



Volume 24, Issue 9, September 2022

Hello, Friends at First Presbyterian Church and Friends in Goldsboro,

What a joy to be here! As many of you know, on August 10 we moved into our new home. It is a beautiful home in the Maplewood neighborhood. Sometimes, when I wake up, I feel like I am a farm boy in a palace. I am very grateful to God for all his blessings all the way from the jungle of Peru to this beautiful place. Living in Peru, helped me appreciate with fresh eyes the wonderful privileges that we have here in the US. Occasionally, I still experience some culture shock: The roads here are very wide and well taken care of; I can drink water from the tap; and I don't miss the days when I had to go and buy gallons of clean water and carry them to the tiny apartment every week. The other day, I was at a gas station, and I wanted to get some coffee. I asked the lady, "Is there coffee?" She looked at me like I was crazy and pointed to the coffee pot. I wasn't sure if I could help myself, because in Peru you can't do that. Anyway, I got my coffee and left feeling a bit awkward about how things are a bit different here.

Concerning the installation service, you all gladly surprised me with unexpected gifts with the southern tradition of 'pounding.' (You know, a pound of sugar, a pound of salt, etc.). Laurie, Paul, Ella, our little dog Gemma and I were so happy about how thoughtful and generous you were. Thank you for your love and hospitality. I look forward to walking alongside of you in your spiritual journey.

Well, September is here! That means, after a somewhat a calmed summer, we enter a new season of ministries, programs, and events for the new program year. I hope you will join us for our children's programs, our youth events, adult Sunday

schools and many more. One highlight I would like to mention is our Wednesday Family Night. Everyone is welcome. We will begin with Bible Study at 5:30 p.m., followed by supper at 6:15, time of fellowship, then choir practices at 7:00 p.m. We will also have activities for children. I will be leading a discussion on Christianity and other religions based on the book by Adam Hamilton. I hope to see you there.

It is very exciting to welcome new members into our community of faith; we are also so thrilled about our infant and adult baptisms. Taste and see the goodness of God! Let us all extend our gift of hospitality to each of them.

And as far as sermons, this fall we will focus on BUILDING TOGETHER, building relationships, building ministries, building bridges among communities, building strong families, and many more.

So, see you at Worship, in the office, during a visit, or at an event.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Pastor Noé Juárez

## Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons
Sept. 4	Lee Futelle	Demis Perez
Sept. 11	Bill Stanley	Coleen Leeper
Sept. 18	James Spicer	Nathan Johnson
Sept. 25	Barbara Bradshaw	Robin Wilson

The deacon in charge: Kent Warren

Co-Deacon: Nathan Johnson



### For the month of September

Mickey Nance; Emmanuel and Grace Foster

## **Christian Education September 2022 Events**

**Sunday, September 4** – Children & Adult Sunday school 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

### **Sunday, September 11**

9:00 a.m. Christian Education Sunday gathering in the Chapel

First Graders will receive Bibles

Third through Sixth Grade will receive Worship Bags

All ages Sunday school classes will be introduced

Doughnuts, pastries, and coffee fellowship to follow

5-7 p.m. Pancakes with the Pastor an event for families of children and youth

### **Sunday, September 18**

9 -9:30 a.m. Choir practice for children choir singers (choir room)

9:30 -9:50 a.m. Children (pre-school through sixth grade) Sunday school

9:00 to 9:50 a.m. Youth and Adult Sunday school classes

After worship: Confirmation Class of 2023 Interest Meeting (parlor)

### **Sunday, September 21**

9 -9:30 a.m. Choir practice for children choir singers (choir room)

9:30 -9:50 a.m. Children (pre-school through sixth grade) Sunday school

9:00 to 9:50 a.m. Youth and Adult Sunday school classes

### **Sunday, September 21**

9 -9:30 a.m. Choir practice for children choir singers (choir room)

9:30 -9:50 a.m. Children (pre-school through sixth grade) Sunday school

9:00 to 9:50 a.m. Youth and Adult Sunday school classes

### **Sunday, September 25**

9 -9:30 a.m. Choir practice for children choir singers (choir room)

9:30 -9:50 a.m. Children (pre-school through sixth grade) Sunday school

9:00 to 9:50 a.m. Youth and Adult Sunday school classes

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Young Presbyterians (gym)

**Young Presbyterians** (pre-school through fifth grade) every second and fourth Sunday from 4-6 p.m.

**Youth Group** (sixth through twelfth grade) will begin in October every first and third Sunday from 5-7 p.m.

**Volunteers needed:** Parents and/or members called and willing to lead youth group and/or youth Sunday school. Please let Mary Taneti know.



## *September Birthdays!*



01 Mr. Mike Pate Jr.

19 Mrs. Susan Stackhouse

01 Mrs. Karen Haithcock

19 Mrs. Kathy Daniels

04 Mr. Mun Best III

21 Mrs. Lucy Warren

07 Mr. Nick Lancaster

21 Mrs. Joyce Wooten

09 Mrs. Jackie Joseph

22 Mrs. Randa Scott

10 Mrs. Sue Blackshear

25 Mrs. Joyce Keller

11 Mrs. Peggy Till

26 Mrs. Mary Ann Parker

14 Mr. Curtis Stafford

28 Mrs. Jerri Holland

15 Ms. Fran Boyce

30 Mrs. Emma Jordan

18 Mr. Tom Johnson

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## *Mission Yard Sale*

**Saturday, October 1 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon**

You may bring your donations to the church gym starting Thursday, September 1. Call the church office if you need help transporting furniture or heavy items to the church.

# Wednesday Family Night

**Fall 2022: Start September 21 End November 16**

**Spring 2023: Start January 18 End March 22**

**Every Wednesday**

**5:30 to 6:15 p.m.**

**Children (second floor) pre-school through fifth grade: yoga and crafts.**

**Youth sixth through twelfth grade: interested youth will be invited to volunteer their time to help with children or with the cookout/cleanup as part of their mission/service for the church**

**Adults (parlor) of all ages: Pastor's Bible Study. Book: *Christianity and World Religions*. A revised edition by Adam Hamilton. You are welcome to purchase the book if you want to have a copy. Pastor Noé will share a one-page outline for each session and other materials for your reference.**

**6:15 to 7:00 p.m. Family Dinner and Clean Up (gym).**

**7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (choir room).**

## **Church Staff Office Hours**

Noé Juarez: Monday through Thursday and Sunday (call before visit)

Mary Taneti: Monday through Thursday and Sunday (call before visit)

Chris Watkins: Wednesday (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.); Thursday (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.); and Sunday (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.) (call before visit)

Nona Andrews: Tuesday through Friday (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Jean Whitaker: Monday through Thursday (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)



## Music Ministry

### Chancel Choir to Resume Rehearsals

This September the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday night, **September 7th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** These rehearsals will be preceded by both the weekly Bible Study and Family Night Dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. which will begin later in the month of September.

This season the Choir will be learning all the anthems to be sung from **September 11<sup>th</sup> until December 18<sup>th</sup>**. To assist them in learning their voice parts, Chris has worked the entire summer making individual CDs for the soprano, alto, tenor, and bass singers so that they can hear and learn their notes in the comfort of their homes or cars. These “Chris-in-a-Box” CDs are fun to listen to and help each singer to learn each anthem even if they cannot read music!

Also, the Choir will receive the anthems for their special Christmas worship service – “The Music of Christmas” – to be presented on the night of December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Again, Chris has recorded individual soprano, alto, tenor, and bass “Chris-in-a-Box” CDs so that the members of the choir can learn their music on their own and at each choir rehearsal!

Please prayerfully consider joining the wonderful people who compose our Chancel Choir. The music is beautiful, the fellowship is delightful, and there is food to enjoy after each rehearsal with enough left over to take home to your family! No audition is required! You will never have to sing alone or be given a test of your musical knowledge. Chris will work with you and give you the confidence to sing and enjoy making music for the Lord! We really need Bases!

Come join us this September! You will not regret it!

## Children's Choir Rehearsals Start This Month!

On Sunday morning, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room, the wonderful children of the church will meet for their first rehearsal of the season!



All pre-school through sixth graders are encouraged to come and join the fun of learning an anthem to be sung in September, and their Christmas musical – “Beneath a Shining Star” – to be presented on Sunday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup> for the entire congregation!

Each child will be given a “Chris-in-a-Box” CD which contains the music and words for the anthem “Feed My Lambs” to be sung in September. They will also receive a take-home packet which contains a recording of the Christmas musical and script!

Let’s fill up the choir room with the sound of our children learning music to glorify our Lord and to inspire the hearts of everyone who hears them!

### **Attention! All Children Choir Singers and Parents**

Please stop by and see Chris as soon as possible to pick up your copy of the anthem and an accompanying CD recording that your child will be singing on Sunday morning, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This music and CD will help your child learn the anthem quickly and easily! Regular choir rehearsals will start on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room. All pre-school-sixth graders are encouraged to join the fun of making music!

## **Handbell Choir to Perform in Williamsburg, Virginia in December**

The fifteen-member Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church has been invited to perform a candlelight Christmas concert in the famed Bruton Parish Church in downtown Colonial Williamsburg on the night of December 16<sup>th</sup>! The ringers will



journey to Williamsburg on December 15<sup>th</sup> and prepare for the concert on the following night. They will return to Goldsboro on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and will set up their bells to ring their special Christmas music for our church congregation during the morning service on December 18<sup>th</sup>!

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## Women's Connection Conference @ Montreat, NC



*Ali Blackburn: "The Presbyterian Women conference was such a breath of fresh (mountain) air. It was great to slow down and share meals and stories with my sisters in Christ. I especially enjoyed the workshops I attended. Care beyond Casseroles" was taught by an experienced hospice chaplain. I always feel like I*



want to help those in grief, but now I have the tools to better serve.”

*Emily Byrd: “This was my first time at Montreat. It is such a peaceful and beautiful place and provides the perfect setting to connect with each other as sisters in Christ. The conference provided wonderful opportunities to worship and grow spiritually. I look forward to visiting Montreat again soon.”*



*Laurie Juarez: “It was wonderful to get away and do some self-care! Montreat is always a great place for reflection. And I loved getting to know some of the women at First Pres!”*



*Randa Scott: “I was grateful to be able to attend. The worship and workshops brought me closer to God, and the fellowship with others just really blessed my spirit.”*

*Amy Krutsch: "I had a wonderful experience at the Women's Connection Conference in Montreat. The location was breathtaking and had so many beautiful areas for reflection and prayer. I loved the opportunity to really connect with my FPCG friends as well as other women through the powerful message that we are "Claimed for More."*

*Mary Taneti: "It is always a blessing to be at Montreat, a place where the earth meets the sky. This was my first to go without our youth. I missed them.*

*I soaked up the new feeling, loved walking along the familiar paths, taking in the joy of being with the ladies, strolling downtown, Black Mountain, and enjoying music and worship with four hundred sixty women."*



## Prayer Requests

### Congregation Members @ home

Mrs. Hope Derby, Jimmy Huffman, Ken and Judy Taylor, Mrs. Jackie VanHoy, George and Addie Warren, Brigitta Seymour.

### Friends & Family

Mr. Jeff Stanley, (son of Bill and Sharon Stanley)

Ms. Beth Jennings, friend of Carol Branch

Rev. Jason Leonard, Wiley Leonard's son

Mr. Bob Locket, friend of Ken Taylor

Mr. Phil Barbee, brother-in-law of Fred and Rosalyn

Mr. Ric Wagner, friend of Chris Watkins



### Outreach

Mr. Gilbert Brown @ Brookdale Senior Living on Berkley Blvd.

Mr. Mike Pate @ Brookdale Senior Living on Country Day Road

Mrs. Madelyn Percise @ Cypress Glen, Greenville, NC

Mrs. Jane Johnson @ Willow Creek, Goldsboro, NC

**Special prayers:** we have been praying for Ms. Lori Mobley, a friend of Lisa Royall for the past several months. Ms. Lori Mobley died on Monday, August 29. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. May God's comfort and peace be with them in their time of grief.

## FPC Calendar for September 2022

Sundays	Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Mondays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Night Circle 6:00 p.m. (first Monday) Cub Scouts Troop 3 @ 6:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 3 @ 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Morning Circle 10:00 a.m. (first Tuesday) Committee Meetings (first Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (second Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (third Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Congregational Book Club 7:00 p.m. (first Thursday) Handbell Choir 5:30 p.m.
Fridays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturdays	Church office closed

For a detailed weekly calendar please visit the church website.