



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



July 2024

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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Pulpit for July:

July 7th - Jane Els, communion

July 14th - Jimmy Chapman, session meeting

July 21st - Jane Els

July 28th - John Coleman

Session news

The Session has called a congregational (corporation) meeting for July 14, 2024, immediately after worship in order to vote on selling the property at 301 S. Walnut, currently known as the office building, as well as the lot to the south of the office when an acceptable agreement has been made with Grace Presbytery and to authorize the trustees (John Clark, Sandra Corder, Ronny Knight) to proceed with the sale. You may contact John Clark for any questions concerning this proposal.

**July
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES**

12 LilyMae Holloman

23 Annv. Clark

24 Bob Simmons

ATTENDANCE:

May 26—12

June 2—9

June 9—11

June 16—9

June 23—9

July 2024 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Sunday, July 7 (Proper 9)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Mark 6:1–13

Complementary

Ezekiel 2:1–5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Mark 6:1–13

Sunday, July 14 (Proper 10)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19

Psalms 24

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29

Complementary

Amos 7:7–15

Psalms 85:8–13

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29

Sunday, July 21 (Proper 11)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 7:1–14a

Psalms 89:20–37

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Complementary

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Sunday, July 28 (Proper 12)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 11:1–15

Psalms 14

Ephesians 3:14–21

John 6:1–21

Complementary

2 Kings 4:42–44

Psalms 145:10–18

Ephesians 3:14–21

John 6:1–21



Jane's Journey

First, I would like to thank everyone for all their prayers for Beaven's heart procedure. He came through with flying colors. The doctor didn't want him to drive for a while and that's why he wasn't in church. But he feels great.

I had a really busy day the other day with my various flocks. When I called for intercessory prayer during worship, the list just seemed really busy at both Paris and Deport. One of the Deport folks was in a motorcycle accident in Arkansas and is having to stay there for a while. Then, when I got home I got word that my cousin was in the hospital in Dallas.

It's just hard to minister to people when you are in one place and they are in another city. One church veteran reminded me that I can reach out to the Arkansas presbytery to find pastoral support for the couple in the hospital there. Right now they are so exhausted (and new to the ways of the church) that this would feel uncomfortable to them so they took a rain check on that option for the time being.

I found myself wondering how on earth can I minister to people "by remote control"?

Prayer.

It's such an obvious and simple answer that it seems almost too easy. Almost like it's not doing "enough." Yet, sometimes it's our only option. When the need is too overwhelming or too complicated, too messy, too personal, too everything. When we need to talk to the Creator of us all, who is the only one who could possibly understand the situation—prayer is the best option. When we need the One who can move mountains and do miracles—prayer is the only option. When humans can't solve a problem—prayer is the only option. And most times prayer is the best option. Because God will always know the best solution to any situation. God really is better at this than we are. Prayer should be our first, second and all in between options.

July

First Presbyterian, Birthdays, Holidays in United States Jul 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 2pm - Bible Study	2	3 9am - Bible study	4 Independence Day Office closed	5	6 12pm - Al-Anon
7 Communion	8 2pm - Bible Study	9	10 9am - Bible study	11	12 12:30pm Fellowship	13 12pm - Al-Anon
14 Congregation meeting Session	15 2pm - Bible Study	16	17 9am - Bible study	18	19	20 12pm - Al-Anon
21	22 Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study	23 Anny Clark	24 Bob Simmons 9am - Bible study	25	26	27 12pm - Al-Anon
28	29 2pm - Bible Study	30	31 9am - Bible study	1 John Clark	2	3 12pm - Al-Anon