



# First Presbyterian Church

## The Cross and Crown



June 2023

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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### Preaching Schedule

**June 4 - Jane Els, communion**

**June 11 - Lessons and Hymns, family lunch (picnic) after worship**

**June 18 - Rev. Sam Steele, retired Presbyterian minister**

**June 25 - Rev. Holly Clark-Porter**

### Session Highlights

The Session met for their quarterly stated meeting on April 30. The following are some highlights from that meeting.

- Ronny Knight reported that the Building and Grounds committee has been busy. Dead trees have been removed, trees have been trimmed, and the AC unit has had some repairs. The office porch posts as well as gazebo are in need of repair. Of course, the budget has taken a hit with all this needed maintenance.

- A few new names of possible occasional pulpit supply have been made known to us, one of whom will be filling the pulpit in June when Jane is on vacation.

- The PNC reported that they have hit a wall in the search for an installed pastor. After discussion, the session voted to call a congregational meeting for July 30 to end the search for installed pastor and dismiss the PNC with gratitude and thanks for their service. Other options on how

to go from this point were discussed noting that for the time being, we will continue as we have been.

- Tricia Clark announced that she needs to take a sabbatical for a while beginning August 1. The church will be looking for someone to play the piano/organ as well as someone to fill in as Clerk of Session.

As always, full minutes and financial reports are available for any member who wishes to review them. Call the church office, Tricia Clark, or Ronny Knight.

### Notice of Congregational Meeting

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## Lunch

The next Fellowship Lunch will be after church on June 11. We will eat outside if the weather is nice! I'll bring sandwiches and a dessert, so think about bringing easy side dishes and chips and dips. I hope the weather cooperates, but we will have a good time inside or out!

### Attendance:

April 30—10

May 7—11

May 14—10

May 21—13

### June birthdays & anniversaries:

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

**11 Sean Drennan**

**20 Della White**

**26 Charlie England**

**27 Holly Clark-Porter**

## June 2023 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

### Trinity Sunday—June 4

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Matthew 28:16–20

### Sunday, June 11 (Proper 5)

Semicontinuous

Genesis 12:1–9

Psalms 33:1–12

Romans 4:13–25

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Complementary

Hosea 5:15–6:6

Psalms 50:7–15

Romans 4:13–25

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

### Sunday, June 18 (Proper 6)

Semicontinuous

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7)

Psalms 116:1–2, 12–19

Romans 5:1–8

Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

Complementary

Exodus 19:2–8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1–8

Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

### Sunday, June 25 (Proper 7)

Semicontinuous

Genesis 21:8–21

Psalms 86:1–10, 16–17

Romans 6:1b–11

Matthew 10:24–39

Complementary

Jeremiah 20:7–13

Psalms 69:7–10 [11–15] 16–18

Romans 6:1b–11

Matthew 10:24–39



## Jane's Journey

Pentecost is coming and we will learn how the Holy Spirit moved to enable a bumbling bunch of disciples to become the dynamic apostles who built the ministry of Christ into a movement that became worldwide. How did they do this? Person by person.

A few years ago there was some sort of environmental emergency near Autumn Winds Senior Living Center that caused them to evacuate the center to a couple of the big churches here in town. Sandy called me to say they might need some help so I went to one of the places they had sent residents. On the way out the door I changed into the red t-shirt our church had printed to wear on Pentecost. I wanted to represent our congregation and be visible. I spent some time making sure that the four members of our church were connected with their family. All of our members living at Autumn Winds went to stay with their children for the night. Gradually, the evacuation center began emptying out but there were a few residents who either had no family or their family lived out of town. And those folks were waiting for a van to take them to a hotel for the night.

I decided to stay because the people who were left needed someone to visit with them. Eventually one woman came up to me and asked if I was from a church. I could tell she had seen my shirt and already knew the answer. We started talking and she told me she was waiting for the van to take her to the hotel. By wearing our church's t-shirt, I represented not only Christ but church family to people who had none. Linda and I have been friends ever since.

I'm sure most members of our church have people in their lives to whom we bring Christ when those people have no one else. I know I'm not the only one. And wearing a t-shirt isn't the only way. But it is a quick way to introduce ourselves. Just like yard signs and Facebook, we have many ways to tell people what is "inside" our building for people to know without actually walking inside.

And maybe the goal isn't so much getting people to come inside and worship with us (though that would be nice); maybe the goal would be to spread the love of Christ to everyone. To let people know that God loves them no matter who they are, no matter how they dress, what they look like, who they love, or how they vote.

# June

First Presbyterian, Birthdays, Holidays in United States

Jun 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Day of Pentecost	29 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	30	31 9am - Bible study-last	1 First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride	2	3 12pm - Al-Anon
4 Communion	5 2pm - Bible Study	6	7 Jane on vacation			10 12pm - Al-Anon
11 Jane on vacation Lunch/picnic Sean Drennan	12 2pm - Bible Study	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 Tina on vacation 12pm - Al-Anon	
18 Tina on vacation Jane on vacation Father's Day	19 Juneteenth 2pm - Bible Study	20 Della White	21	22	23	24 11am - Annie Dunn 12pm - Al-Anon
25 Tina on vacation	26 Charlie England Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study	27 Holly Clark-Porter	28 9am - Bible Studt	29	30	1 12pm - Al-Anon