

December 2021

First News

Building Faith, Changing Lives,
& Sharing Christ.

Coming Home for Christmas

There are few experiences in life more joyful than a **Homecoming**. Hopefully we all have experienced the joy of returning home for the holidays from maybe a first semester in college, from a time away in the military, or from being removed from family because of a first job. There is joy in **coming home** and there is joy in **welcoming home** those we love.

One of the most beloved parables in scripture is the parable of the Prodigal Son. You know the story, the younger son says "good-bye" to the father and leaves. As the son's life deteriorates, he "comes to himself," and he returns "**home**." The beauty of this parable is revealed, as the son slinks home in stunning failure, the father is waiting to welcome him home. The father is not waiting for the son in judgement, condemnation, or anger. The father welcomes **home** the prodigal son by running out to him, he embraces and kisses him, and welcomes him back into the family with celebration and thanksgiving.

Homecomings are joyful because we are welcomed in love. Whether we struggled in our first semester or whether we loved or hated basic training or whether our new job is going well or not, our **homecoming** was full of hugs and kisses, joys and celebration. That experience of **homecoming** should be our experience at First Presbyterian during Advent and Christmas 2021.

For Advent and Christmas 2021, First Presbyterian Church is focusing on "**Coming Home!**" For the last two years, churches have been forced to meet in limited capacity and participate in limited fellowship. We certainly understand the reasons. Now, it is a new time! It is time to **come home**! It is time to "come to ourselves" and return to be welcomed **home** by the Father.

"**Coming Home**" is our worship theme for this Advent and Christmas. This theme will be central to our worship. Our music ministry is "on fire", offering powerful and inspiring music that needs to be heard and *felt*. The Word proclaimed will be preached to the congregation with passion and the Spirit will be *felt*. Even the prayers, even the silent prayers, will be *felt* as the congregation prayers together. Our **homecoming** will be *felt* when we turn to one another as we pass the peace of Christ to each other.

In life, there simply are those things that must be experienced; seeing the Grand Canyon, holding your baby or grandchildren for the first time, feeling the warmth of the sun on our face, and experiencing the presence of Christ when two or more are gathered.

Come Home for the Holidays! **Come Home** for Advent! **Come Home** for Christmas to First Presbyterian Church and feel the love and embrace and joy of God the Father!

Welcome Home,
Tim Womack



Holiday Services, Concerts, and More

Worship Services

Christmas Eve

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Luke 2:1-20 - There's No Place Like Home: "A Place to be Fear-less!"

3:00pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Service

5:00pm - Family Candlelight Service

7:00pm - Traditional Candlelight Service

9:00pm - Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

John 1 - "What Did You Get?"

10:00am - *Informal* - Communion by Intinction

New Year's Eve

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

5:00pm - *Informal* - Communion by Intinction



Concerts in our Sanctuary

Inaugural Concert: Youth Winds & Percussion

Sunday, December 5th at 4:00pm

Admission is free; \$10 suggested donation

Mike Block in Concert

Friday, December 10th at 7:00pm

Admission is free; \$20 suggested donation
benefits Mike Block Strings Camp Scholarship Fund

Mass in A Major: A Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 17th at 7:00pm

Sunday, December 19th at 4:00pm

Admission is free; \$10 suggested donation

Have Piano, Will Duel: A Jazzin' Christmas

Saturday, December 18th at 3:00pm

[Click here for more information](#)

Admission is free!

Christmas Parties & Other Events

Christmas Tree Lane

Saturday, December 4th from 9:00am to 2:00pm

Unique Boutique, Mrs. Claus's Pantry, Artisans and Crafters, Raffle, and more

Breakfast with the Angels

Sunday, December 12th at 10:30am (following the 9:30am service)

[Please register online via Realm.](#)

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 18th at 12:00pm

Tickets available for \$25/pp on sale in the courtyard
between Sunday services until December 5th

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19th following the Stations of the Creche





Worship, Music & Arts

Music Man Comes to First Presbyterian Church

By Stanford Erickson

"Music, early on, did not come easily to me," says Peter Mahtani. "I always had a love of music, but learning to be proficient in voice, playing the piano and organ, and being comfortable performing before an audience can still be a challenge. As I continue to grow as a musician, I see these challenges as blessings. These challenges continue to help me become a much better teacher of music. I not only can understand my students' problems but I can identify with them."

Well, it would appear that Peter also is a quick learner. At age 29, he is accomplished at singing bass, playing the organ and piano, and conducting choirs. He also has a Bachelor of Music Education with concentration on Organ and Voice from Grove City College, and a Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from Messiah College. Peter joined First Presbyterian as Associate Music Director of First Presbyterian Church in July 2021.



"Peter was undoubtedly the most desirable candidate for this job, and every moment he has been here has shown why through his remarkable skill, engagement, magnetism, and professionalism," says Dr. Jacob Craig, Director of Music and Arts. "His primary responsibilities entail the start of all new youth-focused programs including a phenomenal youth choir, youth handbell choir, and many other educational components," says Dr. Craig. "In addition, Peter is hard at work developing the excellence and engagement of our 8:30 am service, and already he has transformed the musical offerings at that service."

Peter brings a world of cultural and heritage awareness rarely experienced in Vero Beach and at First Presbyterian. His mother, Gek Hong, is Chinese and his father, Jai, is Indian. Both of his parents were raised in Singapore. Although his father's parents were Hindu and his mother's parents were Buddhist and Taoist, Peter's own parents met each other when they were in high school at a Christian camp.

His father became a protestant minister, receiving his education in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Later on, he was sent to be a missionary in Singapore and then back to the United States serving as a pastor in Houston, Texas and then in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Peter is one of eight siblings. Two of his brothers were born in Grand Rapids while his father was in seminary, and Peter was born in Singapore.

When asked what he could considered to be unique about himself, he quickly replied, "I know how to work, and work hard and enjoy working. In a large family involved in Christian ministry, money often is somewhat scarce. I started working at thirteen in the food service industry and continue to work at Olive Garden in Vero Beach twice a week. Working as a server not only gave me a good salary but taught me to be of service to others and gave me the joy of companionship with other employees."

Prior to joining First Presbyterian, Peter was General Music Teacher and Director of Choral Activities at Trinity Christian School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for seven years. He took a high school chorus of six members and grew it to an ensemble of 65 members. He taught music at the elementary, middle and high school level. He organized and managed a high school choir and chamber choir that traveled over the years to Toronto, New York City, Nashville, and Chicago. His students had several opportunities to perform at professional venues such as PNC Park (Pittsburgh), The Upper Room Chapel (Nashville), and St. Patrick's Cathedral (New York City).

"I see my job at First Presbyterian as not only teaching my students to be good musicians but good and decent people who enjoy being of service to others as well as themselves," says Peter, "and, having a lot of fun as well."

Peter had a few other job opportunities before making his decision to move to Florida. "Within a couple of hours in talking with Jacob, I knew this opportunity at First Presbyterian working with someone as talented and accomplished as Dr. Craig was exactly where God wanted me to go. The beaches at Vero Beach also were a huge attraction. Let's see, stay in Pittsburgh with its winters or Vero Beach with its beaches... That's not a difficult decision."

The background of the poster is a light green color with a subtle pattern of musical staves and notes. In the corners, there are decorative floral arrangements featuring red poinsettias, green holly leaves, and red berries. In the center, there is a stylized Christmas tree made of a brown cross with colorful leaves (blue, green, yellow, orange, and purple) and a star on top.

First Presbyterian

Mass in A Major by Cesar Franck: A Christmas Celebration

Directed by Dr. Jacob Craig

featuring

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir
First Presbyterian Youth Symphonic Orchestra
The Vero Beach Choral Society

Friday, December 17th at 7:00pm
Sunday, December 19th at 4:00pm

Admission is free; no ticket needed
Suggested Donation \$10
Arrive early!

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Discipleship

thePoint

All Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend!
Sunday, December 5th & Sunday, December 12th
5:00 to 7:00 PM



Breakfast with the Angels

Sunday, December 12th at 9:30am

Breakfast with the Angels will be held on Sunday, December 12th during and after 9:30 service. Before breakfast, we will read the story about Jesus's birth and do a craft. Our Youth will be dressed as angels and assisting the children. Then we will have a pancake breakfast, pastries, and drinks in McAfee Hall. We are looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up afterward. Those interested in helping may contact Carie Robbins at childrensministry@firstpresvero.org. We also encourage families to register via Realm. [Please click here to register for Breakfast.](#)



Stations of the Creche & Youth Christmas Party

Stations of the Creche will take place on **Friday, December 17th at 5:00pm before** the first performance of the Franck Mass: A Christmas Celebration, and **Sunday the 19th** it will take place **after** the second performance (around 5pm). The Youth will have a Christmas Party at the Point following the Stations of the Creche on **Sunday, December 19th.**

Confirmation

Confirmation is when you choose to be a follower of Christ and a full-member of the Presbyterian church. The Confirmation Journey for our youth will begin on **January 7th, 2022**. If you are in 7th or 8th Grade and have not already been confirmed, we invite you to join us in kicking off the Confirmation Journey with a Lock-in/Retreat on that night. For questions about this process, contact michaelyork@firstpresvero.org.

Rock the Universe

Rock the Universe is on **January 28th, 2022**. We will travel to Universal Orlando Resort that Friday after school and hear bands like *For King and Country*, *Crowder*, and *Matthew West*. We will return to First Presbyterian in the early morning on Saturday. Reserve your place now for you and a friend by emailing Pastor Michael at michaelyork@firstpresvero.org.



Save the Dates

February 18-21, 2022 – Ski Trip (Location TBD)
April 22-23, 2022 – Confirmation Retreat (for all 7th and 8th Graders)
May 1, 2022 – Confirmation Sunday (Confirmands Join the Church)
June 12-18, 2022 – Montreat Youth Conference (Week 2)
June 26-July 2, 2022 – Mission Trip (Location TBD)
July 20-24, 2022 – Middle School Montreat (Maryville College, TN)



Mission

2021 Angel Tree



This year's Angel Tree is in response to the needs of children from the **Children's Home Society**, the elderly from the **Senior Resource Association**, and families and teens from **Hope for Families Center** - all here in Vero Beach. The tree also helps provide scholarship gifts for our **First Presbyterian Preschool** to help provide opportunities for every child in need.

Please take an angel of your choice from the tree in our sanctuary, and return your gift **wrapped** with the angel attached **no later than Sunday, December 19th**.

A large box will be provided for each gift location in the rear of the sanctuary on Sundays, and they can be found in the church office during the week. Checks for the Preschool may be made to First Presbyterian church (please write "preschool" on the memo line).

May you be a blessing to these friends in need and may you be blessed with your giving.

Sincerely,

Your Mission Team





Mission

Justice and Honor Task Force:

"Promoting Justice, Honor, and Equality for all persons"

This has been a busy and exciting month!

Operation Vaccine Treasure Coast kicked off on October 16, 2021 at the Gifford Youth Achievement Center. Several of our members volunteered for one hour shifts to pass out snacks, water, and answer questions. A total of 34 people were vaccinated on that day, and a second event took place on Saturday, November 20th.

Thanks to the generosity of the Presbyterian Women and many people in our congregation, the Justice and Honor Task Force was able to deliver a check to the Indian River County Sheriff's Department for \$6,450.00 to support their Shop with a Cop and Bicycle Giveaway events! Deputy Chief Milo Thornton was delighted and nearly speechless! Pictured from left to right are Floy Turner (retired law enforcement) and Mimi Rutland (Justice and Honor Chair), as they present the check to Deputy Chief Thornton.



The Shop with a Cop event will take place on December 18, 2021, and the Bicycle event takes place at the Intergenerational Center at 12:00 noon on December 11, 2021.

These events, sponsored by our law enforcement community, bring joy to the hearts of needy children and provide positive interaction and relationships between our diverse communities and those who protect and serve here in IRC.

Thank you for your continued support in word and in deed. May your holiday season be filled with joy as you continue to bless others.

We are "blessed to be a blessing"!

Mimi Rutland, Chairperson
Justice and Honor Task Force
(305) 336-3193 (cell)
Mwrutland@bellsouth.net



Fellowship



Fun, food, and fellowship on Wednesday Nights

Dinner begins at 5:15pm in McAfee Hall, an offering of \$7 per meal will be accepted. *Please let us know that you're coming no later than noon on the Monday before.* You can register online by clicking the date you plan to attend below, or, contact Lisa Jeffra, lisaj@firstpresvero.org, or call her at the church office (772) 562-9088

Reminder: On the first Wednesday, we celebrate all of the birthdays for the month!

December 1st

Hamburgers and Hotdogs
Baked Beans
Chips
Coleslaw and Potato Salad
Birthday Cupcakes

December 8th

Baked Potato with fixings
Broccoli Rice Casserole
Orange Cranberry Muffins
Salad
Brownies

December 15th

Cheesy Baked Tortellini
Garlic Knots
Salad
Peanut Butter Sheet Cake

Please note: There will be no Wednesday Night Fellowship on December 23rd or 29th.



Hospitality

Merry Christmas from The Hospitality Committee!

We wanted to show our appreciation for our congregation with a gift that would truly benefit our church family and community by helping bring people together.

This year, our Christmas Gift to you is an all-new, fully up-to-date, printed copy of the **2021 First Presbyterian Church Directory!**



This directory is the result of a two year labor of love by the members of the Hospitality Committee. They have worked hard to collect photos and contact information for 38 PAGES of church members!

You may request a printed copy as of December 1st. We will also have an online directory available through Realm. This is a password-protected directory and is only available to members who have a Realm Username and Password. We will publish the online directory in December.

If you DO NOT want your information in the online directory please email Lisa Jeffra, Administrative Assistant, at lisaj@firstpresvero.org. If you would like access to the online directory and don't have a Realm Username and Password yet, you may also contact Lisa to request that information.



Join us for the 67th Annual

Christmas Tree Lane Holiday Boutique & Cookie Sale

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, December 4, 2021
9:00am to 2:00pm

Located in the Center for Christian Life, McAfee Hall, & Campus Courtyard

Unique Boutique
Handmade Treasures
Artisan's Gallery
Homemade Cookies-by-the-Pound
Mrs. Claus's Pantry (everything *BUT* cookies)
and an AMAZING Raffle!

**Cash or checks preferred.*

Current COVID safety protocols will be in place.

Proceeds benefit the Presbyterian Women's Mission Project

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Presbyterian Women

A Christmas Gift to First Presbyterian from our Presbyterian Women



Journeys of a Christian Community: A Profile Book

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us ... run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

- Hebrews 12: 1-2

Who doesn't love a good story? Infants are given books they can hold and chew on. Toddlers eagerly learn the means to communicate verbally and read through images. Throughout one's life, the verbal and written word is practiced and honed. Why? To share a story: the story of... the moment, the day, an experience, a lesson, a life journey.

In 2009, the Presbyterian Women (PW) Coordinating Team of First Presbyterian Church, Vero Beach, Florida recognized that there were rich life stories to be heard from the women and men within their own church family. They decided to begin a tradition of interviews and summarized profiles of the 'great cloud of witnesses' in our very midst. The life stories shared within are from Christian women and men. They are of Elders, Deacons, members of the choirs, pastor's wives, church staff and others who may not be members but are active in our church family.

As you will read, each profile is unique and may include the interviewee's early years and family life, their life work and experiences, their favorite or 'go to' bible verse, and a time when God carried them through a difficult season or was a tangible part of their life.

The articles were always a work in progress; reviewed and edited by the sharer and the author. Ann



Left to right: Ann Faunce, Floy Turner, Linda Masterson, Joan Irvine, and Elaine Herren

Faunce has written a majority of the profiles. In addition, Joan Irvine and Elaine Heeren have greatly assisted in recent years. Because these profiles have been so popular to our membership, Ann proposed to the PW this year to compile all the profiles into a book form. The huge task of compiling this book of approximately 200 profiles to date has been a gift of time and effort from Linda Masterson.

There are two copies of the book. One will be kept in Ginny Bauer's office, and the other will be kept in the Peirce Library (inside the Gietz Music Suite) for all to read at your leisure.

May each of you who read the stories of the lives shared within these pages, be blessed, encouraged, and reminded of the faithful hand of our Great God in each of our lives.

Blessings,

Cecily Strang

PW Co-Moderator 2021



Presbyterian Women's Christmas Luncheon

by Wild Thyme Catering

Saturday, December 18th
McAfee Hall

Seating at 12:00pm
Lunch will be served at 12:30pm

Tickets are \$25 per person
Seating will be limited to 6 per table.

Christmas Carols during the luncheon will be led by
Peter Mahtani, Assistant Director of Music & Arts.

**Tickets will be on sale in the courtyard
after Sunday Services until December 5th.**

*For further information, or to volunteer for set up & clean up, please contact Maggie
Fleming at margaret.fleming48@gmail.com with "Luncheon" in the subject line.*

***Have Piano, Will Duel* presents "A Jazzin' Christmas"**
featuring Dr. Jacob Craig and friends
will follow at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.
This is a separate event. Click here for more information.
Admission is free!



Presbyterian Women

Please Join Us! The Quilting & Craft Group

You don't have to be a quilter! We sew, quilt, knit, and craft. The Quilting and Group meets every **Wednesday from 2:00pm to 5:00pm** in the Adult Education Room. We create projects for charity, ourselves, and Christmas Tree Lane. We are a small group and would love for you to join us. Just show up! For more information, contact Ruth Thomas at 772-532-7201 or email RuthLThomas@yahoo.com



Morning Tea Celebration: Installation of New PW Officers

Ladies, please put **Saturday, January 8th, 2022**, from 10:30am to 12:00pm on your calendars. Join PW for morning tea and installation of our new officers. Sharon Williams, the Presbytery PW Moderator, will be our guest to officiate the Officer Installation.

Get Ready to Bake, Bake, Bake



Once again, we need your favorite Christmas cookies, delivered in disposable containers labeled with the cookie name. For Mrs. Claus' Pantry, your specialty items (*pies, cakes, cupcakes, breads, brownies, homemade pickles, relishes, jams, candy, etc.*) **MUST** be ready to travel. Please Note: We cannot accept any items that require refrigeration (ie: no whipped cream!) All baked goods may be dropped off, unbagged, by the Sanctuary doors **Thursday, December 2nd, between 9:00am and 12:00pm**. As you pull around the handicapped parking circle, members of the committees will unload them directly from your car and will package and price them for the sale.

For more information, please contact

Cookie Co-Chairs: Ann Faunce, bafaunce@gmail.com & Barb Schwin, pschwin38@aol.com

Mrs. Claus's Pantry Chairwoman: Beth Pritchett at EKPrichett@aol.com

Yes, Virginia, there's also a Raffle!

Christmas Tree Lane will be holding a **raffle** with some truly outstanding prizes! Proceeds from the Raffle will go directly to our Presbyterian Women's Mission Fund. The Quilters, under the direction of Ruth Thomas, have donated a **handmade Christmas Tree wall hanging** and an **original design hand-stitched quilt**. Additionally, the Indian River Estate Ladies, under the direction of Tina Lipski, have donated a **Gift Card Christmas Tree**, (valued at \$400) and a **Basket of Treasures** (valued at \$250). Tickets will be available for sale at the door, and the winners will be announced at **2:00pm**. You do not have to be present to win these fabulous prizes. Thank you to all those who have worked to make these raffle prizes so special!

One last Request

As Christmas Tree Lane fast approaches, we have one last request: *Please invite everyone you know- neighbors, friends, and family- to come shop the Boutique!* Doors open at **9:00am on Saturday, December 4th**. This sale is sure to be spectacular, as it is the largest stock of Unique Boutique we have ever seen - you don't want to miss this!





Presbyterian Men's Corner

Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show a Great Success!

Our 6th Annual Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show was held on Saturday, November 6th. With forty-four cars in attendance, food trucks, a DJ and more, it was a great success with beautiful weather, too!

The Presbyterian Men were able to raise \$1,025.00, thanks to vehicle entry fees and donations from visitors. On top of that, this amount was **MATCHED** by Bill Menzies, bringing the total funds raised to \$2,050.00! Thank you, Bill, for this incredible donation! Proceeds from the show will benefit the Presbyterian Men's Charity fund, supporting many local groups and organizations such as Space Coast Honor Flight, Missionary Flights International, Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, Salt of the Earth Ministries, Camp Haven, as well as needy families in Indian River county.



Photo Credit: Bill Menzies Photography

We had two different prizes awarded; both by vote. The first set of awards was given by **People's Choice**. Anyone who came to see the show had the opportunity to vote for their favorite vehicle. The second set of awards, the **Owner's Vote**, was based on the popular vote of only the owners who entered vehicles into the show. Both awards offered first, second, and third placements. Congratulations to all of our participants and the winners!

Space Coast Honor Flight hosts several more of our First Presbyterian Men

We want to honor these wonderful men whom, along with Paul Ives and Phil LoGiudice (whom we have mentioned in previous newsletters), were chosen out of hundreds of applicants to attend the Space Coast Honor Flights in 2021! Congratulations, gentlemen, and thank you for your service!



Captain Robert Masterson
US Navy
Vietnam War Veteran



Sgt. Charles "Grit" Hancock
US Army
Vietnam War Veteran
(accompanied by Kim Conn as guardian)



1st Lt. Jack Kellogg, Jr.
US Army
Korean War Veteran



News and Notes



Ongoing events for those seeking Membership

Anyone who is moved to join our church family is encouraged to contact our pastors anytime!

Pastries with the Pastors - 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9:30am service

Membership Sunday - 3rd Sunday of the month after each service

All meetings take place in the Chapel.

For more information please contact Deb Alich, Membership Coordinator, at 772-999-3644, via email at daalich@comcast.net, or call the church office at 772-562-9088.

Fellowship Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to regularly assist with Memorial Receptions.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Carol Goodfellow at

cgoodfellow@bellsouth.net

Teams are needed to assist with set-up and clean-up during Wednesday Night Dinners. Bring the whole family!

Contact Lisa Jeffra at lisaj@firstpresvero.org

or call the church office if you would like to help.



Bible & Book Studies

Dr. Tim's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:30am

In-Person, or via LiveStream

[Click here to join](#)

Pastor Michael's Book Study:

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

Tuesdays at 7:30pm via Zoom

[Click here to join](#)

Presbyterian Women's Grace Circle

Monday, December 13th, from 11:30am-1:00pm

Earnshaw Room in the Center for Christian Life

Contact Ann Faunce at bafaunce@gmail.com, for the zoom link. Chapter 3 of the Horizons Bible Study for the 2021-2022 year will be covered. The first hour will be the study, followed by a time for fellowship and lunch together. Please bring your own lunch.



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First Presbyterian Church Vero Beach



Notes and Notes

Leadership & Staff

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor
 Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor
 Dr. Sam Rutland, Theologian in Residence
 Dr. Jacob Craig, Director of Music & Arts
 Peter Mahtani, Assistant Director of Music & Arts
 Carie Robbins, Director of Children's Ministries
 Ginny Bauer,
 Senior Administrative Assistant to the Pastors
 Kimberly Ball, Financial Administrator
 Lisa Jeffra, Administrative Assistant

ELDERS *indicates Elder/Trustee

Class of 2021

Deb Alich, *Harvard "Bud" Johnson,
 *Carol Marks, Kari Palmer

Class of 2022

*Jerry Garrett, Phil LoGiudice, Bonnie Nolan,
 *Carol Smoyer

Class of 2023

*Allan Bixby, James Ewing, Linda Masterson,
 *Cindy Rogers

Clerk of Session - Keith Martin
 Treasurer - Scott Westermann
 Director of Development - Allan Bixby

Trustees-at-Large

2021 - Melissa Shine
 2022 - Bob Satola
 2023 - Will Kirk

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2021

Scott Berran, Sue Coffey, Michael Goodfellow,
 Charles Hancock, Jan Satola, Floy Turner

Class of 2022

Mary Bingham, Reita Byrket, Keith Martin,
 Barbara Reed, Richard Thomas

Class of 2023

Lucille Craig, Shirley Douglas, Jenifer Foster,
 Robin Perry, Mimi Rutland, Bob Stuart

Monthly Ministry, Committee, and Talent Team Meetings

Please contact your team leader directly to confirm the status of each meeting. *All meeting dates and times are subject to change at the discretion of each committee/ministry team, as needed.*

Deacons - 1st Tuesday; 4:30pm
 Discipleship - 1st Tuesday; 1pm
 Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday; 11:30am
 Heritage - 4th Thursday; 10am
 Hospitality - 1st Monday; 3pm
 Mission - 2nd Tuesday; 2pm
 Personnel - Tuesday prior to Trustees Mtg; 3:30pm
 PW Coordinating Team Board - Last Wednesday, 1pm
 Session - 3rd Thursday; 6:50pm
 Trustees - Monday of the week prior to Session; 3pm
 Worship & Music - 1st Thursday; 4pm

December Birthdays

2 - Jonathan Miller
 3 - Dick Bruns
 4 - Paul Johnson, Michael Tittle
 5 - Nick Snyder
 6 - Carol Christiansen
 7 - Jeff Austin, Lisa Barnes, Jeff Davis, Janet Swanson
 8 - Bertie Centerbar, Steve Harrison, Nancy Jones,
 Robert McCullough
 9 - Jane Divers
 10 - Carol Billett, Jane Smith
 11 - Ricky Ray, Alissa Thomas
 13 - Richard Schroeder, Betty Ruth Williams
 14 - Jack Gasche, Lisa Hanlin, Hannah Horowitz,
 Scott Westerman
 15 - Alan Hager, Jenny Hancock, Paul Harmon,
 Christopher Spalding
 16 - Barbara Andress, Nicole Barley, Anna Wolfe
 17 - Ken Burgess, Bruce Hawley
 18 - Phillip TenEyck, Gracelyn Thompson
 19 - Suzanne Berran, Helen Schroeder
 22 - Haileigh Diaz, Brian Robbins
 23 - Merrick Figueroa, Beti Goodell, Esten Peirce
 24 - Holly Newman, George Smith
 27 - Phyllis McKallip
 28 - Bill Heeren
 29 - Bruce Andress, Georgina DeLillo



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Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor

NEW Sunday Worship Times for December

8:30am in the Chapel

9:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

Our Holiday Service Schedule can be found on page 2.

We are pleased to offer childcare for all services. Our children's Sunday School runs concurrent with our 9:30 AM service. **We will also be having Fellowship Time with coffee and cookies on the patio after all worship services.** The first Sunday of every month is Communion Sunday. If you would like one of our fellowship cups, please call the church office, and we will see that one gets delivered to you. In addition, you may also procure your own elements.

First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach continues to enforce its present best healthcare protocols. Fully vaccinated people with no Covid-like symptoms do not need to mask, although if you feel more comfortable masking, we certainly appreciate your consideration of others. Non-vaccinated members and guests of First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach are required to be masked and socially distant. We also continue to offer both Livestream and in-person services. For those of you who do not feel comfortable attending an in-person service in the sanctuary, we honor your decision, and we look forward to having all of you attend worship via Livestream!

December Scriptures and Sermons

December 5, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Philippians 1:3-11

There's No Place Like Home:

"The Affection of Christ"

December 12, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Philippians 4:4-7

There's No Place Like Home:

"Gentleness and Peace"

December 19, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor

There's No Place Like Home:

"Lessons and Carols"

December 26, 2021 - 10am only

Informal - Communion by Intinction

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Colossians 3:12-17

"Clothed with Christ"

"For God Loves a Cheerful Giver"

Aside from our regular Sunday Service giving opportunities, your offering can also be accepted via mail or in person via the secure dropbox just outside of the church office door.

Did you know that you can also give an offering online?

[Click here to be directed to our secure portal.](#)

Or, use your smartphone for easy mobile giving!

Text "Firstpresvero" to 73256 and follow the prompts!

