

# First Presbyterian Press

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*“Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me”.*  
(Matthew 28:10)

*“The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again”.* (Luke 24:7)

*“Woman, why are you crying, who is it you are looking for?”* (John 20:15)

If you have a Bible with Jesus' words in red, you will notice that the first words of Jesus after his resurrection are the ones mentioned above in the Gospel of Matthew, Luke, and John. It is very interesting to me that Jesus' words are very comforting and encouraging.

I believe the main message of Easter is to encourage you to keep going forward. Life happens. A loved one is very sick. A friend is going through a hard time. Is this all there is, you wonder in the middle of the night when you can't sleep.

Yet Jesus' words after his resurrection are always encouraging us:

*Do not be afraid, keep going.*

*Why are you crying? I am here with you.*

*I will always be with you.*

*You are my Easter child.*

*I love you so much.*

That is the resurrected Jesus for you and me. Let us be nourished and sustained by the first words of the resurrected Jesus. Let us keep going forward together as the brothers and sisters of First Presbyterian Church. Let us keep being good neighbors in this beautiful city of Goldsboro as Easter people.

Happy Easter each day of the month of April! Felices Pascuas!

Sincerely, In Christ,

Pastor Noé Juarez

## Officer Duties

	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Co-Deacons</b>
Apr. 7	Susan Stackhouse	John Fidler	Charles York
Apr. 14	Charlie Rouse	Brownie Doss	Jordan Krutsch
Apr. 21	Toby Brown	Hettie Grisette	John Fidler
Apr. 28	Jason Blackburn	Jordan Krutsch	Hettie Grisette



### For the month of April 2024

Richard Amoako, Al Grisette, Doug Urland

### Back door Monitors

Apr. 7	Carol Branch
Apr. 14	Charlie Rouse
Apr. 21	Sally Bardin
Apr. 28	Evelyn Rose

### April 7<sup>th</sup> Communion Servers

Sonny Wooten, Sally Bardin, John Walston

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/1stpreskids/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@firstp>

## Christian Education April 2024 Events

# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Out	2 Lily Spicer	3 Bible Study 5:30pm	4	5	6
7 Young Presbyterians 2-3:30pm	8  Out	9	10 Bible Study 5:30pm	11	12	13
14	15 Josie and Revel Wilder	16	17 Bible Study 5:30pm	18 Shepherd Sensabaugh	19	20
21 Young Presbyterians 2-3:30pm	22  Out	23	24 Bible Study 5:30pm	25 Lilly Eason	26	27
28	29  Out	30				

April 3, Bible Study: God sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden.

April 7, Young Presbyterians: Sin spreads like a disease.

April 10, Bible Study: God makes a promise.

April 17, Bible Study: God keeps his promise.

April 21, Young Presbyterians: The Ten Commandments of God.

April 24, Bible Study: Breaking one law breaks the whole law.



## *April Birthdays!*



2 Lily Ann Spicer	21 Mrs. Chris Martin
3 Mr. Eddy Redondo	21 Mr. Jim Daniels, Jr.
6 Mrs. Carmen McCall	21 Dr. Bud Fidler
6 Mr. Dillion Wooten Jr.	22 Mr. Jordan Krutsch
7 Mr. Neal Benton, Sr.	23 Mr. John Till, III
7 Worth Haithcock, III	23 Mr. Toby Brown
10 Mr. Ed. Hoeper	24 Mr. Bruce Malpass
12 Kate Hunter	25 Lilly Eason
14 Mr. Charlie Dees	26 Mrs. Jennifer Wilder
15 Josie Wilder	27 Mrs. Barbara Bradshaw
15 Revel Wilder	27 Mr. John Penner, IV
19 Mrs. Aundrea Redondo	28 Mr. James Spicer, Jr.
20 Mrs. Coleen Leeper	28 Ms. Bess Gibson
21 Mrs. Jackie VanHoy	29 Hinton Crocker
21 Mrs. Rosalyn Lomax	29 Mr. Ron LeVau
21 Mrs. Phyllis Patterson	30 Mrs. Joan Stafford

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Presbyterian Women** will have Circle meetings on a different week than usual in April. Evening Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, and Day Circle will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9. Ann Hunter will present the lesson, "Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship" at both meetings. Join us for Bible Study and fellowship at either meeting.

## PRESBYTERIAN SOCIAL

**Sunday, April 14, 2024, 5:00-7:00 P.M.**

Mark your calendar for our next Presbyterian Social which will be at the home of Kent and Melissa Warren, 425 Dogwood Trail in Walnut Creek. Directions: Enter Walnut Creek off Highway 70 East and follow Walnut Creek Drive to the 3<sup>rd</sup> left turn, Dogwood Trail. Follow Dogwood Trail to the 9<sup>th</sup> house on the right. Remember to be mindful of the 30 mph speed limit in Walnut Creek!

Our socials are an excellent way to mingle and fellowship with church members and friends, enjoy delicious appetizers and beverages, which are all provided for your enjoyment. This is your chance to get acquainted with those people you see but don't really have an opportunity to chat with during worship. Hope to see you there!

## CONGREGATIONAL NURTURE COMMITTEE NEWS

The Congregational Nurture Committee (CNC) invites everyone to join the

**Congregational Book Club.** "[The Women](#)" by Kristen Hannah. Leader: Mrs. Lynn Branch.

The in-person discussion is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Childcare will be provided upon prior request.

**The Outstanding Older Adult Award** will be presented during worship on Sunday, April 14, 2024. A reception in honor of the Outstanding Older Adults will be held in McChesney Hall following the worship service.

**Spring Into Fellowship Covered Dish and Appreciation Sunday**

**When:** Sunday, May 5, 2024

**Where:** Activity Center

**Dress Code:** Casual

**Appreciation Sunday – Sunday School Teachers, Nursery and Technology Volunteers** to be recognized for their dedication following worship.

**Food:**

Please drop off covered dish before Sunday School or Worship Service.

Fried Chicken and Ice Cream Bar provided!

**Activities:**

\*Appreciation gifts presented to Sunday School Teachers, Nursery and Technology Volunteers.

\*Bird Walk to music with Prizes

\*Photo Booth

\*Games

## **FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE**

Remember to donate blood on April 16! The Red Cross Blood Drive will be from 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM in the gym. You may sign up on the Red Cross site, app, or when you arrive. There are also flyers in the Welcome Center with a QR code that you can use to register.

- Thanks for your generous donations for the 5th Sunday Missions Offering on Mar. 31. With your help we will be able to help feed children at Carver Heights School who do not have access to food on the weekends. **THANK YOU!!!**
- April 24 @ 6:00 in the Chapel - Ann and Sam will give a presentation on the Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi, a Presbyterian Hospital being renovated thru Medical Missions, Inc. PCUSA in East Africa. Our longtime mission partner, Dr. Salvador de la Torre, is working to restore a 108 year old Presbyterian hospital in Malawi, where there had been only one ICU bed in the entire

country during COVID. Please make plans to attend and learn more about this project.

SHIRT COLOR: ROYAL

LIMELIGHT



INK COLOR: WHITE

Get your FPC T-SHIRT in time for the Spring Fling on May 5th! Many of you have asked when we will place another T-shirt order. Well, now's the time!

- Long and short sleeve t-shirts will be sold to raise money for local missions including the annual Turkey Dinner Giveaway in November. These will be 100% cotton shirts. Shirts will be the

Gildan brand and will have an image of the church on the back with "First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, NC" under it. The front will have the Presbyterian USA logo on the left chest. Order forms will be in the Welcome Center or you may get one from office staff. Colors and prices will be on the order form. Orders will be taken through April 14.

**DONATE  
BLOOD  
SAVE LIFE**

**Tuesday, April 16  
11:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church of  
Goldsboro**



## CARENOTES DISPLAY

Have you seen the CareNotes display in the Welcome Center? Located on the table with the donuts and snacks, CareNotes offers inspirational booklets on a variety of topics to help individuals heal mind, body, and spirit. These booklets are free to all, and cover topics like grief and loss, spiritual formation, and building your faith. You are invited to take a closer look at our display and pick up a booklet that might be helpful to you or someone you know. The CareNotes motto says: "Take one - and take heart. Give one - and give hope". This is a great way to be a support to someone when you don't know what to say.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

# SPRING FLING!

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**  
**11:00 am**

Fried Chicken, covered dish,  
games, photo booth, bird  
walk, and more!

**Join us in the Gym  
following worship!**