

# Anchor Links



# APRIL! 2022

Happy Easter, First Prez!

Easter is coming! However, before we arrive at Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we must walk with Jesus through Holy Week and journey to His crucifixion and His death. Together, let us walk with Jesus to share the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and through the gathering darkness of his suffering and death on Good Friday/Tenebrae.

It is impossible to appreciate the magnitude of the Resurrection, unless we go with Jesus into the dark depths of His death with him. The Easter joy is terribly thin without experiencing the deep sorrow and dark despair of the Son of God his last week in Jerusalem. I cannot understand with my feeble, finite human mind the love that God the Father has for created humanity. That great love of the Father we know most clearly in the sacrificial death of Jesus and his new life resurrection to life eternal for the world. The workings of his death and resurrection are the mystery of the Father's love for us and the world. Come walk with our Lord Jesus through Holy Week.

At Presbyterian College, our little Christians in Action (CIA, actually sponsored by the Baptist Student Union at Presbyterian College!) sang many praise songs as we gathered. One song stands out: "Have You Seen Jesus My Lord? He's here in plain view." As Easter is coming, I have been thinking about that song and how we think about God. Since we sing our theology, our hymns and anthems are so important to our faith and worship.

"Have you seen Jesus my Lord?" is the background question that Mary at the tomb and in her witness to the disciples posed. Mary saw the risen Lord at the empty tomb! (John 20) It is the question that faces all of us on Easter Sunday: "Have you seen Jesus my Lord?"

I do believe Jesus is here in plain view! I saw Jesus in my home church ministers like Dr. Don Warters, in my teachers from elementary school to seminary, in loving church members in Dublin, Georgia, and in the churches I have served. I see Jesus all around me in our community and church. I see Jesus in those who share in the soup kitchen ministry. I have seen Jesus my Lord in those who prepare the communion for worship and wash the communion ware after worship. I turn around in worship and see the choir and see Jesus my Lord. I see Jesus my Lord on Wednesday nights in those gathered to serve and the children who sing and do missions. I see Jesus in the family who comes knocking at our church door and who need welcome and support. I see Jesus my Lord in the ones who open and close our church doors on Sundays and during the week.

I suspect you have seen Jesus your Lord, too, in your life?  
Have you seen the Lord?

Easter Love, Joy and Hope,

*Jim*





## YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH

Pastor Jim is reaching out to young adults and youth to assist him in the **Tenebrae Service**. Please see the notes below and text Pastor Jim (615.477.3048) your willingness to participate:

**For Young Adults** – Scripture Readings – There will be seven readings.

**For Youth** – Extinguishing Candles – There will be seven candles to extinguish.

**Young Adults & Youth** – Candle holders – Seven candle holders (for 12" taper candles) will be needed for use in the **Tenebrae Service**. Please let Pastor Jim know if you can supply **one** candle holder from your family to use during **Tenebrae**. The candle holders will represent our participation in the death of Christ, as a representation of humanity's standing with the crowd who shouted: "*Crucify, crucify him!*" (Luke 23: 21)

Pastor Jim hopes that all young adults and youth will participate in this holy and spiritually moving **Tenebrae**.



### PALM SUNDAY

As worship begins, the children will form a processional into the Sanctuary, singing and waving palm branches on Palm Sunday. **CHILDREN** need to meet Ms. Denise in the BACK of the Sanctuary prior to worship. **YOUTH** will distribute palms to the Congregation.

ATTN: YOUTH - April 10th

We hope you can join us after worship on Palm Sunday for fun and fellowship. We will be having lunch, then packing the College Care Boxes and finally heading to the Easter Egg Hunt at the Wilhelm's House to help.



### CHILDREN'S MUSIC & MISSIONS (Wednesday @ 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)



Special thanks to so many volunteers for helping to make the Children's Music & Missions mini-series (a preview for Fall) so wonderful for our preschool – elementary children!

We have wonderful plans, depending on the children's readiness and participation. Ms. Denise and Ms. LeaAnne hope to have the children singing soon in Worship, while Ms. Melanie and crew have plans for mission activities, starting with the annual *One Great Hour of Sharing*.

If you would like to provide a meal for Music & Missions, please contact Ms. Katherine who is coordinating the dinners.

We welcome any child who wishes to participate in this fun, enriching ministry!



## SAVE THE DATE

**VBS is coming soon to a church near you!**



**July 17th thru 20th Starting at 5:00pm with dinner**

**Volunteers are needed!**

**If you can help let Christy Jensen or Ginger Shofner know.**



Stretch your faith, as we continue to journey, as a congregation with Christ, toward Jerusalem and the cross. Holy Week is coming, and Pastor Jim asks that each family make these services intentional parts of their spiritual practices.

Mark your calendars now:

**Sunday, April 10th - Palm Sunday** (Procession of Palms by the Children at the 10am worship service)

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday** (with Communion around the Communion Table – Possible Children’s anthem and draping of the Sanctuary)

**Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm - Tenebrae Service**

(a service of hymns, scripture, and candlelight into darkness to commemorate the betrayal, crucifixion, death & burial of Jesus the Christ)

**Saturday, April 16th - Holy Saturday** (no service)

**Sunday, April 17th - Easter Day** - (Check out times for Easter Sunrise, Breakfast, SS Small Groups, and Worship to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord!)

**Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00am** in the Courtyard with a potluck breakfast to follow (Bring flowers to be used in the floral cross)

**Sunday School Classes at 9:00am**

**Easter Service at 10:00am**



## **SERVICE OF TENEBRAE (Good Friday @ 7:00 p.m.)**

A ***Service of Tenebrae*** will be observed at First Presbyterian, following an ancient Christian tradition that dates to medieval times.

***Tenebrae***, Latin for “shadows” or “darkness”, will move our congregation through the Passion story of Holy Week to Christ’s crucifixion, death, and burial ---- and from a lighted Sanctuary into the shadows of candlelight and then into darkness. In this Service, we remember these somber events and join Christians who, throughout the centuries, have observed ***Tenebrae***.

**Let us join together, as one heart and voice:**

The Service will be marked by hymns, Scripture readings, and the extinguishing of candles. A noise (or “*strepitus*”) toward the end of the Service will mark the death of Christ.

Pastor Jim asks the Congregation *to leave in silence*. Those who wish to remain in the Sanctuary for prayer are encouraged to do so.





April 1 Meredith Spears  
 April 1 Susanna Smith  
 April 7 Evelyn Davidson  
 April 8 Heather Knott  
 April 12 John Marsh  
 April 14 Wayne Williams  
 April 14 Ansley Knott  
 April 15 Jacob Smith  
 April 15 Lauren Smith

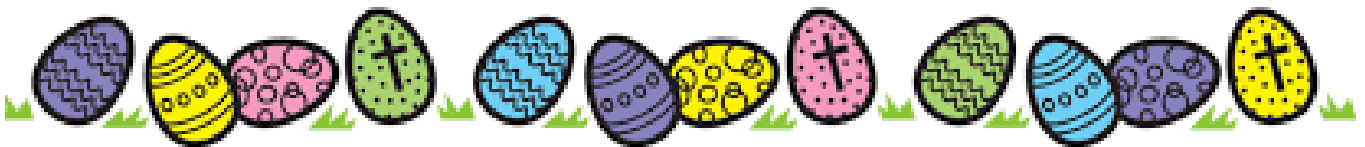
April 19 Anne Windham  
 April 20 Hollyn Faith Hutson  
 April 21 Ginger Shofner  
 April 23 Anne Shofner  
 April 26 Lori Smith  
 April 27 Margaret Anne Anderson

April 12th  
**Tim & Raychelle  
 Flannagan**



April 26th  
**Doug & Ellen  
 Treadway**

April 30th  
**Gage & Lauren  
 Smith**



## "Fat Ash Wednesday"

Pancake supper dinner was held to celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season.





## **SEARCHING FOR:** **A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

First Presbyterian-Shelbyville is officially searching for a Christian Education Director. This person will primarily be working directly with our children and youth and in the planning of programming for them, but will also be assisting the Faith Development Committee with planning activities and choosing curriculum for all ages. If you know of someone who might be interested, please tell them to contact the church office at 931-684-6541 or [first.pres.church600@gmail.com](mailto:first.pres.church600@gmail.com). Thank you and your help spreading the word is greatly appreciated.



### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Providing relief from natural disasters food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. during Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connect us with "those who have least" One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together each year to work to improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable in three ways...

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
Presbyterian Hunger Program  
Self-Development of People

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

### **Night Circle**

The Night Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 P.M. in the Russell Classroom. We are studying Lesson 5: Ruth and Redemption in our study book. We will be taking up a special birthday offering at the meeting. Hope you can be with us! **Night Circle is open to all women in the church.**

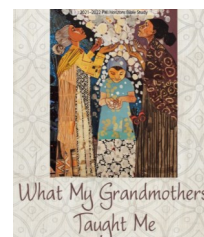


Thank you to everyone who came out on March 23rd and donated a pint. Our blood drives wouldn't be the success they are without all of you.



### **Women of the Church Salad Supper**

The Salad Supper will be held on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Our speaker will be Lori Sain Smith. Lori owns a business called Daffodilly Design. She is an active member of our congregation and serves on the Session. Bring a salad and a friend for a night of good food, fellowship and a great speaker.



## **Book Club**

The April meeting is Friday the 29th at Never Rest Park at 11:00am. They will be discussing "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles

### **Up and coming...**

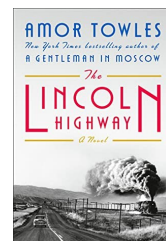
**May** "People and Their Quilts" by John Rice Irwin

**June** "Transcendent Kingdom" by Yaa Gyasi

**July** "Indigo Girl" by Natasha Boyd

**August** "The Ride of Her Life" by Elizabeth Letts

**September** "Be Frank With Me" by Julia Johnson (Dr. Johnson's daughter)





# Prayer Requests



**Family & Friends of Wilma Buchanan** (Former Nursery Director)  
**Lana Craig** (Member)  
**Family & Friends of Ken Crowell** (Relative of Donna Sepull)  
**Evelyn Davidson** (Member)  
**Edwin & Elaine Holcombe** (Member)  
**Fred Hunt** (Member)  
**Evelyn Jefferson** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grader at Thomas Magnet)  
**Eddie Johnson** (Cashier at Kroger's)  
**Dorothy Payne** (Brenda Skelton's Mother)  
**Melanie Peebles Lewis** (Friend of Ginger Shofner)  
**Carolyn Matusek** (Member)  
**Tony Matusek** (Member)  
**Josh Rice** (Trena Little's Great Nephew)  
**Bud Saunders** (Member)  
**Nancy Sorrells** (Sister of Connie Crafton)  
**The Cross Shelter**



**All those in Military Service**

**LT Andy Canady (Member)**

**Airman Chase Blanton (Member)**

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

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)

## Committee Meetings

### Property Committee

Monday, April 11th @ 5:00pm

### Mission Committee

Monday, April 11th @ 5:30pm

### Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, April 19th @ 10:00am

### Faith Development Committee

Monday, April 4th @ 6:00pm

### Worship & Music Committee

Sunday, June 19th @ 5:30pm

### Cong.Life & Fellowship Committee

TBD

### Session

Monday, April 18th @ 5:30pm



## Easter Egg Hunt

**When:** April 10, 2022

**Where:** The Wilhelm's House  
(Richard & Kristin)

**Time:** 2:00pm

(If raining we will relocate to church)

2:00pm Craft Time

2:30pm The story of Easter with Pastor Jim

2:40pm The HUNT IS ON!!



# Parents' Day Out







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<b>April 1st</b>	Office Closed
<b>April 4th</b>	Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm
<b>April 5th</b>	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
<b>April 6th</b>	Children's Music & Mission 6:00pm
<b>April 7th</b>	AA Meeting 7:00pm
<b>April 10th</b>	Palm Sunday Service 10:00am Procession of Palms by the children of FPC Youth Activity after worship pack College Boxes Easter Egg Hunt at the Wilhelm's House 2:00pm
<b>April 11th</b>	Property Meeting 5:00pm Mission Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm
<b>April 12th</b>	Night Circle 6:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
<b>April 13th</b>	Children's Music & Mission 6:00pm
<b>April 14th</b>	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
<b>April 15th</b>	Tenebrae Service 7:00pm Office Closed
<b>April 17th</b>	Resurrection of the Lord Sunrise Service 6:00am With Potluck breakfast to follow Resurrection of the Lord Service 10:00am
<b>April 18th</b>	Session Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm Office Closed
<b>April 19th</b>	Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am Women of the Church Salad Supper 6:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
<b>April 20th</b>	Children's Music & Mission 6:00pm
<b>April 21st</b>	AA Meeting 7:00pm
<b>April 25th</b>	Cub Scouts 6:00pm
<b>April 26th</b>	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
<b>April 27th</b>	Children's Music & Mission 6:00pm
<b>April 28th</b>	AA Meeting 7:00pm
<b>April 29th</b>	Book Club at NeverRest Park 11:00am

## Do you have a loved one away at College?

We need the name & address for ALL of our college students—living at home, on campus or off campus. We want to remind them ALL that we have them in our prayers and love them very much. Call 931-684-6541 or email [first.pres.church600@gmail.com](mailto:first.pres.church600@gmail.com)

## College Care Boxes are BACK!!!

We need your help as we are starting this ministry back up again. We will be sending out care packages to those in college for Easter.

Bring 10 items of each to donate. All donations must be received by worship on **April 10th**.

### College Care Package

#### Donation Ideas:

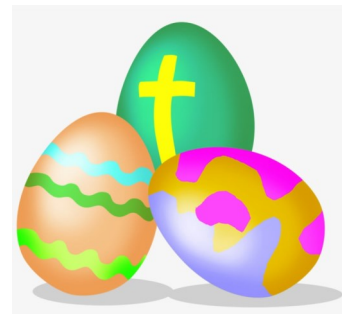
Laundry Supplies  
School Supplies  
Kleenex– Small packages  
Lysol Wipes  
Socks  
Gift Cards  
Toiletries  
Snacks– Individually wrapped so they can grab n' go  
Homemade goodies are always welcome







Kate Canady came in to read to the kids for Read Across America Week.



Visit from Clements Dental







Wedding Shower for  
Jennie Katz Conley  
and  
Evan Pendergrass







# Servers

## Sunday, April 3, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

**John Marsh**

**Pat Thomas & Brenda Skelton**

**Charlotte Williams**

Communion Prep: **Pat & Mary Marsh**

Communion Servers: **Brent Canady, Aaron Crafton, Helen Garner, Melanie Hamilton**

Flowers: **Jim Ikard & Cathy Powell**

A Time for Young Christians

**Pastor Jim**

Hall Monitor

**Roy Turner**

Children's Church

**Bea Marsh**

Nursery

**Lauren Smith**

## Sunday, April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)

Ushers/Greeters

**Nancy June Brandon**

**Bailey & Trena Little**

**Margaret Smith**

Flowers: **James & Lori Smith**

A Time for Young Christians

**Kate Canady**

Hall Monitor

**Roy Turner**

Children's Church

**Marylyn Caperton**

Nursery

**Christy Jensen**

## Thursday, April 14, 2022 (Maundy Thursday) 7:00pm

Ushers/Greeters

**Pat Thomas & Christy Jensen**

Communion Prep: **Aaron & Connie Crafton**

Communion Servers: **Helen Garner, Christy Jensen, Terry Saylor, Kristin Wilhelm**

Hall Monitor

**Jim Caperton**

Nursery

**Diane Green**

## Friday, April 15, 2022 (Good Friday) 7:00pm

Ushers/Greeters

**Norma Zae Jensen**

Hall Monitor

**Marylyn Caperton**

Nursery

**Diane Green**

## Sunday, April 17, 2022 (Resurrection of the Lord/Easter)

Ushers/Greeters

**Margaret Smith**

**Roy & Lisa Turner**

**James Smith**

Flowers: **Belinda Craig**

A Time for Young Christians

**Pastor Jim**

Hall Monitor

**Gage Smith**

Children's Church

**Katherine Marsh**

Nursery

**Bea Marsh**

## Sunday, April 24, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

**Belinda Craig & Pat Marsh**

**Norma Zae Jensen**

**Charlotte Williams**

Flowers: **Steve & Kristin Conley**

A Time for Young Christians

**Connie Crafton**

Hall Monitor

**Rob Marsh**

Children's Church

**Christy Jensen**

Nursery

**Lisa Turner**



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Diane Green — Nursery Director

Teresa Phillips — Parents' Day Out Director



## SESSION

### Class of 2022

Aaron Crafton  
Melanie Hamilton  
Ginger Shofner  
Richard Smith

### Class of 2023

Helen Garner  
Christy Jensen  
Kristin Wilhelm  
Terry Saylor

### Class of 2024

Brent Canady  
Katherine Marsh  
(Clerk of Session)  
Lori Sain-Smith  
Drew Turner

## TRUSTEES

### Class of 2022

Pat Thomas

### Class of 2023

Tommy  
Anderton

### Class of 2024

Bailey Little



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Vanco, Check or Cash.

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