



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



July 2025

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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Pulpit supply for July:

July 6th - Jane Els
July 13th - John Coleman
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July Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays

Sunday, July 6 (Proper 9)

Semicontinuous

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Complementary

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 13 (Proper 10)

Semicontinuous

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Complementary

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 20 (Proper 11)

Semicontinuous

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Complementary

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 27 (Proper 12)

Semicontinuous

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

Complementary

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

**July
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES**

12—LilyMae Holloman
23—Clark (Annv.)
24—Bob Simmons
Aug. 1—John Clark

ATTENDANCE:

June 1—11
June 8—12
June 15—15
June 22—15



Jane's Journey

On my faith journey of well-over 70 years I have encountered many great resources.

Most of my best resources were the people God placed in my path along the road.

But some were published. The first written one was the classic Westminster Catechism. My father, being a wise man and knowing I was a curious child, simply left a copy of the shorter version on the coffee table in the den and waited, much like the fisher does with tasty bait and a prize fish. I didn't pour over the whole thing or aspire to become a pastor on the spot but I did read the first line and it stuck with me: "What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and enjoy God forever."

We have come a long way since that time and I have now been privileged to not only see the latest version of how we educate ourselves on what Presbyterians believe but with the most current technology. I was on a Zoom call last week with the monthly Small Church Gathering hosted by Grace Presbytery. And their guest that night was Miatta Wilson, the PCUSA Director of Christian Formation who spent almost an hour showing us educational resources that are available online. One such resource is probably the easiest to understand while being theologically correct and **CONCISE** (!).....while giving scripture to back it all up.

I can happily endorse this resource and with pride because I know both Miatta and the guy who wrote the document, John Williams, the Chaplain at Austin College. Some of you may also know John. I believe he may have preached here before.

The link is below. If you have any trouble, I have printed out a couple of copies of the document that I can loan you. Or you can go to the PCUSA website and look for resources and then search for this by name, "Why Presbyterians Are Like That" There are two versions: one directed for college age and one for adults. The document is 133 pages. I suggest printing on two sides of the paper.

[https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/Why Presbyterians Are Like That FINAL-1 0.pdf](https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/Why_Presbyterians_Are_Like_That_FINAL-1_0.pdf)

July

| First Presbyterian, Holidays in United States | | | | | | | Jul 2025 (Central Time - Chicago) | |
|---|-------------------------|-----|--|-------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | | |
| 29 | 30 2pm - Bible Study | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 12pm - Al-Anon | | |
| 6 Communion Session meeting | 7 2pm - Bible Study | 8 | 9 9am - Bible study | 10 | 11 | 12 Lily Mae Holloman 12pm - Al-Anon | | |
| 13 | 14 2pm - Bible Study | 15 | 16 9am - Bible study | 17 | 18 | 19 12pm - Al-Anon | | |
| 20 | 21 2pm - Bible Study | 22 | 23 Annv. Clark 9am - Bible study | 24 Bob Simmons | 25 | 26 12pm - Al-Anon | | |
| 27 | 28 2pm - Bible Study | 29 | 30 9am - Bible study | 31 | 1 John Clark | 2 12pm - Al-Anon | | |