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Ash Wednesday Worship
Communion and Imposition of Ashes
February 14, 5:30pm

Youth Sunday

Sunday, February 11
11:00am in
Fellowship Hall

Theme: All Are Welcome



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The Easter Ambassador deadline is Thursday, March 14 at 5:00 pm. Articles may be submitted to fpchurch1889@stillwaterfpc.org.



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At the Annual Meeting, Pastor Kati shared the Core Values which Session has been considering for acceptance after our church surveys and small groups last spring as well as Session reflections and conversations.

Announcements

An Update from the PNC

The PNC continues to meet to examine the qualifications of new candidates applying for our pastor position. We have conducted a new interview, are scheduling others, and are actively looking for recommendations from former staff and friends of our church. We continue to be encouraged by the talents and spiritual gifts of people applying to be our pastor. We feel the Spirit moving in our church as we meet with each other and as we sit in front of our computers at home listening to candidate sermons. Thank you for your prayers for us and your patience with God's process.

Are Animals Allowed in First Presbyterian Church?

Service dogs as recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are always welcomed in our church! We aim to be hospitable to all who would like to worship or participate in our programs. We have welcomed Trained Therapy Dogs as well with restrictions. They must be registered with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, have a Canine Good Citizen certificate and a current health form signed by a veterinarian indicating that the dog is current on vaccinations and is free of parasites on file with the church office before being admitted. These are the only two types of animals allowed in our buildings. Dogs (or any animal) that is a comfort or an emotional support animal are never allowed.

We also have more strict regulations that follow both the FDA and State Code regarding animals in places where food is prepared or served. Only service dogs as defined by the ADA are allowed in food service or preparation areas. These regulations are for the protection of both the person with a disability and the general public. So, if you ever wonder about your pet coming to church or a meeting with you, remember that we do have a policy: service dog = "welcome"; Therapy Dog meeting the above restrictions and not where food is prepared or served = "welcome"; pet or emotional support animal must simply stay home.

First Presbyterian

Core Values

Compassion

Compassion is about joining hands in service, combining our resources, and acting with the heart of Jesus.

Inclusion

Inclusion is affirming ALL people as beloved Children of God and intentionally integrating all ages to lead, serve, and study together.

Grace

Grace to us means offering dignity and belonging, welcoming questions and mistakes.

Matthew 25

When we welcome others, we welcome Christ; when we bring together people who are divided, we are doing God's reconciling work. We are called to serve Jesus by contributing to the well-being of the most vulnerable in all societies.



A Letter from Kati

My dear Stillwater Church family,

It has been an honor to serve as your Interim Pastor and Head of Staff. I am humbled to announce that I have accepted a new call as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, Missouri. Another university community valuing inclusion, vibrant music, and education. Robbie, my girls and I feel like we have found a community to make our next home. In the coming weeks, we will have much time to share memories as well as prepare for your time of transition as you await your new pastor. Your personnel committee and I have allowed for a longer period of notice, so that we could hope to provide for your leadership and a more seamless transition. At this time, I expect my last Sunday in the pulpit to be March 17th and my family and I will look forward to sharing in our time together until then.

May these next two months be a time of gratitude for the ways the Spirit has been moving within our lives and our church, and may it also be a time of dreaming about what God has in store for us around the corner.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kati (with love and gratitude shared from Robbie, Sammi, and Abigail!)

Ash Wednesday Worship - February 14 @ 5:30pm

"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. No one knows what blessings they might leave in a trail behind them, if only they would choose to turn and walk in a new direction." Joel 2:12-14

The Ash Wednesday worship service marks the beginning of the journey of Lent, an annual season set aside in parallel to Jesus' 40 days fasting in the desert, Noah's family's 40 days waiting and surviving inside a boat while it rained, and our journeys of faith preparing for baptism. We remember the past in order to prepare for our future. We remember our mortality, our penultimate destination of death, that we might more fully embrace the blessings of God in the present and trust in the promise of a new heaven and a new earth, our ultimate destination of eternal life. Worship attendees may receive the sign of the cross in ashes on their hand or forehead as well as the sacrament of Communion. The cross on your body becomes a visible witness to Christ's sacrifice and blessing for you and other human bodies. When you embrace the fullness of God's Grace, your life changes and reflects the mercy and mind of Christ.

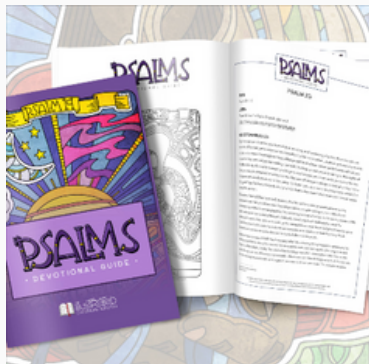


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Lenten Devotionals for All Ages

Available in the Narthex Display on Sunday, February 11, 2024



For families with children of all ages

Illustrated Ministry's Psalms Devotional Guide includes reflections and questions for the Lenten Psalms from the lectionary. The devotional guide includes nine devotions with reflections and questions for children and adults.

The short reflections and questions will guide you through both familiar and less familiar Psalms. The guide can be used during Lent or anytime during the year when you want to dive into the Psalms, which are a great source of theological creativity, depth, and wonder.

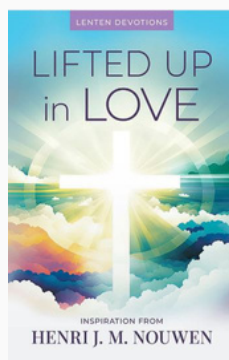
For youth and adults - 'God Is Still With Us'

This Lenten devotional is meant to be colored in and doodled/drawn on. You will see opportunities to color, doodle, draw, and respond to prompts throughout the devotional. We invite you to allow the illustrations and spaces for creativity to draw you deeper into reflection. As we journey through the season of Lent together, you are invited to remember that from the foundations of the world, the Holy Spirit hovered over creation. The Spirit hovers, even now. When God's people seemed abandoned in Egypt, God guided them into the Promised Land. God guides us, even now. In the birth of Jesus—Immanuel—God was with us. And God is still with us, even now.



Lent in a Bag

One of the hardest concepts for young children to grasp is how long Lent is and what it means. Lent in a Bag will give families a way to connect with the season through sight and touch and symbols.



For adults - "Lifted Up in Love"

Henri J.M. Nouwen, one of the most beloved spiritual thinkers of the 20th century, wrote from the heart about the great love of Christ lifted up for us on the cross. Excerpts from Nouwen's inspiring insights are paired with original reflections and prayers in this booklet for each day of Lent, as we come to experience more fully the everlasting compassion of God shown to us in our Savior.

For everyone - The *Illustrated Lenten Spiral*

This *Illustrated Lenten Spiral* will guide you, your family, and your community through the Season of Lent with activities, family questions, inspiring nature walks, and feast days to enjoy together. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the *Illustrated Lenten Spiral* takes you through the 40 days of Lent plus the Sunday Feast Days, culminating on Easter Sunday. Spirals, a naturally occurring pattern, appear when things are in a state of growth and expansion. These spirals can be followed inward and outward, serving as a guide to mark one's personal and spiritual growth through the transformative journey of Lent.





PRESBYTERIAN • YOUTH • GROUP

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Youth Group

Children's & Youth Ministry

For ALL 6th-12th graders

Sunday evenings

PYG is a time for connection, fellowship, discipleship, and living our faith. At PYG, we play, laugh, pray, study scripture, serve, ask big questions, and grow as faithful disciples. Join us!

February

- 4 - PYG (5:00 - 6:30pm)
- 10 - Youth Sunday Rehearsal (1:30-3:30pm)
- 11 - Youth Sunday (no evening PYG)
- 18 - PYG Out to Lunch (12:00-1:30pm)
- 25 - PYG (5:00 - 6:30pm)

March

- 1-3 - Winter Retreat
- 10 - PYG (5:00 - 6:30pm)
- 17 - No PYG (Spring Break)
- 24 - No PYG (Spring Break)
- 29 - Maundy Thursday Rehearsal & Worship
- 31 - No PYG - Happy Easter!

PYG Out to Lunch

February 18, 12:00-1:30pm

All 6th-12th graders are invited out to lunch to celebrate our hard work on Youth Sunday. Watch your email for the location and please bring money for your meal!

Children's Sunday School

For children 4yrs - 5th grade. Begins at 9:45am in the Worship Center. February's unit is: Love Is...

SpiritLink Dates to Note:

February 18 - Celebration Sunday during the Sunday School hour.



Youth Sunday!

Sunday, February 11
11:00am in Fellowship Hall

Worship is planned and led by our youth on the theme of "All Are Welcome", based on their studies on how we as a faith community can show hospitality and welcome all of God's people. This year's bulletin cover design is by Vivv Bobo.

OKLAHOMA YOUTH RETREAT March 1-3

Friday @ 7:00 p.m. to Sunday @ 11:30 a.m.
St. Crispin's Conference Center + Camp
Wewoka, OK

For 6th-12th graders - \$125/person
Register by February 12th



Oklahoma Youth Retreat March 1-3, 2024

We are looking forward to taking a large group to this state wide, Oklahoma Presbyterian youth event. Deadline to register is February 13th at the following link:

<https://stillwaterfpc.breezechms.com/form/OKyouthretreat2024>
or contact Leigh Miller
(leigh.miller@stillwaterfpc.org)



Photo:
Dancer Michaela DePrince
Photo by Armando Braswell

Adult Education & Fellowship

Adult Sunday School Classes - Sundays @ 9:45am

- "Feasting on the Word" - led by Denise Rex, this class follows the Revised Common Lectionary (the Scripture readings we hear on Sunday mornings) and meets in the Upper Room (south end of 2nd floor).
- "Faith & Fellowship" - facilitated by Tim Hardin, Faith & Fellowship decides as a class on their course of study. This class meets in the Multipurpose Room.



Faith on Tap

Meets at Stonecloud Taproom (917 S. Husband St.) at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of the month - next meeting will be Thursday, March 7th.

February Seasoned Adults - Monday, February 19th, 2024

Shall We Dance? Race Relations and American Arts presented by Dr. Belinda Bruner

During the twentieth century, as our nation was still grappling with the repercussions of the civil war, musical theater developed. While these two events might seem worlds apart, there is actually a strong connection. Dancing and singing together is a way of embracing. The beauty of musical and physical harmony is undeniable, and leaves no place for hatred or intolerance. When people of a minority race enter the Art world, or when individuals from different cultures dance together, there are fascinating reasons and beautiful results. We will look at intercultural relationships through dance in the musical *The King and I*, and discuss the ramifications of power and whiteness with regard to American ballet. In this lively tribute to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, our own Belinda Bruner will lead us in discussion of the cultural impact of BIPOC's entry into dance.

RSVP by responding to the email that will go out on February 12th or by calling the Church Office at (405) 372-5580. RSVP deadline is 5pm on February 16th.



UKirk Update

UKirk (U=University, Kirk=Church) continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00pm at FPC.

- Feb 6 - cooking class with Tim Schlais (shepherd's pie)
- Feb 13 - Bible study
- Feb 20 - game night
- Feb 27 - Bible study
- March 5 - game night
- March 12 - cooking class with Tim Schlais
- March 19 - Bible study
- March 26 - game night

The current Bible study topic is "The Devil You Say." Sessions include: The Satan in Popular Culture, Satan of the Hebrew Scriptures, and Satan: So What?

Rachel Schlais, as temporary assistant, will be arranging the leaders for the events when she can't be there herself. We continue actively seeking a permanent assistant. All interested individuals should contact the chair of the committee: John te Velde, email: jrtevelde@gmail.com

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir rehearses weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15pm in the Westminster Room (choir room). Anyone 7th grade and older is welcome! Please contact Becky te Velde to get the "choir code" for keypad entry at the narthex door. We are already deep into preparations for Holy Week and Easter, but also much other beautiful music for the intervening weeks. Upcoming choral highlights:

- Feb. 4 - "Cantate Domino" by Pitoni
- Feb. 11 - Youth Sunday with youth singers and instrumentalists
- Feb. 14, Ash Weds. at 5:30pm - "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song as I Journey" (#737 in Glory to God); and "Sign Us with Ashes" #433 led by Brandon Bowman
- Feb. 18, Lent I - "Show Me Thy Ways" by W. Pelz with Vanessa Washburn, guitar, and MaryEllen Bush, flute
- Feb. 25, Lent II - "Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said" by R. te Velde
- Mar. 3, Lent III - "Lord God of Sabaoth" by Katherine K. Davis
- Mar. 10, Lent IV (Fellowship Hall) - "I Will Arise" arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Note: Mar. 10 has been designated by the national American Guild of Organists as Women Composers' Sunday and our service will feature hymns by women composers and authors.

From the Organ Bench

First Friday Peace Jam

6 PM Potluck Supper
7-8:30 PM Music Jam

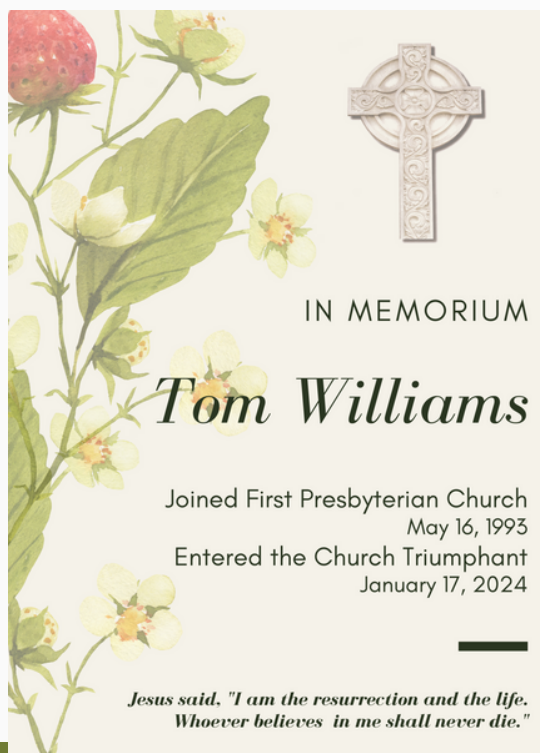
This gathering is for everyone - bring a friend and a dish to share! We have maracas, triangles, two djembe, tambourines, and a keyboard available for anyone to play. This is for everyone, church and community. You can play, sing, or just listen and enjoy! Please join us on March 1st or April 5th!

Questions? Please contact Jim Beckstrom (james@beckstromgroup.com)



Bench Buddies

Anyone age 7 and older (no upper age limit!) is invited to sit with Becky by the organ during a worship service. Children may also go down for Time with Children and on to Children & Worship if they want. All ages are welcome to come up after any service to watch the postlude in progress or to have a look at the console afterwards.





Prayer Concerns

Lavon Alexander (Howard)
 Gary Allen
 Amanda
 Nick Amidon (Garoffolo)
 Shea Arnett (N. Thomas)
 Christopher Aupperle (Aupperle)
 The Baker Family
 Luz Barber (te Velde)
 Baker
 Debbie Barnes
 Betty Bays
 Leola Beckstrom (Beckstrom)
 Mandy Blackburn
 Rose Marie Bligh
 Rita Breuninger
 Helen Britton
 Brooks (Osborn)
 Belinda Bruner
 Wayne Cartwright (Koeppe)
 Paula Cavett (te Velde)
 Nancy Chapa (Fagan)
 Allison Christy (Breuninger)
 Abby Clapp (Clapp)
 Darlene Collyar (Silver)
 Andee and Kannon Cooper (Hrachovec)
 Emberlee Davidson (Redburn)
 Heather Davidson
 Sara Davies
 Matthew Durham (Shawley)
 Lori Fagan
 Jeanie Findahl
 Paula Fitch
 Mike Flowers
 Joyce Freeman (Osborn)
 Ed Gallegos (Wilkinson)
 Lauren Glynn (Stewart)
 Keith Good
 Halana (Leffingwell)
 Ben Harris (Wilkinson/Frohock)
 Kendall Harvey (Shaw)
 Mary Ann Henley (Henley)
 Charla Hilger (Roscoe)
 Charity Hitch (Plum)
 Carolynne Hopkins
 Linda Houck
 Sharon Huckeby
 Sandy Ives
 Patty Jacobs
 Paul Dean Jenkins (Nipp)
 Brenda Johns (Taylor)
 Joey Jones
 Ted Joy (Taylor)
 Patty Keys
 Patsy King

Mary Jane Kirchenbauer (Breuninger)
 Margy Knox
 Pauline Kopecky
 Dottie & Sam Kraemer
 Karen Krehbiel (Breuninger)
 Heather Lanners
 Roger Lantz
 Hank Lett
 Tracie Lively
 Cheryl Lowther
 Alyssa Matal (Krehbiel)
 Larry McDonald
 Stephanie McMillan (Taylor)
 Philip Meadows
 Steve Miller (Fairbanks)
 Tresa Miller (Miller)
 Jean Moore (Stangl)
 Anne Mullen (Mullen)
 Nora Nagaruk (Stangl)
 Chancey Nickerson
 Michelle Nicholson
 Pricilia Nkem
 Margaret O'Loughlin
 Marek Omast II (Schlais)
 Our Service Men & Women (Kraemer)
 Frances Phillips (Taylor)
 Jean Potts (Bills)
 Daniel Powell
 Paul Quarles (Bobo)
 Tim Rains (Silver)
 Lisa Reavis (Stewart)
 Larry & Margaret Redburn (McCarley)
 Jack Reeves
 Dylon Reimers (Dearinger)
 Sara Roberts (Osborn)
 Terry Robinson
 Virginia & Olin Rogers (Osborn)
 David Schmidly (Shaw)
 Karen Shippey (Swim)
 Jeffrey Silver
 David Smith (Cooper)
 Ted Smith
 Perry Sneed (Johnson)
 Jamie Stephens
 Christine Stone (Fairbanks/Cornelius)
 Phyllis Taylor & Helen Brake
 Pat Thomason
 Tyler
 Upendo Kids (Shawley)
 Nettie Vick
 Emily Walker (Walker)
 Darrell Warren (Silver)
 Jim West
 Lynda Williams
 Scott Williams

MILITARY MEMBERS

Members & family members of our church family who have been deployed in service to our country:

- Jordan Buterbaugh, Marines (Case)
- Justin Fowler, Navy (Fowler)
- Col. James 'grata' Greenwald, Air Force
- Matt Krehbiel
- 1st Lt. Eric Murphy, Army (Fairbanks)
- Miles Smith, Recruit Division Commander, Department of the Navy (Schlais)
- SGT Bryn JT Williams, Army (Williams)





Session Summary

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma met for its Stated Meetings on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 5:30 pm and Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:30pm in person and via a Zoom option with Rev. Kati Collins moderating. Session also conducted business in December via email and met in person and via Zoom for a special Called Meeting on January 24, 2024.

Highlights of action and reports:

- New Officers were examined and approved at the December meeting and installed in worship on Jan. 7.
- Trustees provided a capital needs presentation and in response, Session approved the following actions:
 - finance committee to finalize a \$330,000 line-of-credit loan with BancFirst for critical short term capital needs
 - set aside the \$76,000 legacy gift from Dan Grischowsky for the HVAC costs & request the Legacy gift committee hold remaining legacy gift funds at this time
 - form a capital campaign leadership committee to vet the idea of a campaign consultant, determine the target goal, and the timing of the campaign

The PNC sent a request in December for Session to address a variety of concerns voiced by pastoral candidates in interviews. Extensive discussion took place at both meetings and the PNC will meet again with Session in February to help the committee stay in sync with the transitional steps of Session. In response, Session and committees have:

- Updated the job description for the senior pastor/head of staff to reflect the tasks of a solo pastor
- Communications & Mission will be reaching out to members who no longer live within range of visiting or who are known to belong to another church
- Prepared to accept a set of core values to help us keep our identity in this time of transition
- Improved communication about the upcoming capital needs and capital campaign
- Communion dates were set and approved, allowing for at least two observances a month and one worship service in the Fellowship Hall per month during the school year

John Gelder was re-elected as clerk and Cathy Fairbanks as treasurer.

Session Summary cont'd

2024 Annual Budget was approved in December and in January Session approved that 4% (\$10,666.83) of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation Account, our interest bearing savings account, be withdrawn and transferred to the FPC operating budget during 2024.

The January 24 Called Meeting was convened by Pastor Kati to share the news that she has accepted a new call as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, MO and to end her contract with FPC as Interim Pastor/Head of Staff. Her last day of service at FPC will be Sunday, March 17th.

The next Session meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13 in the Multipurpose Room with a Zoom option.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (February 14 – March 31), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. OGHS provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Fish banks will be distributed on Sunday, February 18, and we will collect this offering (and banks) on Sundays March 17 and 24. If you give by check, please write OGHS in the memo line. Look for your weekly First Things email for ways to give online!

Session Organization

The Session is organized into the following areas of responsibility. If you have an interest in serving in a certain area or for a specific event, please reach out to one of the elders assigned to that ministry or contact the Church Office.

Clerk: John Gelder
email: john_gelder@me.com

Treasurer: Cathy Fairbanks
email: cathy.fairbanks@stillwaterfpc.org

Adult Ministry:
Belinda Bruner (chair)
David Silver

Children's Ministry:
Courtney Savage (chair)
Dustin Charter

Communications & Mission:
Cathy Conway (co-chair)
Kathy Thomas (co-chair)
Ed Noltensmeyer

Fellowship & Family:
Donna Koeppe (chair)
Dustin Charter

Stewardship & Finance:
Tim Krehbiel (co-chair)
Lynn Osborn (co-chair)

UKIRK (University):
John te Velde (chair)
Jenny Bobo

Worship & Music:
Dustin Reavis (chair)
Ken Belanus
Carolyn Gang

Youth Ministry:
Rusty Rex (chair)
Belinda Bruner
Corinne Savage

Trustee Liaison:
Judy Ferrell

Personnel:
Lisa McGaw (co-chair)
Jenny Bobo
Ed Noltensmeyer
Rusty Rex

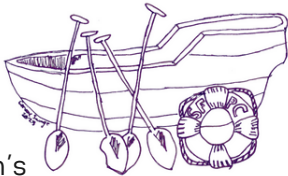
Endowment Liaison:
Donna Koeppe

Nominating Committee:
Cathy Conway (chair)

Stewardship Updates

Thank you for your commitments to the 2024 operating budget. The Congregation's generosity is exceptional with commitment to giving and support of the church's many efforts.

All Oars Pulling Together



Pledges to the 2024 operating budget, \$592,492 though substantial, are insufficient to fund Church operations. While we rejoice in your generosity and faithfulness, please realize that this amount is not enough to cover our annual operating expenses.

For the past few years, we were unable to fund operations using only annual pledges and other income. Annual pledges have been supplemented with carry over from the prior year and a draw on budget equity. Carry over occurs when spending is less than expected due largely to vacant clergy positions.

Session plans to use \$22,776 of carry over from 2023 to partially fund expenses in 2024. An additional \$25,442 will be drawn from budget equity unless giving/income is more than expected. Budget equity is accumulated savings from prior years.

	2023 Actual Expenses	2024 Budgeted Expenses
CONGREGATIONAL GIVING	629,939	623,492
OTHER INCOME	49,457	44,160
CARRY OVER	46,210	22,776
TOTAL INCOME	725,606	690,428
TOTAL EXPENSE	702,830	715,870
BUDGET BALANCE	22,776	(25,442)

From the Mailbox



I want to thank the church for the beautiful poinsettia, and Rosetta Silver, for her kindness to deliver it to my door. It puts back some of the beautiful color in my house after putting away all the lovely Christmas decorations. Thank you so much.
~Judy Jones

First Presby,

I am so enjoying the beautiful red poinsettia that the Silvers kindly dropped by. Thank you so much to an amazing church family.

With love and peace,
Jackie Dahlgren



Scout Updates

- **Scouts BSA Troop 888** wrapped up 2023 with a lock-in where they attended the Stillwater Community Band's Christmas concert and worked on the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge. This merit badge discusses leadership, ethical decision making, helpfulness, inclusion, and considering opinions different from our own. The Scouts also used one of their meetings to make scarves that were handed out at the First Presbyterian Church's Community Brunch. The first campout of 2024 was a cold one with temperatures getting as low as 24 degrees! Even in the cold, the Scouts remained cheerful and worked on mastering the use of a compass for navigation, first aid, and we had some pretty amazing Scout chefs!



Deacon's Corner

Welcoming Children to God's Family

The FPC Board of Deacons recently welcomed 4 new children to God's family, three to parents whose children attend the Presbyterian Preschool, and Paula Kendrick's new granddaughter. If you see these families around town or at church, please congratulate them and let them know their children are in your prayers.

Mason and Shelbi Myers welcomed Mav William on November 9. Josh and Brooke Ketch welcomed Kendall Jayne on November 16. Christien and Nicole Sager welcomed Sutton Nicole on November 21. Dan and Shannon Brooks (Paula Kendrick's daughter) welcomed Emmabelle Iris CatseyAnn Brooks on October 12.

New parents receive gift baskets. If you would like to sew a flannel receiving blanket or burp cloth, knit or crochet a baby blanket, donate a stuffed toy from the Fair Trade Store, or donate new baby/child clothes to add to our Stash Box, please let Holly Chermack (hchermack@gmx.com) or Debby Schoenecke (dolphin8388@aol.com or debbyschoenecke49@gmail.com) know. We want to help FPC welcome new children into God's family.

Thank you to all who are donating items and offering assistance with the Growing Family Baskets, including Rosetta Silver, Bonny Mullen, Debby Schoenecke, Ken Belanus, Leigh Miller, Magdalena Vinson, Mary Beth Garoffolo, Paula Kendrick, and Stan Waugh for suggesting we add the preschool families.

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me, but him who sent me."
Mark 9:37

*"I am the
resurrection
and the life."*
JOHN 11:25



Easter Lilies

Easter Lily order forms will be available in early March in your weekly bulletin, in the First Things email, and on our website. You may also always place an Easter Lily order by calling the Church Office.

Lilies will be delivered to our homebound members and those who have experienced loss or illness following the Easter Sunday services.

The Lent Ambassador
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Worship at First Presbyterian

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Hybrid Worship Service

Midweek Prayer

Wednesdays 12:10pm via Zoom

LENT 2024

THE AMBASSADOR

Soli Deo Gloria MUSIC PRESENTS

A LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL

Tuesday, March 12 at 12:05pm
FPC Sanctuary
Cimarron Chapter American Guild of Organists

Gerald Frank, Bradley Newcomb, and Rebecca te Velde will present a 45-minute program of music by Mendelssohn, Dupré, Shearing, L. H. Groom, and J. S. Bach. Noah Pool will also join Becky to perform three pieces by Jehan Alain for flute and organ. Admission is free, and Presbyterian Women are generously providing a "finger-foods" reception afterwards in the Hospitality Area. Please come, and bring your friends!

Sharing our beautiful pipe organ and grand piano with our congregation and community outside of worship is the core purpose behind Soli Deo Gloria Music—"Alone to God Be Glory".

