



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



July 2022

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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Preaching Schedule:

July 3 - Jane Els, communion

July 10 - Jimmy Chapman, Stated Session Meeting

July 17 - Jane Els

July 24 - Lessons and Hymns

July 31 - Tricia Clark

Did You Know...

As one element of local mission, our church provides space for two community women's Bible studies. The women from Morgan's Mercy Mansion along with their community sponsors meet on Monday afternoons in the Reid Building. Then on Wednesday mornings other area women meet. Both studies are led by Linda Suche with assistance from Sandra Stickland. Linda notes that all in all over 40 women attend and around 25 area churches are represented. She says our facility is the perfect space - not so big that voices get lost during discussion and large enough to seat those who attend. Women from First Presbyterian Church are invited to join as well.

New Member

We welcome new member Kathy Winn to our congregation. Kathy moved to Winnsboro from the Irving area where she was a teacher. She is now retired and came to Winnsboro to be near her daughter and grandkids. We are thrilled to have Kathy worshipping with us!



July 2022 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Sunday, July 3 (Proper 9)

Semicontinuous

2 Kings 5:1–14

Psalm 30

Galatians 6:[1–6] 7–16

Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

Complementary

Isaiah 66:10–14

Psalm 66:1–9

Galatians 6:[1–6] 7–16

Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

Sunday, July 10 (Proper 10)

Semicontinuous

Amos 7:7–17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1–14

Luke 10:25–37

Complementary

Deuteronomy 30:9–14

Psalm 25:1–10

Colossians 1:1–14

Luke 10:25–37

Sunday, July 17 (Proper 11)

Semicontinuous

Amos 8:1–12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15–28

Luke 10:38–42

Complementary

Genesis 18:1–10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15–28

Luke 10:38–42

Sunday, July 24 (Proper 12)

Semicontinuous

Hosea 1:2–10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19]

Luke 11:1–13

Complementary

Genesis 18:20–32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19]

Luke 11:1–13

Sunday, July 31 (Proper 13)

Semicontinuous

Hosea 11:1–11

Psalm 107:1–9, 43

Colossians 3:1–11

Luke 12:13–21

Complementary

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23

Psalm 49:1–12

Colossians 3:1–11

Luke 12:13–21

July birthdays & anniversaries:

(Please notify the office if I do not have your birthday)

12 LilyMae Holloman

23 Annv. Clark

24 Bob Simmons

31 Nathan Clark

Attendance:

May 29—13

June 5—17

June 12—15

June 19—11

June 26—9

July 3—13



Jane's Journey

I have had the most remarkable few weeks. First, I spent a couple of weeks traveling to London and Scotland to study Celtic Spirituality. Then I came home to re-pack and go to the General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky at the PCUSA headquarters. Because I can't begin to cover the full experience here in one page you can go to my blog to get more details and flavor. Just go to my website and there is a link to the blog called Jane's Journey. I haven't put anything up for a week but most of the Scotland trip posts are there. www.JaneEls.com

The gist of all of this was that I had a wonderful time and have never been more proud to be Presbyterian.

In the meantime, let me tell you about General Assembly. The church gathers once every two years to think about what we're doing and take actions to align ourselves with what we think God wants us to be doing. I learned a lot of new words and became comfortable with words I had heard before but had never seen in action. I saw them in action last week.

Basically here's how I understand the process to work: Folks can tell their Presbytery to send an **Overture** to the General Assembly to **do something**. It's usually changing their policy, like issuing a statement that they don't agree with a war or telling one of their agencies to do something different from what they've been doing to be more in line with what we think God wants the church to do **because the world is constantly changing all around us**.

And some of these overtures can get long and detailed because our church really is huge and we have a lot of really big agencies that are all over the world. At one point we had four overtures submitted to our committee that basically said the same thing and out of respect to them all we were trying to combine them into one tidy request that we could submit to the GA but we were dealing with these four documents that each had about five or six points, combining them without leaving out one point.

OK..... easy enough. Print it all out, get a highlighter and color code each bullet point. I've done this before. But wait! I was on the Environmental Justice Committee. We were all thinking the same thing: how do we ask for that much paper to be wasted doing a simple cut and paste job that we would then throw away? We had 40 people on the committee and would need a ream of paper, at least. I found myself thinking the Gender Equality Committee didn't have that same problem. By day's end a group of about five worked over dinner and their laptops and came back the next day with a concise document.

Then we only needed about four amendments to the original overture and sent it on its way to the Assembly to vote on when they meet online next week. Because of Covid, it wasn't like General Assemblies in the past when everything happened in person and only took a couple of weeks. But we stick to our motto, "*Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda*"The Church Reformed, Always Reforming.

July 2022

https://www.sigmaloc.com, Birthdays, Holidays in United States

Jul 2022 (Coordinated Universal Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Charlie England	27 Holly Clark-Peter HOLY BIRTHDAY 7pm - Bible Study	28	29 2pm - Bible Study	30	31	1
3	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7	8	9
10 Communion	11 7pm - Bible Study	12 Layla Hefroman	13	14	15	16
17 7pm - Bible Study	18	19	20	21	22 ANNY CLARK	23
24 Bobbie Simmons	25 Dress & Cream due 7pm - Bible Study	26	27	28	29	30
31 Helen Clark	1 John Clark 7pm - Bible Study	2	3 Brad DeWies H.P. Hooley 2pm - Bible Study	4	5	6 Rick Brennan