



First Presbyterian Church
1101 E. Ash Street, Goldsboro, NC 27530

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Chris Watkins **Our New Organist and Choir Director**

If you haven't met Chris Watkins, introduce yourself. Chances are he will have you in the Hand Bell Choir before the conversation is over.

Chris is our new part-time Music Director. Arriving before Christmas with all sorts of ideas, Chris is a wonderful addition to our staff. He had lined up musicians and soloists for a Christmas celebration, but due to Covid, those plans did not materialize.

Undeterred, even though choir practice was still on hold, he organized the Hand Bell Choir, recruiting several new members. This group performed before Christmas, processing down both aisles chiming the hour and later in the service playing a beautiful anthem flawlessly.

Chris, with the help of several enthusiastic volunteers, has gone through all the old music and all instruments, tossing out what is not usable and cataloging the rest. It is amazing what had accumulated at the church over the years.

Chris plays both the organ and the piano at the worship service, encouraging the congregation to sing behind their masks. Many choir members have enhanced the service with solos. He is working with Matilda Parker who sang "Away in the Manger" on Christmas Eve. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Chris lives in Wilson and teaches lessons in several eastern NC towns, arriving in Goldsboro on Wednesdays. He is at the church from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm on Wednesdays. On Saturdays he comes to the church to set everything up for the service on Sunday; and on Sundays he gets here by 8:30 am and stays until at least 11:30 am.

Chris is full of energy and ideas. He also has a wonderful sense of humor. Introduce yourself. You'll be glad you did.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership is

presented for outstanding service and leadership in the church. It is presented to a woman chosen by those who know her for her commitment to Christ and the mission of the church.

Nominations forms for this honor must be completed and returned no later than February 24th. The forms are on the credenza in the reception area and may be placed in the PW box in the church office.

Pastor Nominating Committee Report



Your PNC continues the process for identifying and calling a new minister for our church.

Our committee has bonded and along with each of us being committed, we are so attuned with each other. There is a common goal we have and although we have our own personalities, one of our strengths is that we are able to listen and learn from each committee member.

We always begin our meetings with a devotion given by a different member. Each member reads every PIF (Pastoral Information Form) and we evaluate individually these forms prior to each meeting. Once we gather, we discuss any that we feel warrants further discussion. So far we have communicated with a few of the ministers. Your PNC is following a process, "a new step in faith that will bring our congregation together around the common goal of identifying who GOD is calling to serve our congregation".

We ask that you continue to pray daily for our committee.



Dear FPC family and friends,

The cards and prayers have saved my life and were such a source of encouragement to me during my recent illness. When you are sick and away from home and when you have friends who remember you, you give thanks to God. If it was not for your prayers, I would not be here today.

Thank you for everything you have done. I love you. Hope to see you soon.

Love,
Louise and Jimmy Huffman



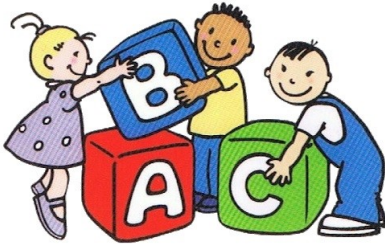
FEBRUARY

Birthdays



2 Mrs. Hope Derby
Ms. Leslie VanHoy
4 Mrs. Jewel Sauls
5 Mr. Borden Parker
6 Bob Bardin
Vismitha Taneti
7 Mrs. Katherine Parker
11 Mr. Ron Jennette
12 Mr. Norman Goss
Mr. Lee Coward
13 Mrs. Sadie Rowan
15 Kathryn Spicer
18 Mrs. Mary Hope Crocker

19 Mrs. Leslie Hunter
22 Mrs. Ali Blackburn
Mrs. Kim Kruer
23 Mr. Jim Parker
R.J. Parker
Marlowe Ellis
24 Mr. Troy Pate, Jr.
Dr. Charlotte Campbell
25 Mr. Will Spicer
26 Mrs. Christine Coward
27 Mr. Gary Patterson
28 Mrs. Ellen Henderson
Caroline Suddarth



A-Day Away

A Mother's Morning Out Program

A-Day Away is a non-profit outreach of First Presbyterian Church serving both members of the church and the Goldsboro community. Our hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We serve ages 6 weeks to 5 years old and up to 8 years in the summer months.

Call Tracy at 919-735-3060 for more information.



Dates Available for Sanctuary Flowers

February 7, 14, 21, 28

March 7, 21

April 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9, 30

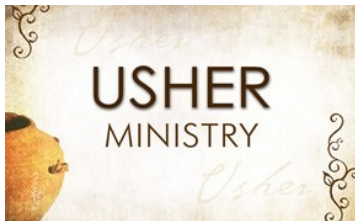
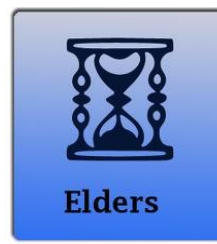
Please contact Susan Stackhouse
or the church office
if you are interested in placing flowers
in the Sanctuary.



Feb. 7 Rev. Bob Bardin
Feb. 14 TBD
Feb. 21 TBD
Feb. 28 TBD

Feb. 7 James Spicer
Feb. 14 John Parker
Feb. 21 John Dees
Feb. 28 Rosalyn Lomax

Charlie Rouse
Lynn Branch
Teresa Smith
Lynn Branch



Deacon-in-Charge: Lynn Branch
Co-Deacon: Charlie Rouse

Ushers: Jack and Beth Kannan

Chancel  Guild



Angie Best

Valentines Day Drive Through



February 14, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The drive through will take place in the church parking lot. Volunteers are needed to have their cars decorated and provide one item or treat. If interested, please contact Mary Taneti.



Committees meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
(**Personnel Committee** meets the first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.)

Diaconate meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m..
(**Memorial Committee** meets the second Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.)

Session meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



The ***Foundation of First Presbyterian Church*** annually provides gifts and support for worthy causes, and it is time for all interested parties to make application for this support. The Foundation funds cannot be used for operating expenses of the church. Only benevolent and non-operating “causes” can receive gifts, such as local and foreign missions, Christian educational support, and special music worship enhancement. All requests should be submitted using an FPC Foundation Grant Application. **We have an updated application this year**, and these applications are available from the church office and on the web. All requests should be submitted **no later than March 31, 2021** to The Foundation of First Presbyterian Church, C/O First Presbyterian Church, 1101 East Ash Street, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution to the FPC Foundation, brochures and envelopes are available. Your gift will be wisely invested in God’s service.