### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

## JANUARY 2021

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## THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone! I pray that this will be a year of healing. A year that people will be able to get back to work, and a year that our children will be able to get back in school. Romans 13:1 says, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God". God has a purpose and a plan and will use any means that He chooses to accomplish his perfect will. Spoiler alert... I read Revelation and Satan loses. So even if your guy did or did not win, God is still in control. Nothing takes God by surprise. I will add one caveat and that is that we as Christians are to obey God first. There is no man-made law or precept that trumps God's law.

LOVE MUST BE SINCERE HATE WHAT IS EVIL CLING TO WHAT IS GOOD ROMANS 12:9 Let us join together as Christians and work to further the kingdom of God. Paul gives us the template to follow as true Christians in Romans 12:9-13, "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."

Let us lead by example. We can be that shining city on the hill. A positive outlook on life will carry you even when things are not going so well. A negative attitude will push people away and isolate you. It is a new year. So, use the time that God gives us to do good and bless one another. Pray for patience in dealing with difficult people. Display empathy for them, especially the elderly and the infirmed. We may be there ourselves one day.

> May God bless you all. Dennis

# JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Τυε	WED	Тни	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>New Years Day</b> <u>B-day</u> : Ella Burke Huizinga	2 <u>B-day</u> : Jonathan Cannon
3 <u>Worship</u> : 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>B-day</u> : Olivia Rose Huizinga <u>Anniv</u> : Billy & Ruth	4 <u><b>B-day</b></u> : Carolyn Tipton	5	6 <b>Day of Epiphany</b> <u><b>B-day</b></u> : Kristy Atkins (Keasler)	7	8 <u>B-day</u> : Isaac Cannon	9 <u>B-day</u> : Marcie Elizabeth Coddington
Symon 10 <u>Diaconate Meeting</u> <u>Worship</u> : 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Congregational</u> <u>Meeting</u>	11	12 <u>Session Meeting</u> : 9am <u>WM Council</u> <u>Meeting</u> : 5pm	13	14	15	16
17 <u>Worship</u> : 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Deacon Installation</u>	18 <u>Martin Luther King, Jr.</u> <u>Holiday</u> <u>B-day</u> : Edith Gill	19	20	21	22	23
24 <u>Worship</u> : 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Congregational</u> <u>Meeting</u>	25	26	27	28 <u>B-day</u> : Will Huizinga <u>B-day</u> : Ozzy Resto	29	30
31 <u>Worship</u> : 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Deacons Fund</u> <u>Offering</u> <u>B-day</u> : Hettie Wright						

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH**: Glenn Basinger and Mike Cork.

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Melanie Evans

**RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS**: Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.

<u>2020</u>	NOVEMBER	2020 YTD	
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 10,470.00	\$ 92,080.86	
Gen. Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 6,152.72</u>	<u>\$ 79,117.40</u>	
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 4,317.28	\$ 12,963.46	
<u>2019</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	2019 YTD	
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 7,802.00	\$ 86,884.44	
Gen. Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 10,827.00</u>	<u>\$ 105,491.29</u>	
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (3,025.00)	\$ (18,606.85)	

#### JANUARY EVENTS

#### Sunday, January 10

- Deacon Meeting.
- Communion.
- Congregational Meeting, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of electing Deacons for the Class of 2021-2023 and to present the 2021 budget.

#### Tuesday, January 12

- Session Meeting, 9:00 am.
- Women's Ministry Council Meeting, 5:00 pm.

#### Sunday, January 17

Installation of Deacons for the Class of 2021-2023.

#### Sunday, January 24

 Congregational Meeting, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of starting the process of forming a Pulpit Committee.

#### Sunday, January 31

 Deacon Fund Special Offering. This offering is collected each 5th Sunday of the month and is used to help those from our church and in the community who are in need.

#### 2021 Pulpit Supply

Doug McNutt will be our Stated Pulpit Supply Minister for January 1 to December 31, 2021. During this year, Doug will fill the pulpit, provide unlimited phone counseling, perform visitation as needed, and will lead four (6-8 week series) Bible studies to be held on Sunday nights.

HE COMFORTS US IN ALL OUR TROUBLES SO THAT WE CAN COMFORT OTHERS. WHEN THEY ARE TROUBLED, WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM THE SAME COMFORT GOD HAS GIVEN US. 2 CORINTHIANS 1:4

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY 2021 MONTHLY FOOD MINISTRY LEADERS

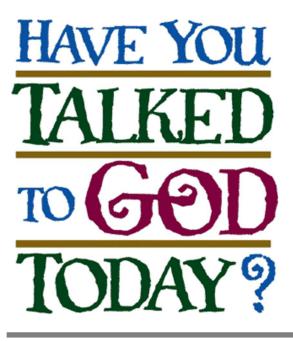
When someone within our church family has a crisis such as an illness or surgery, family death or new birth, the Food Ministry Leader will coordinate meals to help support the family during their time of need.

If you are willing to serve in this ministry of the church, please contact the church office .

Thank you for your show of love and support to our church family.

January	Melanie Evans		
February	Joyce Huizinga		
March	Eloise Harris		
April	Melissa Weltin		
May	Karen Davidson		
June	Melanie Evans		
July	Ann Resto		
August	(open slot)		
September	(open slot)		
October	Nadine Coddington		
November	(open slot)		
December	(open slot)		

Leader Duties: The leader will reach out to the family and determine the number of meals needed, the number of people to be served, the dates and times for meal delivery, and any food preferences or special dietary needs that should be taken in consideration. The Leader will then coordinate with the church members to provide meals for the family.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart Andy & Bev Warren Doug McNutt Aaron & Leticia Zapata Chaplain Ministry Jimmy & Nadia Dukes Beth Acton Joy Ayabe Clete Hux Jonah & Jennifer General Support Mission to the World — Japan Mission to the World — Ethiopia Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa Evangelist Mission to North America — Mexico Mission to North America Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

# HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Allinder, Ike Allinder, Kate Bazuin, Caiden Beale, Amy Beeler, Peggy Belcher, Samuel Brantley, Maggie Brooker, Chrissy Brooker, Jan Bryant, Jessica Burkett, Holly Busby, Rhae Bynum, Linda Coker, Jean Craig, Noah Curry, Walter Dale, Kelly Daughtery, Jody Davidson, Karen DeWitt, Robert Duncan, Conner Dunning, Norbourne Dyer, Doug Eshee, Judy Finley, Betty Glass, Carol Hart. Sarah Elizabeth Haubert, Chloe Belle Hayes, Betsy Hocker, Jeannie Hogg, lan Hoggle, Judy Hooks, Chesnee Husbands, Jennie Hux, Karen Ivy, Kendall Jennifer (Missionary) Keasler, Jo Anne Kelly, Dale Lane, Barbara Leascher, Chad Lewis, Kathy Ligon, Brandon Lockett, Joanne Mackin, Jimmy McCraw, Beverly McIntier, Jodie Morgan, Laura Mutisya, Cecilia Parr, Higley Plummer, Kaegan Reynolds, Christy Sakon, Ethan Sall, Terry

Sharp, Chris Sims, Anna Katherine Sims, Sarah Spree, Thed Taylor, Marie TenHaaf, WM Thornton, Alaina VanderMolen, Popko Witherspoon, Mary Stewart Womble, Caleb Wright, Hettie



#### **OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**

Cancer: Jody Daugherty Luke (Jonah's son) Scott Kirkpatrick Maggie Brantley Jimmy Mackin

Illness: Ian Hogg Laura Morgan Neal Bules David Headley

#### Special Needs:

Liz Bond Sarah Elizabeth Hart William R. Horton The Hutton Family

#### Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick Sam Brasfield Steven Mackin Victor Resto Joseph Wilson Josh Tyson Blake Ivy

Expectant Mothers: Kristen Resto

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.