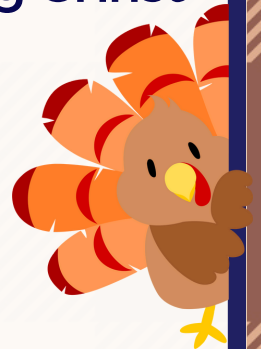




FIRST NEWS

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Thanking You for Your Generosity!

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach,

As we gather each week to worship, pray, and grow in faith, we are reminded of the incredible blessings God has poured into our lives. One of the most profound ways we can respond to God's love is through the act of generosity. Giving is not just about finances—it's about cultivating a heart that reflects God's abundant grace. In this past year, FPCVB has responded faithfully and generously!

Generosity is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer others an opportunity to participate in our shared vision and mission. In 2 Corinthians 9:7, we are reminded, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Generosity and Stewardship is not a response to crisis, it is a way to share our vision and invite people to join our mission. When we give, we participate in God's work, supporting ministries that feed the hungry, care for the vulnerable, and spread the Gospel to those who need it most.

Your generosity has already made a difference! This year, we've been able to:

- Support global, regional, and local families from hands-on-mission to donating food to others.
- Expand our children's and youth programs, providing a safe and nurturing space for the next generation.
- Contribute to the support and care of older adults in ministry.

Every gift, no matter the size, is a seed planted in faith, growing into something far greater than we can imagine.

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FPCVB Asks Four Responses in Giving

Pray About Your Giving: Ask God to guide your heart and show you how He wants you to contribute.

Give Joyfully: Remember, giving is an act of worship. Let it be a source of joy, not obligation.

Be Intentional: Consider setting aside a portion of your income regularly as an offering to God.

Get Involved: Generosity isn't just financial. Volunteer your time and talents to serve others.

As we approach the Christmas season, let's reflect on the ultimate gift—Jesus Christ. His sacrifice inspires us to live generously, sharing His love with the world. Together, we can continue to build a culture of generosity that transforms lives and glorifies God.

Thank you for being a vital part of our church family. Your faithfulness and generosity are a testament to God's work in the world. Let's keep shining God's light, one act of kindness at a time.

May God Bless,

Tim Womack



New Sanctuary Fund

Why I'm IN (in 100 words or less)



We would like to express our enthusiastic support for the funding for First Presbyterian's new Sanctuary. We believe that the new Sanctuary will significantly enhance our community and the lives of all our members as well as our visitors. We are deeply invested in the growth and well-being of First Presbyterian Church. Over the years, there has been a very positive impact as a result of building our Center For Christian Life and how it has enhanced so many lives throughout our community, including our children, youth, and the preschool. We are committed and grateful for the opportunity to contribute to its success.

-Bill and Barbara Burrows

Sanctuary construction update:

The Chapel has been repowered from an alternative source and the plywood protecting the glass entrance will be removed after demolition. When demolition of the old Sanctuary, Bell Tower and ET Smith lounge is complete, we will have a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Sanctuary. Additionally, a new sidewalk will then be placed along Royal Palm Boulevard to keep the same street crossing from the North Parking lot. (If the side entrance to the CCL is not yet open when you arrive, please use the Preschool Playground gates next to the building to cross over to the main entrance.)

The best timeline for the building process is 14 months to the Certificate of Occupancy, which will end Proctor Construction's involvement in the project. This timeline does not consider tropical weather in 2026; which during last month delayed our asbestos remediation by several weeks this year. At the point of gaining a C.O., we will have several other subcontractors working directly for FPCVB in order to stretch our generous contributions without having to pay a General Contractor management fee. These vendor partners will include Landscaping, IRWIN seating, Lutron mechanized shades, Murphy Lighting and Pearson Audio / Visual.

Mike Snyder



CONTACT Your New Sanctuary Awaits Capital Fund Committee Officers

**Co-Chair: Bill King cell: 917-375-7160
email: billking28@gmail.com**

**Co-Chair: Scott Westermann, cell: 719-649-1214
email: swestermann01@me.com**

**Financial Administrator, Kimberly Ball: tel:772-562-9088, ext. 111
email: kimberlyb@firstpresvero.org**



Discipleship

An Invitation from Holly Adams MDiv and Susan Long RN, MSW:

Are you mourning the loss of a loved one this year? Please join us in the Youth Room (CCL building) on Thursdays 11/13, 11/20 and 12/11 and 12/18 from 9:30-11:00 am for coffee, sharing and preparing for the holidays. We know this is a difficult time, and we're here to help.

For the many who still mourn the loss of their beloveds some time ago, we invite you to join us for a catchup in January. We'll meet in the Youth Room on Thursday, January 8 and 22, 9:30-11:00. We know we somehow carry on, but we never forget, and we are never quite the same. So let's gather in January to see how we're all doing.



Senior Saints: Growing Older In God's Family

A new Bible Study beginning on Friday, November 21st at IRE – West. We will meet monthly in the Computer Room at 10:00am.

Led by Anne Adams, this study will help you develop a godly perspective toward aging. Recalling God's faithfulness will challenge and encourage you to keep trusting and growing towards a desire for continuing significance.

To register contact Lisa Jeffra in the Church Office, ext. 122.

Don't forget to bring your Bible!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

2 YEAR OLD CLASS



First Presbyterian Preschool of Vero Beach, FL
has openings in our 2 year old classroom.

Faith based, caring and secure environment. Children will learn
through developmentally appropriate activities, fostering
independence, social, emotional and spiritual growth.
Loving and certified staff.

Mornings - 8:30am-11:30am
3 days per week: Mon/Wed/Fri - \$345 per month
5 days per week: Mon-Fri - \$460 per month

For more information/or to register, please reach out to
Ms. Helen at Helen@firstpresvero.org or 772-257-7238.
www.firstpresbyterianpreschool.org / FL License # C19IR0111



Discipleship



Wicked (double feature) 11/23 (Sunday) at 4PM at The Majestic

Cost \$10 per youth

Popcorn and drinks are \$3 (group rate)

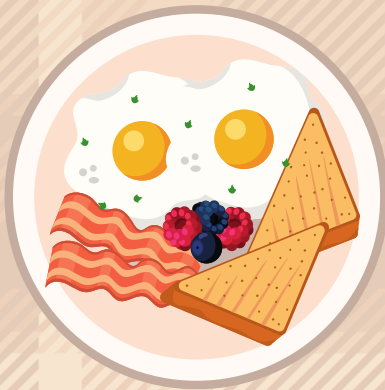
Pizza will be provided during intermission

Sign up on Realm or scan our QR code!



No Youth November 23 and 27!

Hospitality



SUNDAY BRUNCH

Join us when we gather for brunch at BACI TRATTORIA. You will enjoy meeting single seniors, excellent food and the ambiance of one of Vero's top restaurants! We will meet on their patio at 11:00am on Sunday, November 30. The address is: 1918 14th Ave., Vero Beach. To reserve your spot contact Anne Adams or Lisa Jeffra in the Church Office. Seating is limited so sign up early!

COMMUNION AT HOME

If you are unable to attend our monthly Communion Sunday Worship Service, we will bring communion to your home/hospital or rehab center. On the first Sunday of each month, members of your Church Family will bring communion to you in order to practice the Spiritual Habit of "Spending Time With God". If you are interested in participating, please contact Anne Adams in the church office, ext. 115.



ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Beginning the first Sunday in Advent we will include children and adults in our Acolyte Ministry. Acolytes begin the worship service by bringing forth the light of Christ to the Communion table. The Ministry of Acolytes has its roots in the Old Testament, where the prophet Samuel is seen assisting Eli, the Levite priest. If you are interested in participating in this meaningful part of the worship service please contact Anne Adams, ext. 115, for details.



Worship

Cantique de Noel



A FREE Christmas recital featuring holiday music from around the globe!

November 16, 2025 3:00pm
in McAfee

The concert is free of charge, with a suggested donation of \$20.



Step into a world of timeless wonder as we usher in the most beautiful time of the year. From snow-dusted cathedrals to quiet, candlelit homes, the sacred sounds of Christmas have traveled across continents and through generations, weaving a tapestry of warmth and hope.



Experience the breathtaking soprano voice of Mary Anne Kruger and the masterful piano artistry of Jacob Craig, as they transport you to the heart of the holiday spirit.

We invite you to bask in the timeless glow of this music and let its message fill your heart with joy and hope this season.



Reminder

Worship Times Starting November 2, 2025

8:15 AM - Chapel

9:30 AM - Sanctuary

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Mission

Thanksgiving Food Bags

The annual Thanksgiving Food Bags will be available starting Sunday, October 26th. Please fill them with the items on the enclosed list and return by November 16th. There will be a drop-off location outside the CCL building. The Mission Committee thanks you for your contributions to needy members of our community.

—The Mission Committee



Justice and Honor

On Sunday, September 28, 2025, the Justice and Honor Team sponsored a seminar entitled "How to act at a Traffic Stop".

Officer Darrell Rivers presented a wonderful and lively presentation, giving young drivers guidelines as to how to act when pulled over by a police officer.

The Justice and Honor Team served pizza and sodas to all who attended.

The event was held at the GYAC in Gifford and was well attended by many young people.

Our continued camaraderie and positive relationship with the Indian River County Sheriff's Department has been beneficial for our diverse community and all who attend our church .

We are indeed blessed to be a blessing!



Fellowship

Cottage Meetings: Fellowship & Vision for Our Church

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach,

We are excited to invite you to a new opportunity for fellowship, conversation, and visioning for the future of our church. This fall and winter, we will host a series of Cottage Meetings-gatherings in homes and community spaces throughout Indian River County designed to bring us closer together as a family of faith.

These meetings will be a chance to:

- Enjoy time socializing with fellow members of the congregation
- Share meaningful conversation with church leadership, including Pastor Tim
- Gain a deeper understanding of the mission and vision God has placed before us at First Presbyterian of Vero Beach

To make participation easy, we have organized seven Cottage Meetings at various locations across our community. You are welcome to attend the meeting most convenient for you-or any meeting that works best for your schedule.

Cottage Meeting Schedule (all meetings are scheduled for 5:30-7:30pm)

- Sunday, November 2 Hosts: Tim & Stephanie Womack | Area Served: Central Beach | Venue: Womack Residence. by 10/27 to Stephanie Womack 717-395-2658 or sjwomack1@aol.com
- Sunday, November 16 ****Consecration Sunday****
- Sunday, January 11 RSVP Hosts: Bill & Libby King | Area Served: Grand Harbor & Harbor Ridge | Venue: King Residence. RSVP by 1/5 to Bill King 917-375-7160 or billking28@gmail.com.
- Sunday, January 25 Hosts: Geoff & Edie Collins and Scott & Cathy Westermann | Area Served: The Moorings, Indian River Club & South Beach | Venue: Moorings Club House, "Captain's Lounge". RSVP by 1/19 to Scott Westermann 719-649-1214 or swestermann01@me.com
- Sunday, February 15 Hosts: Clyde & Susan Gordon | Area Served: Central Beach | Venue: The Twisted Lime. RSVP by 2/9 to Clyde Gordon 860-303-4797 or clydegordon@hotmail.com
- Sunday, February 22 Hosts: Jim & Connie Gambill and Jim & Andrea Armstrong | Area Served: The Island & A1A | Venue: Quail Valley "Boathouse". RSVP by 2/16 to Andrea Armstrong 732-673-7367 or andrea786asa@gmail.com
- Sunday, March 1 Hosts: Bob & Linda Masterson | Area Served: Sebastian & North County | Venue: TBD. 2/23 to Linda Masterson 949-637-6115 or lindamasterson1@gmail.com
- Sunday, March 8 ****Celebration Sunday!****

Even as we look forward to these gatherings, our hearts remain focused on Consecration Sunday. This will continue to be a central time of thanksgiving as we honor the remarkable stewardship and generosity of this congregation. Together, we will celebrate the many ways God is at work among us including the extraordinary success of our Capital Campaign and the progress toward building our new sanctuary.

We encourage you to mark your calendars and join us for one of these special evenings. Your presence will enrich our conversations and strengthen our shared commitment to the mission and ministry of our church.

With gratitude for your faithful support, in Christ,

Rev. Tim Womack, D. Min. Senior Pastor

Fellowship

Wednesday Night Dinners

Sign up on realm or
by calling Lisa in the Church Office

No Wednesday Night Dinner
November 26!



November 5

Coleslaw
Stuffed Pork Tenderloin
Sweet Potato Casserole
Apple Bread
Carrot Cake Bars

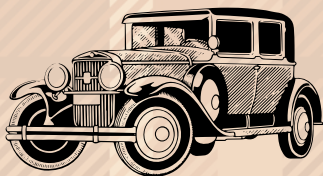
November 12

Clover Leaf Rolls & Butter
Cranberry Relish
Turkey Rolls with Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans Almondine
Handheld Pumpkin Pies

November 19

Tossed Salad
Chicken Parmesan Casserole served over Pasta
Roasted Parmesan Green Beans
Garlic Bread
S'mores Cookie Bars

Presbyterian Men



10th Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

November 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church
520 Royal Palm Boulevard, Vero Beach, FL. 32960

Admission is free for this family-friendly event, which will feature around 85 vehicles from local clubs and owners, vendors, and a trophy presentation at 2:30 p.m..

Popular local deejay Butch Almberg will spin tunes from the 1950s, '60s and '70s, while burger lovers will be happy to see The Source food truck on site, voted Best Burger in Indian River County.

The show is dedicated to Allan Bixby and will include a variety of classic and modern vehicles.

Presbyterian Women

PW News - November 2025

71st Annual Christmas Tree Lane December 6, 2025

Unique Boutique - Now accepting your donations, **through November 20th.**

Every Monday 9am-11am and Every Thursday 1pm-3pm

Bring gently used items, housewares, décor items, linens, tools, sports equipment, jewelry & handbags, etc. **We cannot accept clothing, wall art, books, electronics, or large furniture.**

Please do not drop items off in the church office.

Drop off items in the Activities Room inside the west entrance of the
Center for Christian Life.

For additional information contact Cyndi Johann at 309-224-5301.

Cookies-by-the-Pound and Mrs. Claus's Pantry are two of the most popular attractions at Christmas Tree Lane! Once again, we need your favorite Christmas cookies, delivered in disposable containers labeled with the name of the cookie. **Mrs. Claus's Pantry** needs specialty food items OTHER than cookies: pies, cakes, cupcakes, breads, brownies, homemade pickles, relishes, jams, candy, etc. packaged, labeled and ready to sell.

Please, no refrigerated items. **Label any items containing nuts.**

Baked goods and pantry items may be dropped off at the Activities Room on the west end of the Christian Life Center on Thursday, December 4th from 9am-Noon and on Friday, December 5th from 9am-10:30am. Committee members will help unload your items, then package and price them for sale. For more information, contact

Cookie Chair Barb Schwin, pschwin38@aol.com or

Mrs. Claus' Pantry Chair, Beth Pritchett, ekpritchett@aol.com.

Gift Card/Certificate Gift Tree donations: The CTL committee will be raffling a gift card tree. If you have unused gift cards, own a business, and have a gift card to donate or have a gift certificate from your favorite hairstylist, restaurant, etc., please drop them off at the Church office or you can give them to a committee volunteer outside McAfee Hall following the 9:30am service. If you have any questions, please call Michelle Shaner at 772-766-6655.

*****Two Amazing Raffle Items Handcrafted by First Pres Members*****

Elizabeth Stewart created a whimsical, two-story beach bungalow doll house featuring intricate and enchanting details. Handcrafted by **Mark Johann** a Poplar & Brazilian Cherry flag features honor stripes for fire, police, military, and medical with a built-in clock to keep their memory close.

Join the fun!!! If you would like to volunteer to help with Christmas Tree Lane, we would love to have you. There are openings before the event as well as day of, something for everyone.

For more information, please contact Carol Freeman at 910-448-0771.

Many thanks for your generous support!



Happy Birthday



1. Ernie Schaaf, Mark Bobseine
2. Judith Taylor
3. Sara Ann Edgar, Gayel Holt
4. Sally Marquardt, Ann Faunce, Vi Spencer, Susan Lizotte
5. Lynsey Thompson, Mimi Rutland, Nancy Edmiston
7. Emily Zeigler
8. Jill Lawrence, Lois Getz
9. Gayle Bruce, Bobbee Larsson
10. Darrell Brock
11. Nanette Rappa
12. Betty Judd
13. Grant Yukins
14. Nancy Stuhler
15. George Potochney, Mack Singleton, Elaine Brock
16. George Maroney
17. Ralph Alewine
18. Paul Stynchcomb, Gloria Burnam, Dennis Croyle
20. Hilary Dobson, Mark Johann, Samantha Ekin, Cathy Sullivan
21. Patricia Harvin, Michele Wagner, Laurie Hawley, Lucia Romero
22. Aubrey Whigham
23. Susie Nystrom
24. Marilyn Brooks, Ashley Wright
25. Hanson Peirce, Gayle Peters
26. B.J. Fisher, Nancy Bucklew, Ron Way, Russell Peterson
28. Doris Roberts
30. Jack Wagner

What's Goin' On – November at FirstPresVero

Here are some recurring activities, meetings or classes that you might like to attend
Everyone is welcome.

Group/Class	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Time & Place	Chair/Contact details
Men's Discussion	Monday	Yes		3:00PM Youth Wing	Frank Iodice (772) 778-3437 email: lfrankbi@cs.com
Book Club	Monday	Yes		5:30PM Earnshaw Room	Rebecca Palmer (772) 538-0957 email: Beccapalm@gmail.com
Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Tuesday	Yes		7:30AM McAfee Hall	Glenn Conn (740) 803-3519 email: gconn@msn.com
Bible Study	Tuesday	Yes		10:30AM Schumann	Dr Tim 772-562-9088
Fellowship Dinner	Wednesday	Yes		5:00PM McAfee Hall	Lisa Jeffra (for reservations) 772-562-9088
PW Bible Study Grace Circle			2nd Monday	11:30-12:30	Ann Faunce (303) 947-7984 email: bafaunce@gmail.com & Jane Millar (732) 600-5118, email: jvm75@aol.com
FPV PW social/luncheon	Friday		3rd Friday	11:30AM Olive Garden	BJ Fisher 678-481-3835 email: harrysally11262@gmail.com

Sunday Worship

November 2025

8:15 AM - Mighell Chapel

9:30 AM - McAfee Hall

11:00 AM - McAfee Hall

Childcare available at all services

November Sermons

November 2

Luke 6:20-31

"Blessings & Warnings"

Communion Sunday

November 9

Matthew 6:24

"More Than Money"

November 16

Colossians 1:15-23

"The Body is Real"

November 23

Psalms 46

"For What Are You Thankful?"

**Thanksgiving Day Service -
10:00 AM**

November 30

Matthew 24:36-44

"Sacred Mystery"

Church Leadership & Staff

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Dr. Sam Rutland, Theologian in Residence

Dr. Holly Adams, Theologian in Residence

Dr. Jacob Craig, Director of Music & Arts

Peter Mahtani, Associate Director of Music & Arts

Ginny Bauer, Senior Administrative Assistant to the Pastors

Kimberly Ball, Financial Administrator

Lisa Jeffra, Administrative Assistant

Anne Adams, Membership Coordinator

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Class of 2025 Carol Campbell, Carol Marks*,
Susie Nystrom, Bob Satola

Class of 2026 Anne Posey*, Judy Garrett*,
Jim Gambill*, Ted Miller

Class of 2027 Ann Faunce, Bill King*,
Jonathan Miller, Phil Schwin

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Moderator - Gayle Bruce

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Frank Smith

Class of 2026 Ginger Allen, Suzanne Breese,
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