



FIRST NEWS

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ

Thank You

On August 24, I was surprised when the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach celebrated my 25 years of service as the Senior Pastor of this amazing church. It was a touching and moving celebration and I wanted to thank each one of you for the blessing that it was to me. It was humbling to have this anniversary celebrated and the kind and moving testimonies of so many.

So many of you took part in this anniversary celebration that it would be impossible to name everyone personally. I certainly want to thank those who planned and organized the event, those who sent videos, those who organized the reception and wonderful food and beverages, and all those who gave up time in their day to celebrate with me.

I have often tried to make sense of why I have served First Presbyterian Church so long. My father, a Presbyterian minister, averaged around 7 years of service for each church he served. I believe that was normative at the time. I believe some of the reasons for my tenure has been the fact that our congregation experiences significant change in membership every 10 years. I believe events during my tenure have tied me to the congregation (hurricanes, staff needs, visioning, etc.). Clearly, First Presbyterian Church is a wonderful congregation to serve, and Indian River County is a great place to raise a family and so we have looked to stay. Of course, I have always felt called by God to serve you and that call has never waned.

Being the Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church has been one of the greatest joys of my life. I have loved the other congregations that I have served, yet because of the length of service, the unique blessing of this congregation, and the depth of history I have shared with you, First Presbyterian Church has been a great joy in my life!

Thank you for the celebration! Thank you for your kindness! Thank you for loving and raising my family! Thank for surrounding me with a gifted staff and team! Thank you for allowing me to have served this long! Thank you for being a faithful, loving and amazing church family!

Thank you,

Tim Womack

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New Sanctuary Fund



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

Nancy's journey at First Presbyterian began when Nancy was a young girl. Her grandmother, Rose Marggarf, was one of the original members of the choir.

In 2021, we bought a home in Vero Beach and Nancy became a "snow bird" member. On Oct 8, 2022 Pastor Tim re-renewed our wedding vows here in the Chapel.

We love the Lord and we love this church. We want to be part of its ministry long after we have gone to the Lord. So, we are rededicating a window in memory of Grandmother Rose and her love of the church and our own devotion to the church's ministry.

-Rev Lisle & Nancy Kauffman

Sanctuary construction update:

Access to the CCL from the North Parking lot will temporarily be via the paver walkway installed several weeks ago. Soon, a concrete sidewalk will be placed from the existing pedestrian crossing to the paver walkway on Royal Palm place. If the doors to the preschool are not open when you arrive for or depart from Sunday services, you may use the two gates at the Playground alongside the CCL to access the front of the building.

The asbestos underlayment on the roofing of the Sanctuary and the interior ceiling of ET Smith lounge have been removed. This clears the way for a final Health Department inspection before the old Sanctuary and lounge are completely demolished. This last phase of demolition work should continue into the beginning of November.

To protect the Chapel glass doors, a temporary wooden structure was placed over the NE entrance. When the adjoining canopy is removed during demolition, the protective wooden cover will be removed.

All of the building drawings have been updated to construction standards and have been forwarded to Indian River county for final review to get the building permit.

First Presbyterian Church and Proctor are expected to enter into the building contract during the first half of October.

Thanks for your donations, time and talent to build the new Sanctuary!

Mike Snyder

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GALLERIES AT FPC

OPENING RECEPTION:

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5
1PM-3PM

LIVE MUSIC BY DR. JACOB CRAIG
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.
EXHIBIT RUNS UNTIL DECEMBER 31

THANK YOU!



Our church family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Lucille Craig for her faithful service over the past year as compiler, editor, and writer for our church newsletter. Through her dedication, careful editing, and thoughtful drafting of articles, Lucille has helped us stay connected, informed, and encouraged as a congregation.

The newsletter has been a blessing to so many—sharing testimonies, highlighting ministries, and celebrating the ways God is working among us. Behind each edition has been Lucille's quiet diligence and commitment to excellence.

While she is stepping away from the newsletter team, Lucille will continue serving in other areas of our church, and we are excited to see how God will continue to use her gifts. We are deeply grateful for her ministry and pray for continued blessings on all that she does.

Thank you, Lucille!



SERVICE TIMES BEGINNING NOV 2, 2025

Worship Times
8:15AM - Chapel
9:30AM - Sanctuary
11AM - Sanctuary



Worship

A Night of Joy and Worship with the Imani Milele Children's Choir

On Wednesday, October 1, 2025, our church was blessed by the incredible ministry of the Imani Milele Children's Choir from Uganda. Their vibrant music, heartfelt worship, and powerful testimonies filled our sanctuary with energy and joy, leaving a lasting impact on everyone present.

The children's voices, paired with colorful dance and African rhythms, drew us into an atmosphere of celebration before the Lord. Many of our own children joined in the dancing, clapping, and singing—reminding us of the beauty of worship expressed through childlike faith. Visitors and church members alike were deeply moved, not only by the talent and passion of the choir but by their stories of God's faithfulness and hope in the midst of hardship.

The Imani Milele Choir represents thousands of vulnerable and orphaned children in Uganda. Through education, discipleship, and the love of Christ, Imani Milele is transforming lives and giving children a future filled with hope.

We invite you to continue the impact of this night by supporting their ministry. Your generosity will help provide food, education, and care for children in need. To make a donation, please visit: <https://www.imanimilele.com/donate-1>.

Let's carry the joy of this evening forward and partner with Imani Milele in bringing light and hope to the children of Uganda.



Discipleship

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!

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71st Annual Christmas Tree Lane December 6, 2025

Unique Boutique - We are accepting new and gently used items for Unique Boutique. Think housewares, decor, linens, tools, sporting equipment, etc.! Whether you're redecorating or cleaning out closets, please think of Presbyterian Women! We are accepting donations*: Every Monday 9am-11am and Every Thursday 1pm-3pm
All donations will be accepted at the side entrance door (on the west side of the building) to McAfee Hall in the Center for Christian Life.

*We cannot accept clothing, shoes, electronics, wall art or large furniture.
Only Coffee Table & Children's books.
Please do not drop items off in the church office.
For additional information contact Rosalie Perry: (610) 780-3111.

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 the sanctuary following the 10:00am service. If you have any questions, please call Michelle Shaner at 772-766-6655.

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!

Fellowship

Wednesday Night Dinners

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

October 8

Salad
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Casserole
Green Beans
Rice
Mounds Cake

October 15

Salad
Philly Cheesesteak
Casserole
Broccoli
Crusty Bread
Peach Cobbler

October 22

Salad
Chicken Alfredo
Stuffed Shells
Honey Glazed Carrots
Cheese Herb
Garlic Bread
Baby Lemon
Impossible Pies

October 29

Salad
Salisbury Steak
Casserole
Corn
Rolls and Butter
Cherry Cobbler

Sharing God's Love Through Uniform Donations

This month, our church family had the joy of blessing the children of Dodgertown Elementary School through the gift of new school uniforms. Thanks to your generosity, many students and teachers received much-needed clothing and supplies.

Dodgertown serves more than 400 children, and nearly 90% of these students live in poverty and face difficult family circumstances. The gift of something as simple as a clean uniform provides dignity, confidence, and comfort for these young learners.

Carol Smoyer, who helped deliver the donations, shared:

"The children and teachers of Dodgertown are very grateful for your generosity." While the uniforms we provided made a real difference, the need continues. Tops, bottoms, underwear, and socks are still in short supply—especially in boys' and girls' sizes 6, 7, and 8, which fit the pre-K children.

Along with uniforms, some school supplies were also delivered, bringing extra encouragement to both students and staff as they begin their school year.

As a church, we are reminded of Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40) By giving, we not only clothe children, but we share God's love in a tangible way.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and kindness toward the children of our community.

—The Mission Committee





1. Betty Foster, Steve Overly
2. Grant McKnight, Rebecca Palmer, Curt Schade
4. Marilyn Bittan, Serge Evanguelidi, Ken Jay, Judy Overly
5. Marsha Forest, Deborah Kirchick, Rebecca Ransom, Lee Tiebout, Elizabeth Stewart
7. Barbara Dearman, Bette Walsh
8. Ethel Abramson, Linda Giel, Barbara Sak Joan Smith, Ruth Yensan
9. Jerri Ives
10. Tom Jones, Bob Martin
11. Carolyn Kline, Leigh Millar

12. Frank Iodice, Bill Stoughton, Bruce Yancy
13. Ann Kellogg, Irene Moodie
14. Trevon Barnes
15. Joan Irvine, Jane Weise
18. David Stewart
21. Jerry Garrett,
22. Shirley Butler Douglas, Ann Wells
23. Caryl Culp
25. Kayla Chaples, Brenda Chisholm
29. Bob Schneider
30. Pat DeRobertis, Lillian Silkworth, Myra Sisson
31. Glenn Conn

What's Goin' On - September 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

October 2025

8:30AM - Mighell Chapel

10AM - McAfee Hall

Childcare available at all services

October Sermons

October 5

1 Corinthians 1:10

Living the Gospel:

"The Centrality of the Gospel"

October 12

Romans 10:8-10

Living the Gospel:

"First in Your Heart"

October 19

Matthew 22:39

Living the Gospel:

"...Then in Your Community"

October 26

Matthew 28:19-20

Living the Gospel:

"...Then in the World"

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

Elders

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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Connie Derman, Carol Rhodes, Lee Tiebout,
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