



# First Presbyterian Church

## The Cross and Crown



June 2024

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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**Pulpit supply for June:**

**June 2nd- Jane Els, communion**  
**June 9th - John Coleman**  
**June 16th - Jane Els**  
**June 23rd - John Coleman**  
**June 30th- Adler and Hearne Worship in Song**

**Session Highlights**

The Session met on April 28. The following are highlights from that meeting.

- We discussed the fact that our two oldest minutes/records books are falling apart. It was agreed that they should be stored at the Presbyterian Historical Society at no cost to us where they are able to keep them safe. We do already have a digital copy of these records. Tricia will take care of sending them. [Tricia's note: Perhaps we can put them on display at the next church lunch for all to view them.]
- We discussed several new items from Presbytery that we will be required to take care of. - Officers (session members) and pastors are required to participate in "Boundary Training."; The possible need to update our child protection policy; The need to discuss how our congregation addresses racism; The fact that our current insurance company is pulling out of Texas.
- Directed the Reid Committee to make an appropriate donation to Camp Gilmont for their fundraising campaign.
- The building and grounds committee asked the session to consider selling the current office building along with the lot just south of it. This would lighten our budget considerably. The session gave John Clark permission to find out the particulars as to making that sale. To sell property would be a decision to be voted on by the congregation probably on July 14 when Jimmy Chapman is here for the next session meeting. Until then, the congregation will be updated as plans are made.
- The Reid Foundation has set up an endowment for art camp scholarships for the Winnsboro Center for the Arts.
- The worship committee expressed gratitude that we have a regular preaching schedule with Jane Els on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and John Coleman on the 2nd and 4th. The Session expressed

gratitude to Patricia Fields, Sandy Corder, and Slade Weaver for their musical leadership during worship.

- The inreach/outreach committee noted that we have participated in One Great Hour of Sharing, took donations for the Noisy Offering, and made donations to local charities. Kathy is continuing to plan fellowship lunches after church.
- The next stated session meeting will be July 14.

## June 2024 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

### Sunday, June 2 (Proper 4)

#### Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

Mark 2:23–3:6

#### Complementary

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

Psalm 81:1–10

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

Mark 2:23–3:6

### Sunday, June 9 (Proper 5)

#### Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15)

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Mark 3:20–35

#### Complementary

Genesis 3:8–15

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Mark 3:20–35

### Sunday, June 16 (Proper 6)

#### Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17

Mark 4:26–34

#### Complementary

Ezekiel 17:22–24

Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15

2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17

Mark 4:26–34

### Sunday, June 23 (Proper 7)

#### Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23) 32–49

Psalm 9:9–20

or 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10–16

Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

Mark 4:35–41

#### Complementary

Job 38:1–11

Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

Mark 4:35–41

### Sunday, June 30 (Proper 8)

#### Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Mark 5:21–43

#### Complementary

Lamentations 3:22–33

Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Mark 5:21–43

Mary Ruth Darnell (Dan Wilson's Mother-in-law) passed away on March 26. I cannot find an obituary. Her ashes were buried during a graveside service.



# Jane's Journey

On Pentecost I started my sermon by saying the scriptures had provided a lot of wisdom for us to think about. And that every one of the three scripture passages that day had something we could ponder. I even used the Romans passage in the prayers of intercession. What I forgot to mention is that there was so much I had to cut out part of it, otherwise we would have gone too long.

I forgot to remind us all that the Holy Spirit is everywhere. The Holy Spirit dwells in our bodies, in our lungs. The moment we take our first breath, the Holy Spirit enters our body and inhabits us until our death.

The Holy Spirit is in the very air that we breathe.

One of the saddest casualties of the Covid pandemic was when churches had to close their doors and stop worshipping in large gatherings. This meant that a lot of places stopped offering Holy Communion. Some churches provided it through "Drive-By" options where you could come to the church and get communion in your car from a masked pastor through your open car window. Some churches offered a Zoom option where you used the bread and juice from your own kitchen blessed over the internet prayers. Either option was an acceptable one but most people still found it wasn't their preferred way to connect to God or each other. Even through earnest prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit people didn't get the same **feeling** they usually got in community.

Coincidentally, during the Covid pandemic one of the biggest hobbies to develop was baking. And the bread most often baked during this time was sour dough bread.

Now, all bread has yeast but sour dough's claim to fame is that their yeast is **natural**: it comes from collecting the yeast that hovers over us in the air we breathe. You might say it's provided for us by the Holy Spirit.

Unwittingly, after being denied the community of believers through a worship service, some of God's people had begun to crave and then bake for themselves, bread that was filled with God's Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit of God is everywhere. It's as close to us as the air inside your lungs. God will find a way to connect to us. Every day can be Pentecost. All we have to do is be aware.

## June BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES

20 Della White  
27 Holly Clark-Porter

## ATTENDANCE:

April 28—6  
May 5—13  
May 12—10  
May 19—11

# June

Calendar for June 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27 Memorial Day Office closed	28	29 9am - Bible study	30	31	1 First Day of LGBTQ+ 12pm - Al-Anon
2 Communion	3 2pm - Bible Study	4	5	6	7	8 12pm - Al-Anon
9	10 2pm - Bible Study	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 12pm - Al-Anon
16 Father's Day	17 Tina's vacation 2pm - Bible Study	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Dads' White	21	22 12pm - Al-Anon
23	24 Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study	25	26	27 Holy Clark-Power	28	29 12pm - Al-Anon
30	1 2pm - Bible Study	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 12pm - Al-Anon