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**This week at First Presbyterian...**

**Sunday, May 12**  
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
**Monday, May 13**  
9:15 a.m. Supported Yoga - Welcome Center  
**Tuesday, May 14**  
9:30 a.m. VBS Work Day - Rm 214  
10:30 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - McDougald Rm  
5:55 p.m. Yoga I - FLC  
**Wednesday, May 15**  
9:15 a.m. Supported Yoga - Welcome Center  
9:30 a.m. VBS Work Day - Rm 214  
12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - McDougald Rm  
**Thursday, May 16**  
9:30 a.m. VBS Work Day - Rm 214  
10:30 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - McDougald Rm  
11:00 a.m. Bread Breakers - Coach House  
No Brews & Views tonight - next meeting June 6  
**Friday, May 17**  
5:30 p.m. Scouts - FLC  
**Saturday, May 18**  
No scheduled events

**MISSIONS EMPHASIS**

Our May Mission Emphasis is for **Clean Start**. We will be collecting small/travel size bars of soap and toothpaste, and disposable razors. Please bring donations to the brown bins in front of the parlor during May and keep the Clean Start ministry in your prayers. We are also accepting regular size bars of soap for our 1st @ First Hygiene bags. There is a brown bin for those also by the parlor.

**Combined Session/Deacon/Trustees Meeting, Monday, May 20 at 6:00pm in the Kirk**

Senior Adult **Bread Breakers** who want to have lunch together are invited to gather at 11:00am on Thursday, May 16 at The Coach House, 127 E Shockley Ferry Rd. Please call the church office (225-2551) by May 14 to let us know you plan to attend, as this helps the wait staff. All welcome!

**College Graduates & Families**

Please reach out to Kari if you have a student who has graduated since last May or will be graduating this May/summer. We would like to recognize them in the bulletin on May 19th. You may email to: [karim@fpcandersonsc.com](mailto:karim@fpcandersonsc.com)

**Third Annual Men's Spring Fish Fry Thursday, May 23**

6 p.m. (Rain or Shine)  
at The Patrick's Barn, 1220 Brown Road  
Fried fish and all the trimmings, including the now-legendary banana pudding for dessert.

**Men—Please call the church office (225-2551) by May 19** if you will attend so we can be prepared with enough food for all!  
Middle/high school young men welcome!  
Want to help? Contact Andy or Pat Patrick.



**VBS CAMP FIRELIGHT 2024 June 3 - 7**

**Register Today!**

**We need your help to have our VBS Camp Firelight ready! Please come out and help with all things VBS on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in May**

**9:30am - 11:30am in room 214**

**No experience needed! All are welcome!**

**Contact Susan Brown for more information.**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**May 12, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**MILESTONES MARKERS OF FAITH**



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**Welcome!**

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.  
✦ Rise in body or in spirit.

In the season of Eastertide, between Easter and Pentecost, we replace our Prayer of Confession with an Affirmation from Scripture that reminds us that our lives are different because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**7th SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Sunday, May 12, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

WELCOME Deacon Brian White

INVITATION TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Katie Beth Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 9:1-2, NRSV

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart.

We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you;**

**We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

✦ GATHERING HYMN 413 *Come Into God’s Presence*  
COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

✦ LITANY OF AFFIRMATION adapted from 1 John 4:7-21 (NIV)

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

**This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.**

**This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

**We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.**

**If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.**

**And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.**

We love because God first loved us.

**Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.**

Jesus has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

✦ GLORIA Hymn 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

✦ PEACE AND GREETING

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Wiles Chandler Ball, son of Chandler and Kristyn Ball

Elder Sponsor: Diane Dixon

✦ THE APOSTLES’ CREED Hymnal p. 35

BAPTISMAL HYMN 482 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,  
Faithfully now God’s praises we sing.***

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Our young disciples, ages 5k and under, are dismissed for Extended Worship.*

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 14:1-21 Pew Bible p. 267

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “A Wise Woman” Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray

✦ HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled* Haas  
Chancel Choir, Kathy Little and Richard Williamson, soloists

✦ DOXOLOGY 606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ SENDING HYMN 543 *God, be the Love to Search and Keep Me*  
GREEN TYLER

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Jordan

Please let our ushers know if you need directions to the nursery or to pick your child up from Extended Worship in Room 200.

The Lord’s Prayer can be found on page 35 in the Hymnal.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Wiles Chandler Ball by his family.