



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



September 2023

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast

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Preaching Schedule:

3rd - Jane and communion
10th - lessons & hymns
17th - Jane
24th - Elder preach

Session Highlights

The following are highlights from the July 30 Stated Session Meeting.

- Scheduled a congregational meeting for October 22 to elect officers for the class of 2026. The decision was made to skip the step of electing a nominating committee due to the fact that we have become so small in membership/attendance. Nominations will be taken from the floor to fill at least 2 and up to 3 positions on the Session and one position for Trustee. Moderator Jimmy Chapman encouraged us to be sure that there are people who are willing to be nominated and step into these roles. (Ronny and Alice will be rolling off Session and Beaven Els off Trustee.)

- Storm damage has been accessed by the insurance company and we are waiting for their check and for construction workers to become available. Meanwhile, tarps are in place and we are okay for now. Broken trees were removed and limbs and brush has been gathered and awaiting removal by the city.

- Patricia Fields has taken on the full job of providing for worship in Tricia's absence. Patricia is a long-standing member of the worship committee and has continued to serve on this committee even after rolling off of Session last year. She and Sandy Corder will provide for

music during worship.

- The church office printer died and the copier has become obsolete because parts are no longer available. Therefore, a new (used/like new) copier/printer is in the office.
- In the congregational meeting on July 30, the search for an installed pastor was terminated and the PNC was dismissed with gratitude and thanks for their service.

Notice of Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been called for October 22 following worship to elect church officers for the class of 2024. Nominations will be taken from the floor for at least 2 and up to 3 positions for Session. If you wish to nominate someone, please confirm in advance of the meeting with that person if they are willing to serve.

(Please see the first bullet in Session Highlights for explanation about forgoing the nominating committee.)

Note from Tricia:

Dear Church Family,

You certainly surprised me with the generous plant basket with so many gift card "blooms!" Thank you for your sweet expression of love. I am grateful for the love we share as a church family.

For anyone who does not know, I am taking a sabbatical from my duties at the church. I have burned out and in order to step away without taking some of them back on, I will be worshiping in various other places (hopefully with my kids now and then) for a while. I love this church and her people and this has been a hard decision that I have contemplated for over a year, but I have gotten to the point of not being able to worship any more. Thus, the decision to take a break. I will come worship with you occasionally and continue my job as Clerk of Session through the end of the year. I don't know where my path will take me in the next months, but I trust God to lead me.

I love you all!

Tricia

Attendance:

July 30—12

August 6—10

August 13—12

August 20—10

September birthdays &

anniversaries:

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

8 Carolyn Hylton

26 Katelyn Drennan

September 2023 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Sunday, September 3 (Proper 17)

Semicontinuous

Exodus 3:1–15

Psalms 105:1–6, 23–26, 45b

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28

Complementary

Jeremiah 15:15–21

Psalms 26:1–8

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28

Sunday, September 10 (Proper 18)

Semicontinuous

Exodus 12:1–14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8–14

Matthew 18:15–20

Complementary

Ezekiel 33:7–11

Psalms 119:33–40

Romans 13:8–14

Matthew 18:15–20

Sunday, September 17 (Proper 19)

Semicontinuous

Exodus 14:19–31

Psalms 114 or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21

Romans 14:1–12

Matthew 18:21–35

Complementary

Genesis 50:15–21

Psalms 103:[1–7] 8–13

Romans 14:1–12

Matthew 18:21–35

Sunday, September 24 (Proper 20)

Semicontinuous

Exodus 16:2–15

Psalms 105:1–6, 37–45

Philippians 1:21–30

Matthew 20:1–16

Complementary

Jonah 3:10–4:11

Psalms 145:1–8

Philippians 1:21–30

Matthew 20:1–16



Jane's Journey

I didn't go through a Confirmation Class when I was a kid. Instead, my theological education consisted of my Daddy leaving a copy of the Westminster Shorter Catechism laying on the coffee table in the den. He knew I was a curious person and would pick it up soon enough and I did. I read through it several times but the only part of it I really remember was the first question, "What is the chief end of man?" Most people who were raised Presbyterians can answer that one immediately. "To glorify God and enjoy God forever."

For some reason that question popped into my head a few weeks ago. It's one of the most basic questions in life.

What are we here for? Why am I here? What am I supposed to be doing? According to the Westminster Catechism, I'm supposed to be glorifying God and enjoying God. And spending the rest of my life doing it. Short and sweet. Pretty simple.

Everything I do is supposed to be geared for that one simple goal: Glorifying God and Enjoying God. All my life long. No more and no less. In everything I do.

It's not a negative task. Just enjoy your life and glorify God while you are doing it.

It's up to each of us to figure out how we best glorify God. Some of us do it by singing. Some with cooking or writing or being a good friend. Glorifying God comes in reflecting something of God that lies within us back into the world and magnifying it while we do that.

One of the most awesome sights I ever saw in my life was a teen-aged boy running full speed down the hall in a dorm at summer camp and just as he got to the end of the hall he jumped up and flung his body in the air to crash against the wall. I have no idea why he did this. But the athleticism he showed with his body I think reflected back the glory of God.

Everything good we have comes from God and we give it out of God's hand and to God's glory. Let's enjoy ourselves every time we do that. Forever.

*A note from Dan Goad
(Occasional pianist/organist)*

Please let the church family know they ARE making a difference! A friend in Pittsburg has family in Hawaii, two nephews on Maui alone. She told them the church offered prayers and also collected a contribution to help them. The word is spreading on Maui--they know the Presbyterian Church in Winnsboro cares!!

September

First Presbyterian, Birthdays, Holidays in United States

Sep 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 2pm - Bible Study	29	30	31	1	2 12pm - Al-Anon
3 Communion	4 Labor Day Office closed	5	6	7	8 Carolyn Hyton	9 12pm - Al-Anon
10	11 2pm - Bible Study	12	13 9am - Bible Study	14	15 First Day of Hispanic	16 12pm - Al-Anon
17	18 2pm - Bible Study	19	20 9am - Bible Study	21	22	23 Presbytery, Preston 12pm - Al-Anon
24	25 Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study	26 Katelyn Drennan	27 9am - Bible Study	28	29	30 12pm - Al-Anon