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## From the Pastor's Pen

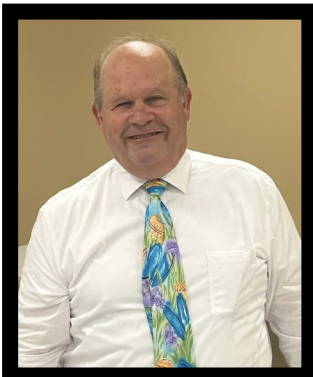
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Easter tide is the weeks following Easter Sunday up to Pentecost Sunday, June 8. The Paschal Candle is lit Easter Sunday and each Sunday following to represent and remind us of the risen Lord and the days he spent with believers after his resurrection until the celebration of Pentecost. During these Sundays, the scripture readings are about the resurrection of Jesus, the teaching of the apostles, and the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of God. The ripple effects of the Easter story and the early church provide guidance for our church today. How has the resurrection of our Lord affected you? How does the story of our Lord's victory over death inform the life of the church today? That story of doubting Thomas in John 20:19ff helps us to see who Jesus is for us today. The story of *the Acts of the Apostles* and the ministry of the Apostle Paul incredibly guide us almost 2000 years later in being faithful to our God.

This first Sunday worship in May, our church welcomes the Rev. Dr. Gary Kelly, whom we all love and enjoy as a friend of the church and an excellent preacher, to officiate at the table of our Lord Jesus. So, come to worship and share communion as the body of the risen Christ. As a reminder of part of what we do in communion, I share this poem by Ann Weems from her book Kneeling in Jerusalem titled "Holy Communion":

"Eat. Drink. Remember/ who I am./ Eat. Drink. Remember/ who I am/ so you can remember/ who you are./ Eat. Drink. Remember/ who I am/ so you can remember/ who you are/ and tell the others./ Eat. Drink. Remember/ who I am/ so you can remember/ who you are/ and tell the others/ so that all/ God's people/ can live/ in communion .../ in holy communion."

At the table of our Lord, we remember the Holy Week betrayal, suffering, crucifixion, sabbath silent grief, and empty tomb resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We remember the old, old story of Jesus and His love for each of us and all the world. Now our charge is to go to tell others of our holy communion so that *all God's children* can live together in this holy communion with God.



May the hope and joy of Eastertide dwell with you all,

*Jim*





# **Happy Anniversary**

May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Jacob & Ansley Smith**

May 8<sup>th</sup>

**David & Katie Windham**

May 16<sup>th</sup>

**Rob & Katherine Marsh**

**May 2 Blue Jay Farrar**

**May 3 Chris Matussek**

**May 5 Colton Knott**

**May 5 Jim Sepull**

**May 5 Evan Pendergrass**

**May 6 Tony Natale**

**May 7 Polly Dodson**

**May 9 Patricia Farrar**

**May 11 Anne Cares**

**May 11 Eliza Claire Neese**

**May 12 Tim Flannagan**

**May 15 Sam Obenchain**

**May 18 Belinda Craig**

**May 22 Ean Matussek**

**May 22 Debby Snell**

**May 24 Patrick Ridner**

**May 26 Nancy June Brandon**

**May 27 Mary Ruth Marsh**

**May 29 David Beavers**

**May 31 Zoe Jensen**



## **Committee Meetings**

### **Mission Committee**

Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

### **Pastoral Care Committee**

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am

### **Faith Development Committee**

Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

### **Worship & Music Committee**

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm

### **Session**

Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

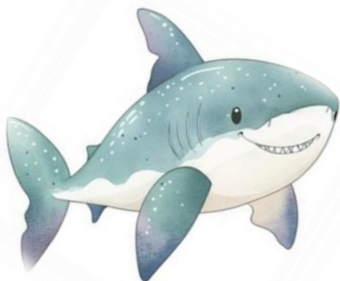
### **Circle**

Tuesday, May 13<sup>h</sup> @ 10:00am



Don't forget to bring your donations for Good Samaritan on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.





# May 2025

May 1	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
May 2	AA Meeting 1:00pm
May 4	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am
May 5	Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
May 6	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
May 7	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
May 8	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Worship & Music Meeting 5:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
May 9	AA Meeting 1:00pm
May 11	Happy Mother's Day "The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Youth Sunday Worship Service 10:00am Reception following worship for our 2025 grads
May 12	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Mission Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
May 13	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Circle Meeting 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
May 14	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
May 15	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
May 16	AA Meeting 1:00pm
May 18	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am
May 19	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Session Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
May 20	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
May 21	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
May 22	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
May 23	Office Closed AA Meeting 1:00pm
May 25	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am
May 26	Office Closed - Memorial Day
May 27	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Parent's Day Out Graduation 9:00am AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
May 28	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
May 29	AA Meeting 7:00pm
May 30	Book Club Meeting at Never Rest Park 9:30am AA Meeting 1:00pm







## Easter Egg Hunt





# Family & Friends Potluck







## *Palm Sunday*



## Announcing Staff Changes

Our staffing at FPC is undergoing some changes. We wanted to let the congregation know and extend warm wishes to both individuals for continued success in their endeavors. Please see the announcements below:

**Church Secretary** - We are extending our deep appreciation to Chenel Gervais, our Church Secretary, for her years of service to our Church and congregation. We have all appreciated her exceptional organizational skills! Moreover, she has been a devoted hand in ministry by showing hospitality to the homeless who visit our church doors, welcoming and serving as a liaison to the many groups who use our facilities, interfacing with vendors, and performing the many duties to support our PDO ministry, our Pastor and Session, communications with Presbytery, publications for our congregation, Presbyterian Women, and the work of our Church's committees.

As she enters into this next phase, we wish her well on her move to South Carolina.

We will celebrate Chenel and her work during the next few weeks (watch for ways you can participate), as she transitions a new hire into the Church Secretary position.

Well done, Chenel!

**Director of Christian Education** - We are extending our "thank you" to Jessica O'Neal for staffing the DCE position for the Winter/Spring and for her work with the Youth in Sunday School and Youth Group, as well as Children's Church! Jessica has decided to return to her full-time position as chef and restaurateur of The Holy Crabshack.

We will miss Jessica, her enthusiasm, and her energetic and faithful family and hope to see them sometime in Worship!







# Easter SONrise Service



## Music & Mission



Our Music & Mission Team enjoyed working with our FPC children to provide additional learning activities, opportunities for Christian fellowship, and music practices/development through our M&M meetings, anthem presentations, and our Children's Sunday in Worship!

We thank parents and grandparents for their support and encouragement. We also thank Connie and Aaron Crafton for coordinating the dinners for our Mission & Music and Youth Group meetings and for everyone who brought/served food or in other ways supported our Children's ministry. You are very much appreciated!

The M & M Team looks forward to next year and plans to see all the children in July at VBS for our travels to "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace"!





# *Congratulations!!!* **Class of 2025**

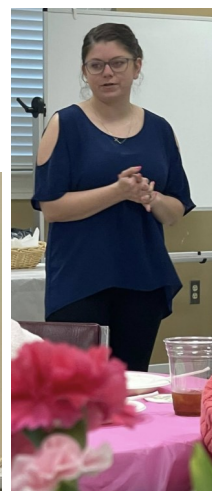


Congratulations to Ean Matussek and Grace Wilhelm,  
two amazing high school seniors.  
Your FPC Family would like to say we can't wait to see the places you'll go!  
And we know that God will be with you.  
(But don't forget to come home every once in a while.)  
You will be in our prayers as you start this new chapter in your life.

## *PW Spring Salad Supper*



Lots and lots of salads....and they were all different...no two were the same! We were blessed to hear from LT Chris Cook about the MRT program. We also heard from two recent "graduates" and from women who volunteer to assist with several aspects of the program....and it is very apparent that God's hands are there and at work.







**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

Ushers/Greeters

**Freida Bone**

**Michal Dobson**

**Roy & Lisa Turner**

Lay Liturgist: **Kate Canady**

Communion Prep: **Richard & Kathy Smith**

Communion Servers: **Linda Anderton, Mary Brown, Belinda Craig, John Marsh, Mike Matusek**

A Time for Young Christians

**Kate Canady**

Hall Monitor

**Terry Saylor**

Children's Church

**Christy Jensen**

Nursery

**Katherine Marsh**

Flowers

**Donna Sepull**

**Sunday, May 11, 2025 Youth Sunday**

Ushers/Greeters

**Belinda Craig**

**Melanie Hamilton**

**Christy Jensen & Grace Wilhelm**

Flowers: **Brent & Kate Canady**

A Time for Young Christians

**Youth Sunday**

Hall Monitor

**Frieda Bone**

Children's Church

**Youth Sunday**

Nursery

**Debby Snell**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

Ushers/Greeters

**Rob Marsh**

**Pat Thomas**

**Richard & Kristin Wilhelm**

Lay Liturgist

**Grace Wilhelm**

A Time for Young Christians

**Sandy Yount**

Hall Monitor

**Mary Marsh**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Cathy Ikard**

Nursery

**Lisa Turner**

Flowers

**Sunday, May 25, 2025**

Ushers/Greeters

**Sarah Natale**

**Charlotte Williams**

**Willie & Debby Snell**

Lay Liturgist

**Rob Marsh**

A Time for Young Christians

**Connie Crafton**

Hall Monitor

**Belinda Craig**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Kristin Wilhelm**

Nursery

**Mary Marsh**

Flowers







**LCDR Andy Canady** (Member)

**Airman Chase Blanton** (Member)

**Airman Caleb Fletcher**

(Grandson of Susan Spears)

**Pvt. Oscar Taylor**

(Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew)

**Airman Anna Powell**

(Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)

**WO1 John & WO1 Carlee Moran**

(Nephew & Niece of Jim & Denise Moran)

**Those in Military Service and their families.**

**Those who are serving abroad and at home.**

**Melanie Abraham** (Brent Canady's Cousin)

**Jenny Baker Barber** (Ginger Shofner's cousin)

**Frieda Bone** (Member)

**Mary Brown** (Member)

**Kay Dennis** (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)

**Cliff Garrard** (Member)

**Edwin Holcombe** (Member)

**Fred Hunt** (Member)

**Anna Kaiser** (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

**David Kee** (Member)

**Naomi Luna** (Member)

**Carolyn & Tony Matusek** (Member)

**Chris & Savanna Morton**

(Family Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)

**Joe Powell** (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

**Barbara Singleton** (Member)

**Margaret Smith** (Member)

**Barbara Steinke** (Member)

**Chris Stephens** (Son in Law of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

**Jeremiah Thomas** (Pat Thomas' Grandson)

**Doug Treadway** (Member)

**Family & Friends of Emma Jean Turner**

(Stepmother of Roy Turner)

**Weaver Family** (Friends of the Pendergrass')

**Bob Wilson** (Friend of Susan Spears)

**Kaemey Young** (Daughter of Turner Family Friend)

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at (931)684-6541 or send an email to [first.pres.church600@gmail.com](mailto:first.pres.church600@gmail.com).



The next Book Club is meeting

is Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

9:30am at Never Rest Park.

They will be discussing

"A Fall of Marigolds"

by Susan Meisner

### Up and coming...

June & July "The Warmth of Other Suns"

by Isabel Wilkerson

August "The Rent Collector" by Camron Wright

September "Remarkably Bright Creatures"

by Shelby Van Pelt







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## FPC Staff

**Rev. Dr. Jim Moran**  
**Pastor**  
pastorjim Moran@gmail.com

**Dr. Michael Hooper**  
Director of Music

**Chenel Gervais**  
Church Secretary

**Teresa Phillips**  
Parents' Day Out Director



**WORSHIP**  
EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM



## SESSION

### Class of 2025

Mary Brown, Jim Ikard  
John Marsh, LeaAnne Windham

### Class of 2026

Linda Anderton, Belinda Craig,  
Mike Matussek, Richard Smith

### Class of 2027

Kate Canady, Aaron Crafton,  
Sarah Natale, James Smith

## TRUSTEES

### Class of 2025

Lisa Turner

### Class of 2026

Kathy Smith

### Class of 2027

Pat Thomas

**Session minutes are available in the church office for any member of the congregation to review.**

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