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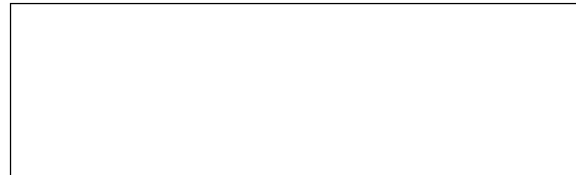
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KNOW YOUR WHYS

why we worship why we serve why we give

Our First Pres Fall 2022 focus will be “Know Your Whys ,” a theme that will invite and challenge us to know the Whys of our Christian practices.

September’s focus is “Why We Worship.”

The heartbeat of Christian community is regular, faithful, devoted worship. We worship for a number of crucial purposes, among them:

To celebrate the “worth-ship” of God alone...
To praise the goodness of God...

To profess our highest allegiance – body, mind, & soul – to God who sends Jesus for the world’s salvation...

To tell, hear, and retell our Scriptural faith story...

To “make a joyful noise to the Lord... [to] worship the Lord with gladness” affirming “that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”

(Psalm 100:1-3)

Join us in exploring and knowing our “Whys” this fall!

Yours in Christ,
Dennis and Chad



Worship at FPC

Worship Service
at 10:30am

The service is live-streamed on YouTube, Facebook, and our website firstpresanderson.org. Watch live or any time during the week.

9:30—10:15am
Faith Formation
Classes for all ages



Women’s Circle will meet
Monday, September 12
at Noon in FLC

Jane Terry is our teacher and will be leading a study of “Attitude is Your Paintbrush: It Colors Every Situation” by James M. Moore.

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS

Calvary Home for Children is our Mission emphasis for September. We will collect the following items for them: **Diapers size 3 to 6; Dishwasher pods; and 13-gallon kitchen trash bags.** Bring donations to the brown bins outside the Chennault Parlor and keep them in your prayers.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to Chuck and Sharon Allen on the birth of their two granddaughters.

Annette “Annie” Elizabeth Pressley was born on July 9, 2022. The proud parents are Callie and Al Pressley.

Mary Allen Boan was born on August 9, 2022. The proud parents are Miranda and Blair Boan.

The proud uncle and aunt are Josh and Taylor Allen and cousins Keller and Emma Allen.

Congratulations to Chris and Curry Ann Askew on the birth of their son **Wilson James Askew** on August 16, 2022.

The proud grandparents are Jeff and Vanette Wilson, and proud aunt and uncle are Jan and Max Hardin.

Congratulations to Lee and Beth Propp on the birth of their granddaughter

Fallon Elizabeth Propp on August 19, 2022. The proud parents are McCallum and Heather Propp.



The Christian sympathy of the pastors and congregation is expressed to:

B.J. and Amanda Hanley and family on the death of his mother Karen P. Nix on August 4, 2022.

The family of Beatrice “Bea” Clamp on her death on August 23, 2022.

Wednesday Night Live Returns!

Beginning Wednesday September 14, join your FPC family for mid-week faith formation!



3:25 - 6:30 Middle School - school pickup, open gym and Bible study

5:30 - 6:30 Preschool and Elementary - class and music
High School Youth - Bible study
Adult Bible Study (two opportunities, see pg. 3*)

6:30 Dinner in the Kirk. Adults/youth \$8, kids \$5, under 4 free
Venmo is back! @firstpresanderson1

September Menus:

9/14 - Taco Bar and dessert

9/21 - Cheesy chicken casserole, green beans, fried okra, rolls, dessert.
Chicken fingers and fries for the kids.

9/28 - Pizza, salad, dessert

Let’s fellowship together as we seek to know and understand our Christian faith more fully.

USHER TRAINING



Our pastors invite those wanting to serve to join them for Usher Training on Sunday, September 11th or 18th at 8:30am in the sanctuary. If you have served as an usher for many years or you are new to serving, this training is for you. Open to all youth and adults.



First Kids Faith Formation

Every Sunday morning 9:30am -10:15am for preschool through 5th grade.

Beginning September 11, 2022

New Elementary Faith Formation line up! Watch for email information!

Extended Worship & Nursery

We welcome all children in worship in the Sanctuary. After our Time with Young Disciples, children ages 3K-5K will be dismissed for Extended Worship with our Sunday parent volunteers. Nursery is available for newborns through age 2.

Wednesday Night Live Begins September 14, 2022!

Faith, Fun, and Friends! 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Faith Formation gatherings for 3K (age 3 by September 1) - 1st grade and 2nd grade- 5th grade

Followed by Dinner in the Kirk at 6:30 pm

*Nursery will be available from 5:30 - 6:30pm for children 2 years old & under.

Worship Education Coming this Month! Parents of first graders be on the look out for more information!

Susan Brown, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation
susanb@fpcandersonsc.com 864.617.1675



Many thanks to all who selected a prayer partner or partners on Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday. These students and teachers value your prayers!

Not required, but if you would like to reach out to your prayer partner and need help finding contact information, give Alisa a call 864-314-0510.



SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

9:30-10:30am:

ALL YOUTH join us at 9:30am for Coffee & Conversations in the McDougald Room in the FLC. Bring your Bible.

COME & SERVE - 1st @ First

Sunday, September 4th from 4:15 - 6:15pm
Come serve our community together.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 5-7pm

All youth join us for our 1st large group Youth Fellowship night of the school year.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 5-7pm

Youth & Family Night

Come join us for one of our favorite nights of the year. Come to play, learn about the upcoming year, enjoy in fellowship and enjoy dinner together. RSVP for your family by emailing Kari. Cost: \$9 per youth or adult, \$4 for kids, 5th grade & under. Moe's is catering!

Middle School Youth Wednesday Pick-up Sign-Up

If your youth is interested in riding the bus on Wednesdays this fall please let Kari know which school they will be riding from.

We will be picking up from McCants, Southwood, and Glenview. More details to come, right now we are just accessing numbers and how many drivers we will need. Email Kari to let her know, karim@fpcandersonsc.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- To help lead the middle school or high school youth bible studies on Wednesday nights, 5:30-6:30pm.
- Bus Drivers for Middle School Youth on Wednesdays. You will be trained, no special license required. Time commitment is 3:10-4:10pm.

Please contact Kari if you are willing to serve.

If you have any questions or if you have any prayer requests please reach out to: Kari Morgan, Director of Youth & Family Ministries, karim@fpcandersonsc.com, #864-314-3691

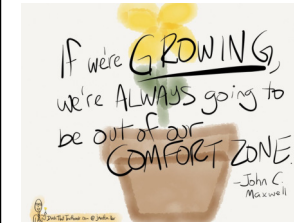
1st at First - Donations

Our youth are looking for donations for our meal on October 2nd. If you would be willing to donate a homemade dessert (need desserts for 110 people). Please contact Kari if you are willing to donate & let her know how many desserts you can bring. She will give you all details. THANK YOU!!
karim@fpcandersonsc.com

Adult Faith Formation @FPC



@ First Pres, your faith formation matters.



September Adult Challenge: Try something new-to-you!

Attend a faith formation opportunity on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening, join a study/fellowship group, eat with your church family on Wednesday nights, sign up to fill the Blessing Box or work on the Women's Build, volunteer to assist with an ongoing church program. Get out of your comfort zone!

Church-Wide Study for September/October: The Gospel of Luke (Anytime & Anywhere!)

Yale Divinity School offers free Bible studies online and this fall FPC adults are encouraged to try one! Learn more about Luke on your own by watching the videos and working through the study guide at home on your own schedule. Then, join one of our pastors on Wednesday nights at 5:30 pm to review, ask questions, and receive insight from them and your co-learners. Access to the Yale Bible Study can be found on our website by clicking the link for Faith Formation/First Adults and looking for New Testament Studies. You do not need to register, but those who do so can join a group chat room. *The pastor-led review begins on Wednesday, September 14. Email atedder@fpcandersonsc.com if you need help getting started with the online Bible study.

*Rest & Refuel for Busy Parents resumes on Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30pm.

New on Sunday mornings this Fall: SALT (Sharing And Learning Together) in the FLC Game Room for adults (40s-50s) who will share leadership and are open to give-and-take discussion. Back for Year 2: The Gateway Group (for young-er) adults. Join the Saylor, Tollys, and Tedders as we take on "Half Truths" and how things the Bible DOESN'T say might creep in to influence our thinking. Both classes meet at 9:30 am.



Jubilate Kicks Off A Brand New Year!

Our Jubilate Women's Joyful Bible Study/Fellowship is back for a six-week installment this fall.

We will study Ruth: Discovering Your Place in God's Story by Eugene Peterson
Large group meets twice. Kickoff: September 11 at 6:30 pm
Finale: October 23 at 6:30 pm
Small groups were formed during registration period and will meet at various times and places.

The leadership team is busily preparing for a wonderful study. We hope to offer a spring study too. Please watch for details!

Joyful Hearts and Hands

Don't miss the fun and fellowship!

Tuesday, September 20th
6:00-8:00 pm

We'll meet in the McDougald Room of the Family Life Center



This month we will paint faux pumpkins...in a way that requires no artistic talent!

Cost: \$ 25 for pumpkins, paints and supplies.

For more info or to sign up, contact Alisa Gibson
alisag@fpcandersonsc.com

Men's Brews & Views

September 1 @ Growler Haus @ 5:30 pm w/John Lummus

September 22 @ home of Rusty Childs

We will finish our study of "Most Misused Verses in the Bible" this month!

Men's Huddle

with Dr. Dennis Tedder

Biscuits & Bible Study @ 7:30 am
September 9 & 23 @ Kirk

Let's Have Lunch!

Senior Adults are invited to meet, greet & eat @Barnwood Grill
2606 Whitehall Road
11 am on Tuesday, Sept. 13
Come help us name this new fellowship group!