



# First Presbyterian Church

## The Cross and Crown



June 2025

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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**Pulpit supply for June:**

June 1st - Jane Els

June 8th - John Coleman

June 15th - Jane Els

June 22nd - John Coleman

June 29th - John Coleman

**Session Highlights:**

Our Session meeting was joyful as we were able to approve and welcome Bryanna and Tyler into our membership. What a wonderful way to start a meeting! As if that couldn't be topped, we then were able to approve and schedule the baptism of their son Larry.

The couple and Larry were welcomed into the church and the baptism performed just a couple of weeks later.

Jane then ushered us through the usual reports with little fanfare, and we moved on to regular business:

We authorized the annual audit, set the dates for the fellowship lunch, decided on a boundary training vendor (free from the Presbytery), approved an anti-racism policy, approved a building use request, decided on minutes storage, approved work for an anti-harassment policy and finished the meeting

with a discussion about another of our favorite families – the Holloman family.

The session approved two motions – for Jane to hold a special confirmation class for the girls after they attended Camp Gilmont. The Reid Foundation was able to offer the girls a scholarship for the camp itself. These actions will allow our church to help the girls prepare for membership in the Presbyterian faith.

We then set the date (July 6) for the next meeting and concluded the session meeting, as always, with prayer.

**JUNE  
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES**  
12- Kathy Winn  
20- Della White

**ATTENDANCE:**

April 27—15

May 4—15

May 11-16

May 18—21

May 25—18



## **Jane's Journey**

**June is when the wheat ripens. I pass several wheat fields on my way to Paris every other Sunday morning as I did a couple of days ago. Yesterday the field was ready to harvest so I pulled over to take a few stalks to use for decoration in the chancel. They never last long, only a couple of weeks, before the fragile binding gives way and everything falls apart. Wheat is not meant to be a permanent decoration; it's intended to be harvested and consumed. God designed it that way.**

**As I stood to give thanks for the harvest I was struck by the sight of the blue sky above and the bright yellow field below: the exact picture of the flag of Ukraine, the country who has always been the world's largest wheat producer. So, in addition to thanking God for my tiny harvest of a handful of wheat stalks the farmer won't miss, I prayed for the people of Ukraine. Then I prayed for the people caught up in the war in the Middle East and the innocent children in the Gaza strip. I could have stood there all morning until I realized I had a schedule to attend to. I needed to get back on the road to preach in Paris.**

**I've long been fascinated by the idea of taking the sacrament to its most elemental level of one grape and three grains of wheat. After all, the meal was only a symbol of Christ's body, of his sacrifice, a method of remembering him. But, wow, what a powerful way to remember him! I've always thought it clever of him to pick something we do three times a day as a method of remembering him. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians he claims that Jesus said, "Do this as often as you eat it in remembrance of me." (I Corinthians 11:25) I understand this to mean that we should remember Christ every time we eat. With every slice of bread, every hamburger bun, taco shell, croissant, or chip.**

**Over the next month we might pass wheat fields and we can remember the wheat Jesus used to help us remember his great love for us. Such great love that he was willing to die for us. If you happen to glimpse a golden crop standing under a blue sky, think of an innocent population who provide the world's most staple crop in the midst of war. Or maybe you could use the quiet ride in the country to just remember the innocent earth God gave us to be stewards over and pray that we are up to the job. Amen.**

## June Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays

Sunday, June 1

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16–34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

John 17:20–26

Sunday, June 8

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1–21 or Genesis 11:1–9

Psalms 104:24–34, 35b

Romans 8:14–17 or Acts 2:1–21

John 14:8–17 [25–27]

Sunday, June 15

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1–5

John 16:12–15

Sunday, June 22 (Proper 7)

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 19:1–4 [5–7] 8–15a

Psalms 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

Complementary

Isaiah 65:1–9

Psalms 22:19–28

Galatians 3:23–29

Luke 8:26–39

Sunday, June 29 (Proper 8)

Semicontinuous

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

Psalms 77:1–2, 11–20

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Complementary

1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21

Psalms 16

Galatians 5:1, 13

# June

First Presbyterian, Holidays in United States

Jun 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 2pm - Bible Study	3	4	5	6	7 12pm - Al-Anon
8 Pentecost	9 2pm - Bible Study	10	11	12 Kathy Winn	13	14 COM meeting 9-12:30 Flag Day Tina's on vacation 12pm - Al-Anon
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Tina's on vacation						
Father's Day Trinity Sunday	2pm - Bible Study			Juneteenth	Della White	12pm - Al-Anon
22	23 Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study	24	25	26	27	28 12pm - Al-Anon
29	30 2pm - Bible Study	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 12pm - Al-Anon