell Choir<br>7:00 Choir                                  |                            |     |
| 28                                                                                                                                                                              | 29                  | 30                                                      | 31                                     |                                                                |                            |     |
| <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b><br><br>9am confirmation/<br>breakfast with session<br><br>10:30 Worship (HS Senior/<br>Youth/<br>Confirmation Sunday)<br><br>11:30 Fellowship<br>Coffee |                     |                                                         |                                        |                                                                |                            |     |
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## CURRENT SEASON

### *Eastertide*

*April 9-May 21*



## CELEBRATING RESURRECTION

*Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and giving life to those in the tomb.*

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