



# First News

*Building Faith, Changing Lives,  
& Sharing Christ.*

## The Christmas We've Got!



Several weeks ago, I was playing golf with an older and much wiser player. I was having a good round, when, as happens, I hit an errant shot. The shot was pulled to the left and wound up in a hammock of hardwood trees. Trying to keep my composure and temperament in check, I calmly stated, "Well, that's not what I wanted."

My wiser playing partner processed the whole predicament and replied, "It is not what you wanted, but it is what you got!"

"It is what you got!" In many ways that sums up what we are experiencing this Advent and Christmas season. We do not want to join together for Christmas worship wearing masks and being six feet from one another. Yet, it's what we've got!

We do not want to be asked not to travel or to have big family reunions or to not have large Christmas parties or to enjoy festive dinners out. It's not what we wanted, but it's what we've got.

We do not want to curtail our shopping at malls and quaint boutiques and lunching with our friends. It's not what we wanted, but it is what we've got.

This Christmas is probably not the Christmas celebration we want, but it is the one we've got. Thus, like in golf, the errant shot into the hardwood hammock, you still have to play the shot, and play it where it lies. The same is true with Christmas 2020. We have to celebrate it as it is, with all its frustrations and restrictions. Possibly, we can even realize that we can make our Christmas celebration meaningful in new ways.

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First, maybe we can empathize with the Holy Family in a new way. There was no room for them. They “socially distanced” in a manger. They were removed from their family during one of the most special moments in life. They were frustrated, uncomfortable, and maybe afraid.

Second, because we cannot focus on the big gathering or the big reunions, possibly we focus on a “reunion” with Christ through devotions, prayer, worship, service, and thanksgiving.

Third, maybe with some stress removed, schedules loosened, and commitments lessened, we can breathe a little easier and own our daily blessings bestowed upon us from God this season.

Go ahead, shift gears this Christmas. Introduce some new traditions and focus on your spiritual and faith life this year in healthy ways. Participate in our daily e-mail devotions beginning November 29th, take a prayer walk daily throughout Advent and Christmas, find a way to help a neighbor, focus on an act of daily kindness.

Christmas 2020 is “not the Christmas we wanted; it is the Christmas we’ve got.” Let’s play it as it lies! Let’s see if this Christmas can be one of our most meaningful and memorable yet!

Merry Christmas,  
*Tim Womack*





# Worship, Music, & Arts

## Musical Offerings for Advent and Christmas

While we will not be having a normally expected large production in the form of a cantata this Christmas, we are still pleased to offer some outstanding music this Advent season for you.

Our wonderful Chancel Choir will continue to record their anthems during the week for video performances on Sundays, and a special vocal quartet of choir members will join us for in-person church services to lead the hymns this month as well!

Starting on December 6th, harpist Gretchen Cover will join the First Presbyterian Church Youth Orchestra to perform some special music to get you into the Advent spirit.

December 13th is an exciting day full of musical offerings you won't want to miss! The 10am and 11:15am services will feature Gretchen Cover (harp), Jane Weise (flute), and Ed Sheridan (bassoon), performing lovely trios for the prelude, offertory, and special music.

Also on December 13th, please join us for a fantastic Winter Concert featuring the Youth Strings Orchestra at 4:00pm in the sanctuary. This performance will feature Dvorak's Serenade for Strings, and will serve as a fundraiser to help with the costs of their Aspen Music Festival invitational trip in August 2021. Masks and social distancing required, and donations will be collected in a bucket at the rear of the sanctuary or can be made online through the giving section at [firstpresvero.org](http://firstpresvero.org), just indicate in the notes that your donation is for the Youth String Orchestra's Aspen trip.

The following week, on December 20th, the Handbell Choir will perform some of their favorite Christmas music for your enjoyment during the 10am and 11:15am services.

Then comes the best week of all for music- Christmas week! Four services will be offered on Christmas Eve, including a Traditional Christmas Eve service at 3:00pm and our Family Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm. At 7pm, enjoy our Traditional Candlelight service featuring harp music by Gretchen Cover and cello performances by Mark Shuping. They will perform again for the Traditional Communion Service at 9pm. Christmas Day service at 10am will feature our favorite Director of Music and Arts, Dr. Jacob Craig, performing some wonderful selections on piano and organ to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As the Christmas celebrations wind down, there will only be one service offered at 10am in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 27th, where Dr. Bertie Centerbar will offer her talents at the keyboards.

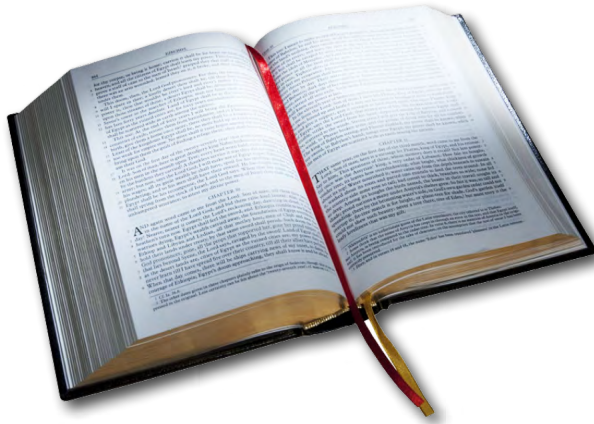
We hope that these musical offerings for our Advent season will bring you joy during the Holidays, whether you worship with us in person or online, we thank you for being a part of the festivities, and wish you the Merriest Christmas and a Happy New Year!





# Discipleship

## Next year: *The year of the Bible*



This coming year will be a special one in the life of our congregation. We are planning to give major emphasis to the Bible. It will be the focus of sermons, conversations, musical events, and many other activities in the life of the church.

The centerpiece of this emphasis on the Bible will be a call to everyone in our congregation to commit to read the entire Bible during the year. Many people say that they would like to know the Bible better, but they aren't sure how to go about doing that. Reading the Bible straight through is one way that seems to help many people. Those in our congregation who have done it in the past testify to how enjoyable and valuable the experience was for them.

It may sound like an imposing task to read the entire Bible in one year, but it can be done much more easily than you may suspect. It takes only twenty minutes or so per day to do the readings. Of course, it will take some energy to plan reading time into your daily schedule. But even if you get behind on your reading occasionally, it is not that difficult to catch up.

It will be an exciting adventure as all of us together read through the pages of scripture in this way I'm sure you will find this to be enriching and stimulating for your life as a Christian period I'm looking forward to it. I hope you are too.

Top Ten Reasons to Sign Up for *The Year of the Bible*:

10. Lots of other churches are doing it.
9. You can say you have read the Bible cover to cover.
8. It's more exciting than watching binge watching Netflix.
7. Everyone agrees the Bible is important.
6. You'll know where to find Habakkuk
5. Our congregation will experience a strong sense of fellowship and unity.
4. It's cheaper than buying another paperback novel.
3. How else will you read about God's gift to us in Jesus Christ?
2. It will help you "get into" the Bible.
1. The Bible is "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path."

Look for more information about how to sign up in each of December's bulletins, or contact me by clicking on my name below.

In Christ,

*Pastor Michael*





# Christmas Stories

*For this special edition of FirstNews, church staff and some friends were asked to submit their favorite heartwarming or funny Christmas stories to share with our congregation. We hope these bring a smile to your face as we head into the Christmas Season!*

## A Simple Act of Kindness

*by Captain Paul Lane Ives, Delaware Bay and River Pilot*



*Capt. Ives, piloting the Stena Vision, a 300,000 ton crude oil tanker, approaching the Delaware Memorial Bridge in the Delaware River. This was one of the largest ships ever to come up the Delaware.*

Many years ago, on a cold Christmas Eve morning, I boarded a small freighter off the coast of Delaware from one of the South America countries, Columbia or Venezuela perhaps. Our orders were to proceed in from the Atlantic Ocean, steam 90 miles up the Delaware Bay and River to dock at a cargo terminal in Camden, New Jersey. There, the ship would discharge her cargo in the days after Christmas. The Captain and crew were excited to be safely in port for the holiday.

It was the custom, in those days before containerization and around the clock port operations, that the tugboats I would need to assist putting the ship into the dock would not be available after 5 PM Christmas Eve. Try as we might, with the Chief Engineer pushing the engines flat out, the

best we could do was arrive in Philadelphia Harbor after six o'clock. The tugs and personnel on the dock were long gone to their homes, and the entire waterfront was pretty much shut down for Christmas.

The Captain and crew were very disappointed to learn that they would be spending their Christmas at anchor out in the middle of the river. After talking it over with the Captain, I agreed that if I could get the ship close enough to the pier to land a couple of our own crew on the dock to handle the mooring lines, that I would try to get the ship into the dock and tied up. It was a risky maneuver without assist tugboats, but somehow we managed to get alongside and made fast without demolishing the pier.

As I was preparing to leave the ship, anxious to get home to enjoy my own Christmas, the Captain asked me if there was a church nearby, outside the terminal, where they might attend Christmas services. I advised him that the terminal was located in a very bad part of the city, and they best not venture outside the gates after dark. I was fortunate, however, to arrange through the Philadelphia Seaman's Church Institute, to have a van come to the ship later that evening. After exchanging "Feliz Navidad" with the happy crew, I left to get home in time to join my choir at our eleven o'clock Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols and enjoy a wonderful Christmas with my family.

Several days later, by chance, I was assigned to sail the same ship from Camden out to sea. As I climbed the gangway, I was enthusiastically greeted by a number of the crew, smiling and calling out: "Muchas Graciously, Senor Piloto". When I arrived on the bridge, the Captain told me that a small bus had taken almost all the officers and crew across the river to the Basilica Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in downtown Philadelphia, where they celebrated Christmas Mass in that beautiful, old historic cathedral. The Captain tearfully related that the Archbishop of Philadelphia had personally greeted them, blessing the crew and wishing them safe and happy voyages.

I was overwhelmed with their expressions of gratitude for a simple act of kindness that had brought them so much pleasure, thousands of miles from home, and had made Christmas truly meaningful for us all.



# Christmas Stories

## The Christmas Tree Cake Fiasco of 2009

*by Ginger Lagemann, Music & Arts Administrator*

Every year at Christmas, my mother makes a billion cookies (not an exaggeration) for the Christmas Eve cookie trays. I say "trays" in plural because there are usually at least 40 people present at the family's Christmas Eve "Italian Feast of the Seven Fishes" and, of course, an appropriate amount of cookies to feed all of our guests for several weeks. Usually, as part of one of the trays, my mother would include a box of Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes.

Eleven years ago, my father (Bob Hill, who regularly plays trumpet at First Pres) - who is also a Christmas tree cake connoisseur - ate all of the cakes before Christmas, leaving the cookie tray without one of its staple items. Mom was quite displeased, to say the least, and sent Dad and me out on Christmas Eve to find another box for the tray.

It is important to know that in the winter of 2009 something was afoot with Little Debbie's Christmas Tree Cake production. While these days the cakes can be found in piles in grocery stores nationwide, this was not the case in 2009. Dad and I spent several hours that Christmas Eve going all over Vero Beach in search of these elusive cakes to no avail. 3 Publixes, 2 Walgreens, CVS, Albertsons (back before it was a Wal-Mart Grocery), Target, 2 Dollar Trees, and Wal-Mart - with nary a coveted cake to be seen. We never really figured out what happened with the Christmas Tree Cake supply that year, but alas- we returned home empty-handed and my father was suddenly destined to a lifetime of *never being able to live this down*.

The next year, I swore it to be my daughterly duty to ensure the Christmas Tree Cake Fiasco of 2009 would not be repeated, and so for the weeks leading up to Christmas, I would purchase a box every time I was out at the store. I carefully wrapped each box, some in pairs, some individually, and even wrapped individual cakes themselves to put on the tree.

I gave them all to my dad for Christmas in 2010. His face as he opened box after box, finally realizing what was happening, was priceless. I think after all was said and done he had 9 or 10 boxes. The Christmas Tree Cake-fest was the highlight of Christmas morning.



*Mr. Hill giggles as he opens the 8th box of Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes he received in 2010.*



Every year since then, I've made it a point to ensure that my father had an adequate supply of his own Christmas Tree Cakes so mom's cookie tray would go unharmed. And finally, on the 10-year anniversary of the Great Christmas Tree Cake Fiasco, I found the **GREATEST GIFT EVER** for my father: Little Debbie came out with a special BOX of 5 different kinds of Christmas tree cakes, and a custom "Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes" Hat and Scarf. It was perfect, and dad laughed harder than ever. I'm glad that our family has these silly traditions to go with even sillier stories. It keeps us laughing every year!



# Christmas Stories

## Christmas Eve in Fred Foy's Office

*by Dr. Fred Foy Strang, Minister of Congregational Care*

Christmas will certainly be different this year in light of the Covid-19 Global pandemic. Christmas has always been different in our house because I am a minister. The Advent-Christmas season is one of the more celebrated liturgical seasons. And, clergy everywhere work diligently to make it meaningful for their congregants. This often means celebrating a bit differently with our families.

Two decades ago, I was working with Dr. Womack here at First Presbyterian Church. We were trying all sorts of things to stimulate and energize the congregation. I remember one Christmas Eve we had the afternoon children's pageant, youth luminaries, 7 PM and 9 PM traditional candle light services, a 11 PM contemporary service ending with midnight communion ushering in Christmas day, and then clean up. Whew! How do you "do" family Christmas with that schedule?

Well, just leave it to Cecily Strang! Cecily, daughter of Presbyterian national missionaries in the Appalachians, has the gift of hospitality. She can make anything look effortless and special. Each Christmas Eve, Cecily would bring a linen table cloth and cloth napkins and rings, our sterling silver, cut glass goblets, and a plethora of delicious bites and sparkling cider and set up my office in a festive manner. My boys, Jesse & Jacob, would help with a service too and then we would all retreat to my office for a lovely respite before the next event. Tim, Stephanie, and Savannah would come in for a snack (I think Johnny was tiny at that time); Judith came by; Larry, our night watchman, loved the treats; later, Tom and Mer would come, as well as a number of others who assisted in worship. Cecily turned what could have been a discouraging time away from family into a special memory that we all still fondly recall.

This season will be challenging for all of us in different ways. But, we CAN make it a special time full of lasting memories, especially as we seek to worship our Savior and share the gift of Jesus with others.







## Mission

### Angel Tree

This year's Angel Tree is a response to the needs of the Children's Home Society, the Senior Resource Association, and the Hope for Families Center- all here in Vero Beach. The Angel Tree also helps to provide scholarships for our First Presbyterian Preschool students.

Please take an angel of your choice from the tree and return your gift, wrapped (with the angel attached), no later than **Monday, December 21st**. Those unable to be at church in person to pick an angel may call the church office starting on Monday, December 7th and a staff member will pick an angel for you and provide the necessary information.



A large box will be provided for each location in the rear of the sanctuary on Sunday and in the church office during the week. Checks for the preschool may be made to First Presbyterian church (please write "Preschool" in the memo section).

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

### Justice and Honor



The Justice and Honor Task Force is assisting Major Milo Thornton and the Indian River County Sheriff's Office with providing 52 new bicycles to underprivileged children during the 2020 Christmas season. The Vero Beach Walmart was gracious to offer the bicycles at their cost for this important mission.

Understanding the financial challenges local citizens face, Major Thornton has organized and identified underprivileged students through a partnership with Indian River County's School Resource Officer's (SRO's). This program first provided bicycles to children during the 2019 Christmas holidays. A result of this project was an improved relationship between SRO's and students. During the recent COVID pandemic, Major Thornton became aware of the many children at home without outside activities, and he promoted a second bicycle giveaway event. To ensure that the child's family has a part in this project, they are requested to provide safety helmets for their children, however, a helmet will be given to the child if circumstances present a dire need.



This project has fostered goodwill with law enforcement and the community they serve and protect. Many thanks to Major Thornton for his dedication, love and support of our community that has driven him to head up this amazing project to benefit our community's children!





# Fellowship: Presbyterian Women

## We offer THANKSGIVING for your participation in blessing others!

Because of your abundant generosity, the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church has been enabled to make financial gifts in November to the following organizations: FPC Thanksgiving gift cards, Care and Share, United Against Poverty, Literacy Services of IRC, Central Florida Presbytery, Synod of South Atlanta Presbytery, Thornwell Home for Children, and Columbia Friendship Circle Scholarships. These organizations were chosen after careful review of suggestions from PW participants during recent PW Afternoon/Evening Teatimes, requests from organizations, and review of past PW gifting. Thank you!



## PW Fellowship Zoom Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 14 at 1:00pm. Please join us for this very important time of fellowship, bible study, and election of the PW Coordinating Team leadership for 2021. A nominating committee has been formed and comprises the following women: Ann Faunce, Karen Boylan and Jane Millar. Please send recommendations for nomination, including yourself if you are willing to serve, to any of these ladies. The current CT has been approached and we are each willing to serve another year if asked, however, we are very willing to step aside and welcome new leadership. CT positions include: moderator, treasurer, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Please pray for this very important decision and join us for the December PW Zoom Fellowship meeting to vote. To join the meeting, [click here](#).

## Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study

The Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study has begun! All Presbyterian Women are welcome and invited to attend. Led by Ann Faunce and Jane Millar, this study and discussion topic will use the book *"Into the Light... Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament."* The study guides are available in the church office. For December only, this meeting will be in combination with the PW Fellowship tea time, Monday, December 14 at 1 pm by Zoom. To join the meeting, [click here](#).

## Coming Soon: Christian Book Club

Beginning in January, PW will begin a monthly Christian Book Club. Books will be chosen that will stimulate discussion and uplift and encourage one another on our faith journeys. We are open to suggestions of books you would like us to consider. Also, we are looking for a few ladies to be part of the leadership for this venture. Please contact Floy Turner with your ideas at [Floyturner@gmail.com](mailto:Floyturner@gmail.com).



# Fellowship: Presbyterian Women

## Profile of a Presbyterian Woman: Kim Conn

by Joan Irvine



Who is the attractive Presbyterian Woman working the Sound Board at the Sunday Morning Worship services? As part of the A/V team, Kim Conn makes a valuable contribution to the life of our Sunday morning worship services. But, this Renaissance woman has many talents!

Kimberly Ann grew up with her parents and two brothers in Newcastle, PA. The family was raised Roman Catholic, but when Kim was “old enough to decide”, she began attending and was confirmed in the Methodist Church. After high school, she worked at the Newcastle Newspaper rising to district manager, and later, as the Circulation Manager of the Daily Courier Newspaper in Connellsville, PA, just south of Pittsburgh. A benefit of this job was opportunities to work with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization at Three River Stadium.

A blind date for ice cream at a Dairy Queen introduced her to a young widower and father to four children, Glenn. She began attending the Saltsburg, (PA) Presbyterian Church where he was an active member. They were married at the church in 1998. Because Glenn’s work at JVC Projectors required a lot of traveling, Kim became a full-time step-mother and homemaker. His business also moved them to Delaware, Ohio, their home for 10 years.

During the elections of 2002-3, Kim worked as an election poll Judge at Delaware’s lovely Asbury Methodist Church. During this time, tragically and unexpectedly, Kim’s mother had a stroke. Kim, angry and frustrated, sought spiritual guidance. That Sunday morning, the minister’s sermon was so insightful that “It was like she was speaking directly to me!”. Glenn and Kim soon joined that Methodist church where she became a trustee, and developed a successful outreach program. Kim also started her own house cleaning business, having the church as one of her many clients, as well as expanding her business with the parishioner’s houses.

In 2016 Kim tragedy struck again when she lost both her brother and mother within a 3-month period. She questioned God—especially for her brother who passed far too young from a lingering illness. But her faith prevailed. This past year Kim lost her Father, after becoming his caretaker for his last few weeks of life. Her faith kept the spirit of God alive within her Dad’s home. “My father passed while Glenn read Psalm 23”.

When Glenn retired, the Conns welcomed the warmth of Florida and decided to move here. They arrived in 2009. With the urging of their neighbors, former FPC members Patty and Dave Franz, Kim and Glenn visited First Presbyterian Church and joined not long after. Glenn became active with the Presby. Men and Kim joined the A/V team. “Jerry first asked Glenn to help but Glenn suggested me—I jumped at it!”

Kim now works at Rock City Nursery. “I’m the one walking around with a baseball cap and gardening tools in hand”. Once a month, she works at the Space Coast Honor Flight, a volunteer mission service organization that flies military veterans to Washington, DC seven times a year. Their spare time is taken with attending and showing their Classic VWs at Antique Car Shows and traveling with Harvey, their goldendoodle.

Kim’s favorite Bible verse is 2 Timothy 4:7- 8 “*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness...to all who have loved his appearing.*”



# Fellowship: Presbyterian Women

## Special Reminders for Christmas Tree Lane Volunteers

Please note the times to drop off all Baked goods or pantry items in front of the Sanctuary doors: Thursday, December 3rd, 9:00am to 1:00pm, and Friday, December 4th, from 9:00am to 11:30am. *Please do not drop items off in the office!*

Doors will open on Saturday, December 5th at 7:30am for setup. Please park in the front parking lot. Wear your nametags and something "Christmassy". Workers will receive Christmas masks made especially by Ruth Thomas for this year's Christmas Tree Lane! (Thank you, Ruth!)

We need many hands to help clean up Unique Boutique at the end of the event. If you can help, please come to McAfee Hall on Saturday, December 5th at 2:00pm.

Encourage your friends and neighbors to attend! Masks and social distancing are required; cash and checks are preferred.

Let's have fun and raise some funds for our Mission Giving!



Join us for our monthly PW fellowship:  
**Zoom Teatime and Bible Study**



Monday, December 14th  
1:00pm

Click the hyperlink below to join the meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82330487438>



*Join us for the The 66th Annual*

# **Christmas Tree Lane Holiday Boutique & Cookie Sale**

*sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church*

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**

**9:00am - 2:00pm**

*This year's event will feature:*

**Unique Boutique**

**Handmade Treasures**

**Artisan's Gallery**

**Homemade Cookies by-the-pound**

**Mrs. Claus's Pantry (everything *but* cookies!)**

**& our *famous* Louisville Pecans!**

**Center for Christian Life & Courtyard Area**

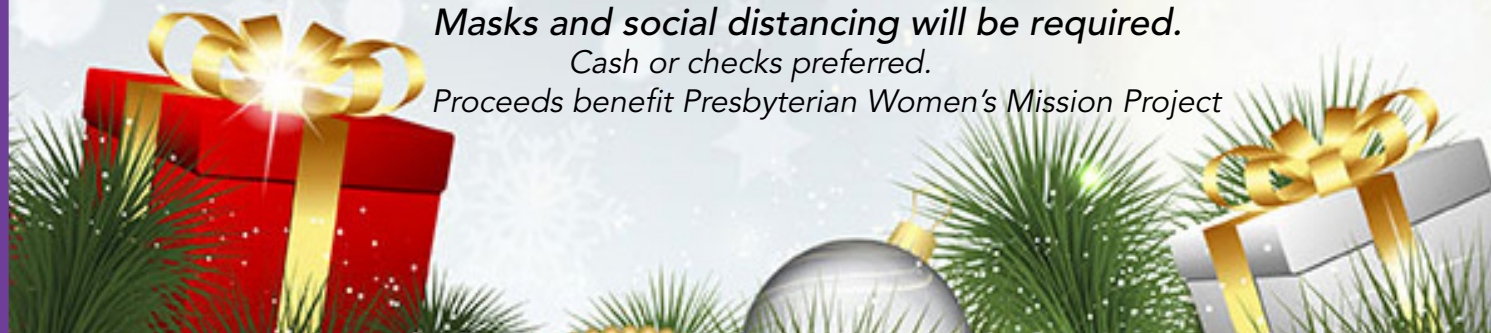
**First Presbyterian Church**

**520 Royal Palm Boulevard, Vero Beach**

***Masks and social distancing will be required.***

*Cash or checks preferred.*

*Proceeds benefit Presbyterian Women's Mission Project*





# Happy Birthday!!

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





# News and Notes

## Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Dr. Fred Foy Strang,  
     Min. of Congregational Care  
 Dr. Sam Rutland, Theologian in Residence  
 Dr. Jacob Craig, Director of Music and Arts  
 Jacob Strang, Youth Director  
 Carie Robbins, Director of Children's Ministries

### ELDERS *\*indicates Elder/Trustee*

#### Class of 2020

Carol Campbell, \*Steve Harrison, Steve Nystrom,  
 \*Noel Thompson

#### Class of 2021

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

#### Class of 2022

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

Clerk of Session - Connie Herr  
 Treasurer - Scott Westermann  
 Director of Development - Allan Bixby

### Trustees-at-Large

2020 - John Reed  
 2021 - Melissa Shine  
 2022 - Bob Satola

### BOARD OF DEACONS

#### Class of 2020

Peter Coe, Churchill Cooke, Maggie Fleming,  
 Sally Lowndes, Barb Schwin, Susie Stoughton

#### Class of 2021

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

#### Class of 2022

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

## Monthly Ministry, Committee, and Talent Team Meetings

Please contact the committee/ministry team leader directly to confirm the status of each meeting regarding the continuation of online-only teleconferences or in-person meetings.

*All meetings 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; 12pm  
 Finance & Policy - 1st Thursday; 3pm  
 Heritage - 4th Thursday; 10am  
 Hospitality - 1st Monday; 3pm  
 Missions - 2nd Tuesday; 2pm  
 Personnel - Tuesday prior to Trustees Mtg; 3:30pm  
 Session - 3rd Thursday; 6:50pm  
 Trustees - Monday of the week prior to Session; 3pm  
 Worship & Music - 1st Thursday; 4pm



## Weekly Bible Studies and Prayer Opportunities

### Dr. Tim

Tuesdays at 10:30am  
 via LiveStream or Facebook

[Click here to join](#)

### Pastor Michael

Tuesdays at 7:30pm via Zoom

[Click here to join](#)

### Devotional & Prayer

with Dr. Fred Foy

Fridays at 10:00am via Zoom

[Click here to join](#)





## News and Notes

### Ready to join us?

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we welcome our new members during each service. Also, after each service we also encourage those who are moved by the Spirit and wishing to seek membership to join us for a meeting with the Pastors and Elders.

For more information, please contact Deb Alich at 772-999-3644, via email at [daalich@comcast.net](mailto:daalich@comcast.net), or call the church office at 772-562-9088.

### Presbyterian Women's Fellowship Zoom Tea & Bible Study

Monday, December 14, 2020  
1:00pm



To join the meeting, [click here](#).

**Call 1-772-206-3548**  
to hear our latest sermon



*Save the date!*

### Stations of the Crèche

Sunday, December 20th  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Crèche is a French word meaning "crib", and is used to describe the complete nativity scene. Come and explore how the Incarnation affected all of the people who played different roles in this well-known story in a short walk around our church grounds.

### Pastries with the Pastor

2nd Sunday of the month,  
following the 10am service.  
*in the E.T. Smith Lounge*



*A perfect opportunity to acquaint oneself to First Presbyterian, membership, the Presbyterian faith, and the life and activities of the church- and for us to get to know you better. What a joy it is to Welcome those considering membership!*

### The Year of the Bible

To sign up, please contact  
Pastor Michael:

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(772) 562-9088 ext. 113



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First Presbyterian Church Vero Beach

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Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor



## Sunday Services

8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:15am

\*December 27th will have only one service at 10am.

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.



### Christmas Eve Services - Thursday, December 24

3:00 PM – Traditional Christmas Eve

5:00 PM – Family Candlelight

7:00 PM – Traditional Candlelight

9:00 PM – Candlelight Communion

### Christmas Day - Friday, December 25

10:00 AM – Worship

## December Scriptures and Sermons

### December 6, 2020

*Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor*

Mark 1:1-8

Anticipating the Guest:

"Desperately in Need of Good News"

### December 13, 2020

*Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor*

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Anticipating the Guest: "Who Are You?"

### December 20, 2020

*Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor*

Luke 1:26-38

Anticipating the Guest: "Let It Be!"

### December 27, 2020

10:00AM ONLY

*Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor*

Luke 2:22-40

"The Realization"



### "For God Loves a Cheerful Giver"

Our in-person offertory procedures have changed, and we wanted you to know that 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!