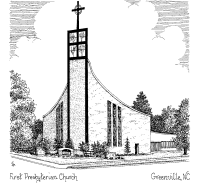


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WORSHIP SERVICES

Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 2012
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

Psalm 62:5-12
Mark 1:14-20

Annual Report

(Service broadcast live on WNCT—1070 AM radio starting at 11:00 a.m. and streamed live at www.1070WNCT.com.)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 22, 10:45 a.m., the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation of First Presbyterian Church will be held. In worships that day, the annual report for 2011 will be presented. The proposed bylaws changes will be voted on, and other business will be discussed as needed. See below for more information about the bylaws.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

The First Presbyterian Church Form of Government Compliance Task Force was appointed by the Session last summer for the purpose of reviewing our church's compliance with the new Form of Government passed in 2011 by the Presbyterian Church (USA).

After a thorough review of our current by-laws called "*Bylaws of First Presbyterian Church, Inc. of Greenville, NC (Incorporated on December 1, 1986)*," the task force is bringing to our congregation a revised version of this document called "*Proposed by-laws of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC.*" Our congregation will have the opportunity to vote on and approve this document at our annual congregational meeting on January 22.

Both current and revised documents can be found on our website at www.fpcgreenville.org. The current document will also be available in the church office. We encourage all members of the congregation to read these proposed by-laws and plan to vote on them on January 22 at 10:45 a.m. There will be an informational session January 22 at 9:45am in Fellowship Hall.

Please feel free to talk with any members of the task force at any time. Our members are Carrie Finch, Lynne Marks, Vernetta Dean, Peggy Wood, and Jack Barnhill. The church office can give you contact information.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes will begin January 22. The class takes place during the Sunday School hour (9:45) in the Confirmation classroom downstairs. The class is open to all 8th grade students and older who wish to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Carrie Finch, 758-1901 ext 205 or Rev.Carrie.Finch@gmail.com.

CHILI COOK-OFF WINNER

Congratulations to our new chili cook-off winner, Harding Sugg! Way to go!

Our next issue of "FOCUS" will be printed Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Please submit all articles to fpcstaff@embarqmail.com by 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 30, 2012.

FPC GREENVILLE UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday January 22	Monday January 23	Tuesday January 24	Wednesday January 25	Thursday January 26	Friday January 27	Saturday January 28
<p>8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School Information Session</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Annual Meeting</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Youth Singers</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Youth Handbells</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Youth Group</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. CT Meeting</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:00 noon AA (BFH)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anon (R211) Interfaith Prayers For Peace (Bayt Shalom)</p>	<p>12:00 noon AA (BFH)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. PW Lunch (McAlisters)</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Bell Choir</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Quilters Group (R207)</p> <p>12:00 noon AA (BFH) Alanon (R211)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. JAM (Meatloaf)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Quilters Group</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (R216)</p> <p>8:00 p.m. AA (R202)</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Parlor)</p> <p>12:00 noon AA (BFH)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. PCM Dinner (BFH)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anon (R211)</p> <p>8:00 p.m. AA (R224) Alanon (R207)</p>	<p>12:00 noon AA (BFH)</p>	<p>7:30 - 4:00 New Hope Pres. Training (FH)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Overeaters Anon. (R211)</p> <p>Youth serve shelter meal</p>
Sunday January 29	Monday January 30	Tuesday January 31	Wednesday February 1	Thursday February 2	Friday February 3	Saturday February 4
<p>8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Youth Singers</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Youth Handbells</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Youth Group</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:00 noon AA (BFH)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anon (R211)</p>	<p>12:00 noon AA (BFH)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scout District Banquet (FH)</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Bell Choir (R213)</p> <p>FPC serves shelter meal</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Quilters Group (R207)</p> <p>12:00 noon AA (BFH) Alanon (R211)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Address Angels (R202)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. JAM</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Quilters Group</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (R216)</p> <p>8:00 p.m. AA (R202)</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Parlor)</p> <p>12:00 noon AA (BFH)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. PCM Dinner (BFH)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anon (R211)</p> <p>8:00 p.m. AA (R224) Alanon (R207)</p>	<p>12:00 noon AA (BFH) Confirmation class retreat</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. Overeaters Anon. (R211) Cotillion (FH)</p>

OUR MEMBERSHIP CARES

Cypress Glen: Sarah Allen, * C220, Ben Lattin *C214
*Assisted Living **Skilled Unit

Ayden Court: Nina Weston, Rm. 500, Mickie Ezelle, Rm. 103

Pitt County Memorial Hospital:

At Home: Jack Barnhill, David Eggers, Barney Kane, Kathleen Randall, Dora Snow, Liz Wilkerson

**In Memoriam
Florence S. Holt**

October 2, 1921 - January 6, 2012

Jesus said... *"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

John 11:25-26a

The church extends heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family. Memorial contributions may be made to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 20062, Greenville, NC 27858.

In Memoriam

**Charles Richard "Dick" Oates Jr.
July 13, 1950 - January 12, 2012**

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John 11:25-26a

The church extends heartfelt sympathy and prayers to his wife, Sadie, and family. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church for the Boys and Girls Camp Fund, 1400 S. Elm St., Greenville, NC 27858.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CT Meeting will be Monday, January 23, 10:00 a.m.

All Presbyterian Women are invited to attend lunch at McAlister's Tuesday, January 24, 12:30 p.m.

MOC BREAKFAST

The Men of the Church will meet for its monthly breakfast gathering February 7, 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Neely's brother, Kirk, will lead the devotion. Kirk is a pastor and the author of numerous books, including *Comfort and Joy*, *When Grief Comes*, and *A Good Mule is Hard to Find*. Chris Riddle will provide the breakfast.

BIRTHS



Congratulations to Cameron Perry and Benjamin McAndrew on the birth of a son, Seamus Robert Charles McAndrew, born December 22, 2011. Grandparents are Georganne and Derek Perry.

Congratulations to Jennifer and Scott Lentz on the birth of daughter, Amelia Trevathan Lentz, born January 4, 2012. Grandparents are Tom and Marcia Trevathan and great-grandfather is Earl Trevathan.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

The Interfaith Alliance of Eastern Carolina will host Prayers for Peace and Justice Monday, January 23, 7:00 p.m., at Bayt Shalom. This will be a time to share prayers, poems, songs and silence as an inclusive community longing for peace and justice.



**"A Trove of Tailgating Treasures"
Tasting Luncheon
Saturday, February 11, 12:00 noon**

Our 10th annual Tasting Luncheon is almost here. We can't wait to see everyone and taste all the delicious dishes. Please bring your appetites and your checkbooks because we will offer fabulous foods at our Bake Sale and Frozen/Refrigerated Food Sale. Also we have an awesome raffle assembled. Members of our church and local merchants have been so generous with donations for our raffle and door prizes.

The \$20 tickets are almost gone (but you can still come by volunteering to work the event.) Call Emily Harrington (756-5005) for tickets. You can also support the event with a donation to our frozen food sale. Soups, casseroles, pies, or anything you wish to prepare. Serving sizes for 2-4 or 4-6 sell best. Call Ginny Hill (756-0025) if you can help. Baked goods are also needed. Please donate your favorite decadent desserts and your homemade breads for our bake sale. Call Pam Finch (355-7693) or just drop off your donation wrapped in Valentine motif anytime Friday, February 10 at the church Fellowship Hall.

Finally, cooks for the luncheon, if you are cooking a hot dish for the Saturday luncheon, please deliver your prepared dishes HOT, wrapped in foil and labeled with your name and the name of the dish. All dishes should be delivered labeled and ready to serve on Saturday February 11 between 8 and 9 a.m. at the church kitchen.

We want to make this the best year ever to benefit the GUC Neighbor to Neighbor Program, so be a good neighbor and make, bake, buy, and partake and join us on Saturday, February 11 at 12 noon for a grand tailgating time!

HELP WITH PLAYGROUND

The Administration Ministry is seeking one or two families to help keep the playground area of the church clean. If you are interested and would like to help or want additional information, please contact Kirk Mizelle by email at kmizelle@carolinadonorservices.org or by telephone at 714-3764.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CLASS

This class on worship prepares our 2nd - 4th graders to understand why we do different parts of worship such as the Lord's Supper and baptism. For one Sunday each month, the children are invited to worship following the Time for Young Disciples.

Our worship class for January will be on the 22nd. Come to Room B117 in the basement after Time for Young Disciples in the 11:00 service. The topic is: we have a plan to help us worship. All 2nd-4th graders are invited.

SACRED GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM

The campaign has begun for the sales of niches and contributions for the Sacred Garden & Columbarium. There are many opportunities for you to participate, either by purchasing a niche for your use, or making a contribution for construction. Once the Sacred Garden is built, it will be self-sustaining through the purchase of niches and other memorial contributions. We are now soliciting your participation. There are brochures available in the Welcome Center with more information.

If you are interested in memorializing someone or having your cremains placed in the garden, please contact the church office at 252-758-1901.

**"Share the Journey;
Grow in Faith"**

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

After a wonderful New Year and the start of a new semester, the Children's Music program is opening its arms once again for any and all who are interested in music-making. Participating young ones will have opportunities to learn first-hand the many ways they can praise God through song, dance and other musical instruments as they prepare music for church services. They will also perform the musical "Down By the Creek Bank," a musical which shows the world through the eyes of a child.

JAM activities will be coordinated with the musical. Our children are capable of great things, and need the time to harness their abilities. To accommodate for the time needed to prepare music for church, and the musical, the Wednesday night JAM schedule has been extended 15 minutes. Also, beginning in February, there will be an additional weekly rehearsal for the musical. We hope to see you very soon! If you have questions, contact Josh Allen at allenj06@students.ecu.edu or 910-358-3223.

NOTES FROM BILL WOOD



JAM regular schedule and activities will start this week.

Schedule:

5:30 - Pre-School Music Activities

6:00 - Supper

6:20 - K-1 Music 2-5 activities

6:45 - 2-5 Music K1 activities

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

FPC welcomes Ashley and Joseph Speight to our congregation. They have twin sons, Joseph Alexander "Alex" and Jeffrey Edward "Ward", who will be baptized February 19, 2012.

They reside at 689 Tabard Rd., Winterville, NC 28590.

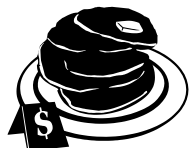
ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Presbyterian Women's organization provides scholarships for which students may apply.

If you are interested, please stop by the church office to pick up an application form. The deadline for application is **February 29th**. (No exceptions!) You may use the same application form and essay for the Presbyterian Women Scholarship, the Hubert and Mary D Bryant Scholarship, the Anna Belle Boyd Sugg and Fordyce Harding Sugg, Sr. Scholarship Fund and the Pandora's Box Scholarship. Please read the guidelines for each and identify on the application form the scholarship(s) for which you are applying. Previous scholarship winners are not required to submit an essay. **Deadline is February 29th**.

The Women of New Hope Presbytery also offer scholarships for students. The application must be received by the Presbytery Scholarship Committee by **March 1st**. You may obtain this application in the church office. It is imperative that you follow their guidelines exactly as written, so be sure to read and follow them carefully!

PANCAKE FUNDRAISER



Boy Scout Troop 452 will host a pancake fundraiser here in our Fellowship Hall Sunday, February 5 after 11:00 worship. Contact Don Fitts for more information, 758-2571.



YOUTH NEWS

Grace to you and peace to you this day and always!

In January we will feed the folks at the Greenville Shelter, and we will begin our new Confirmation class. Plus, we will have a scavenger hunt, Bible study and Lisa Chappell will tell us about her adventures in the Holy Land. In February we'll collect for Souper Bowl of Caring, have Super Bowl parties and have a Confirmation Class retreat. Here's a look at the next month in schedule form:

Saturday, Jan 21- Food Bank, 9am-12pm

Sunday, Jan 22- Confirmation begins, 9:45am; Youth Group 5-7pm

Saturday, Jan 28- Evening Shelter Meal

Sunday, Jan 29- Confirmation, 9:45am; Youth Group 5-7pm SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday-Saturday, Feb 3-4– Confirmation Class Retreat

Sunday, Feb 5– Souper Bowl of Caring Collection during Bucket Brigade and Super Bowl parties

Saturday, Feb 11– Food Bank, 9am-12 pm

Sunday, Feb 12- Confirmation class, 9:45am; Youth Group 5-7pm

Sunday, Feb 19- Confirmation class, 9:45am; Youth Group 5-7pm

Sunday, Feb 26- Confirmation class, 9:45am; Youth Group 5-7pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (252) 702-0059 or e-mail me at Rev.Carrie.Finch@gmail.com and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Have a great week everyone!

Take good care- Carrie Finch (Associate Pastor of Youth and Congregational Care)

SUNDAY MORNING LEADERS

	January 22	January 29	February 5
Communion Servers 8:30 a.m.	Clay Britt, Anita Britt	Pam Finch, Bill Fowler	Ray Spears, Marcia Spears
Communion Servers 11:00 a.m.			Derek Perry (Captain), William Griffin, Georganne Perry, Pat Evans, Don Guy, Madge Chamness, Austin Phillips, Kathy & Rob Howard, Chris Riddle, Suzanne Morrow, Jim Young
Sunday Fellowship	Billie Luck Kitchin	Georganne & Derek Perry	Jane & Greg Steele
Flowers – Sanctuary			
Flowers – Welcome Center			
Flower Arranging	Circle Six	Sue DelVecchio	Cypress Glen Circle
Time for Young Disciples	Georganne Perry	Jane Alexander	Bucket Brigade
Godly Play	Kathy Howard	Holli Williams	Anne Mauldin
Lay Reader 11:00 a.m.	Bill James	Anita Britt	Koryn Dilday
Elder Assisting in Worship	Landon Allen	John Ogle	Chip & Jennifer Little
Invitation to Discipleship 8:30 a.m.	Jack Barnhill	Glen Fisher	Amanda Fisher
11:00 a.m.	Mark Pabst	Jimmy Sutton	Pat Evans
Greeters			
8:30 a.m. Welcome Center Doors	Glen Fisher	Bill Lehman	
8:30 a.m. Sanctuary	Wilma Piner	Alison Lehman	David Scull
11:00 a.m. Welcome Center Doors	Dallas Taylor	Antoinette Patterson	Bill James
11:00 a.m. Welcome Center Doors	Bill James	Charles Patterson	Martin Hamilton
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary	Ann Taylor	Betty Tart	

Communion Preparation Committee January - March 2012	Elaine Nagy, Cathy Taylor	
Communion Baker	Connie Bridgewater	
Sanctuary Guild - February	Elaine Nagy	
Sound Team: 8:30 a.m.	Ward Bradshaw / Joe Asselmeier / David	Shackelford
Sound Team: 11:00 a.m.	Clay Britt / Chris Riddle	
USHERS – 8:30 a.m. - February	USHERS – 11:00 a.m. - February	Don Duff
Bill Fowler (Captain)	Emmett Koonce (Captain)	Matthew Chappell
Bill Lehman (Co-Captain)	Mike Horton (Co-Captain)	John Moss
Alison Lehman	Kim Koonce	Craig Stanley
Glen Fisher	Allen Lyle	Joe Sullivan / Bill Newill
	Sandra Ward	Garrett Beaver / Onnolea Starr

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PASTOR'S WORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I suppose that every Presbyterian minister breathes a deep sigh of relief at the conclusion of their January session meeting. This is for two reasons. First, it is the first meeting of the year in which the new class of elders have voice and vote. Though as ministers we profess to believe in the process and the working of the spirit to call out men and women who can best lead the church into its future, we are not immune to the anxiety of how individuals will react to being an elder.

The second reason is that at the January meeting, the budget report from the previous year is presented, along with the projections for the coming year. For this congregation, we had good news and bad news. The good news was that we finished the year in the black. Each member of this congregation is to be commended on their faithfulness to the work of God in this place.

The bad news is that based on the amount pledged for the coming year, we have a projected shortfall of \$70,000. If you are unsure whether or not your commitment has been recorded, please contact Tracy Wetherbee at 252-758-1901 ext 201. The session and finance committee are waiting to set a budget when it can be determined what our income will be. Indeed there are requests from our ministries to increase our programming, but they are waiting to make sure all commitments are counted.

Bill