

March Newsletter



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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

High School Youth

7:30 p.m. Sundays

(First Presbyterian Church)

6th—12th Youth

6:00 p.m. Wednesdays

(First Christian Church)

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Lenten Sermon Series: Prayer

The season of Lent is traditionally the 40 days before Easter (not including Sundays). In our church, we have three recurring events each week during lent:

- Sunday Services
- Monday Lenten Lunches
- Wednesday Lenten services

On Sundays, we'll learn about a style of prayer or way of praying that may be new and different to you. During our Wednesday night services, we'll put that type of prayer into practice, trying it out, learning it, and getting comfortable with it.

One of the most basic parts of a life of faith is communication with God through prayer. There is no one right way to pray, but it's easy to get into a sort of rut with our prayers. Most of us could use a refresher on effective ways to talk with God, and that's what we'll do during Lent. We'll look at a broad range of biblical ways to pray and think about those during our Lenten series on prayer.

March 9	Lent 1	Psalm 46:10	Uninterrupted Prayer
March 16	Lent 2	1 Samuel 1:9-18	Imaginative Prayer
March 23	Lent 3	Hebrews 7	Intercessory Prayer for All Ages
March 30	Lent 4	Exodus 2:23-25	Tongsung Kido Prayer
April 6	Lent 5	Psalm 148, Psalm 34:8	Feeling the Prayer

May these different types of prayer help us through the many different situations we face in our lives.

Pastor Susan



**SUNDAY MORNING
WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Come Pray!

Lenten Sermon Series

MARCH WORSHIP**March 2****Scripture**—Exodus 34:29-35**Sermon**—Let Your Light Shine**Preaching**—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley**March 9****Scripture**—Psalm 46:10**Sermon**—Uninterrupted Prayer**Preaching**—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley**March 16****Scripture**—1 Samuel 1:9-18**Sermon**—Imaginative Prayer**Preaching**—Barbara Chalfant (Executive Presbyter)**March 23****Scripture**—Hebrews 7**Sermon**—Intercessory Prayer for All Ages**Preaching**—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley**March 30****Scripture**—Exodus 2:23-25**Sermon**—Tongsung Kido Prayer**Preaching**—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley**MARCH SUNDAY SCHEDULE****Worship 9:00 a.m.****Fellowship 10:00—10:15 a.m.****Sunday School 10:15—11:00 a.m.**

PreK-1st—Room 105

2nd-5th—Room 104

Confirmation Class—Room 206

Middle & High School Youth—Room 307

Young Mom's—Westminster Room

Wired Word—Room 200

Fenlon's Class—Room 305

Sermon Discussion—Room 201

Nursery is open 8:45—11:00 a.m.**ATTENTION ELDERS**

Session will meet at a new time and place in March.

Please join us on March 3rd at 6 p.m. in room 201.



Prayer Requests

CURRENT REQUESTS

- Lynn Cox
- Shirley Brauer
- Mary (Jim Scott's friend)

LONG TERM REQUESTS

- Barbara Neumann
- Anna Rentschler
- Rona Wilson
- Melissa Fayad
- Carolyn Riley (Sheryl Louder's mother)
- Michael Painter (Jody Fetterhoff's son-in-law)
- Betty Coari
- Dale Robb (Kim Robb's father)
- Bob Kimes (Pam Miller's father)
- Larry Bauer (Jessica Olson's father)
- Connie Robley
- Judy Lowery (Jody Fetterhoff's sister)
- Bob Wilburn (Janis Strode's son-in-law)
- Jessica Jolly
- Tom Matich (Scott's father)
- Luke Pickett
- Denzil McNeal (Micah's uncle)
- Linda Baker (Lana Parmenter's sister-in-law)
- Stan Beard Jr. (Becky Fischer's brother)
- Nancy Fischer (Scott Fischer's sister in law)
- Tom Biesemeyer (Linda Sue's cousin)
- Lydia A. Neill (Linda Sue's cousin)
- Don Munford (Robby & Cara Miller's brother in law)
- Dan Kriewel (Peggie's husband)
- Debra Kreyling
- Cathy Scholz (Betty Coari's friend)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**PreK-1st Grade Room 105**

March 2	Deb Haag & Steve Haag
March 9	Sheryl Louder & Layne Meyers
March 16	Deb Haag & Steve Haag
March 23	Megan Schutte & Phyllis Wirths
March 30	Julie Huffman & Ashleigh Rice

2nd—5th Grade Room 104

March 2	Nancy Baker & Kyle Louder
March 9	Lori Ray & Dustin Lewis
March 16	Lana Parmenter & Whitney Lewis
March 23	Stephanie Robinett & Liz Schutte
March 30	Megan Schutte & Elwood Rice



CHILD PROTECTION AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MEXICO

Our church's ministries rely heavily on volunteers. That is particularly evident in our children's ministry. Every Sunday we depend on having 2 adults in our children's Sunday school classes. At Kids For Christ, we have over 20 different adult volunteers all working hard to help bring the love of Christ to the children of our church and our community.

Before they became volunteers all of them went through a process that we refer to as Child Protection Training. This process includes an application, a background check, and an online training course. The most important reason that we do this, is because we, as a church, are working to keep our children safe. In fact, we have a Child Protection Policy that tells us how we are to go about protecting every child in our church. We use this policy to hold ourselves accountable, and ensure we are not putting children in harm's way.

One element of this policy is volunteers are not allowed to be one-on-one with any minor or have private communications with them. This means that our volunteers are not supposed to be in rooms alone with one child and are not supposed to text or call a child without other adults being included in the conversation.

We want to be as transparent as possible in how we are working to protect children in the church. If you have any questions or concerns about the Child Protection Policy, or would like a copy of it, please let me know.

Micah McNeal
Student Ministries Director

**KFC GAMES****12 STONES****CRAFTS****KFC STORY TIME**

Communion Together

Our church's ministries rely heavily on volunteers. We work together to care for one another in many ways. One of those ways is our communion elements. Both the wafers and juice we use in communion each month are gluten free, which enables all of us to celebrate the sacrament of communion together safely.

There are companies where gluten free wafers can be purchased, but they're expensive and don't taste very good! In our church, we are blessed that Pam Miller volunteers to make the wafers. These are used not just in our church services, but also at King's Daughters and when we take communion to people in their homes.

Recently, Missouri Union Presbytery expressed interest in Pam's recipe being available to all our churches. I enjoyed spending time with Pam while she prepared wafers in her home and took notes so we can share the recipe and instructions. Thanks to all volunteers, and thanks be to God for the ability to celebrate communion together.

Blessings,
Pastor Susan



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

REBEKAH CIRCLE is a women's Bible Study group led by Lois Runnels. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 305.

MARY CIRCLE is a women's Bible Study group led by Elaine Mensching. They meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

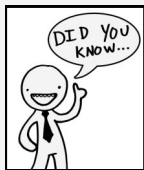
Both groups welcome new members!



What's On Your Mind?



This men's study group meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. in the Westminster Room. Topics vary from session to session. Join us for coffee and conversation.



Creeds and Confessions—Month 9

During our summer Sunday school class, we had a session in which we learned about the PC(USA)'s creeds and confessions. Some 25 years ago, women of our church made beautiful, intricate banners to represent each creed and confession.

A Brief Statement of Faith (USA, 1983)

The Cross: A rainbow of color represents the celebration of unity with the diversity of cultures and races living in Christ.

The blue background symbolizes the universe as the light of the Word of God bringing us together.

The Earth has cracks, symbolizing our divisiveness and diversity, yet the faith we confess unites us with the one universal Church.

The secure hands of God remind us that he who holds our world together in turmoil will unite us in the grace of Jesus Christ. This is the foundation of our knowledge of God's sovereign love and our living together in the Holy Spirit.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Symbol of A Brief Statement of Faith has a prominent position on this banner. This symbol represents the descending love of peace and the baptism of Christ. The open Bible symbol is the Word of God. The font recalls the Sacrament of Baptism, while the table image recalls the other Sacraments of Communion, the Last Supper, and the pulpit as the preaching of the Word. The flames represent the burning bush and Pentecost. The overall image suggests the human figure with stretched out arms.





Mexico Ministerial Alliance's

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025
7 PM

First Presbyterian Church
400 Lakeview Road
Mexico, MO

STREAM SUNDAY WORSHIP ON LINE @ YOU TUBE

Just go to: www.youtube.com

and search for: **Mexico First Presbyterian Church.**

Scan this QR code



(We are also on Facebook.)

<https://www.facebook.com/MexicoFPC>



Join us for Lenten Lunches

Food is something that unites us all! Join our Lenten Lunches this year for food, fellowship, and a time of reflection. Each Monday at noon during the season of Lent, starting on March 10, our Fellowship Committee provides soup and sandwiches. We enjoy a meal together and Pastor Susan brings a devotional and prayer. This year, the topic will be Food In the Bible. From front to back, sharing meals plays prominently in scripture, and we'll learn more about the significance of food in God's Word.



LUNCH BUNCH

On a very cold (10°) February day, the Lunch Bunch met at Pizza Hut. These hearty souls decided to meet again at 11:30 a.m. on March 19th, at Ori Hibachi. See you there!



"Let's break bread together".



Scouts from Venture Crew 2020 traveled to Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Ely, MN along with Crew 10 from Jefferson City. They experienced cold weather camping, trail hiking and crossing frozen lakes, dogsledding, Nordic skiing, and curling.



Scouts from Troop 38 attended the annual Klondike in Macon. They competed in air rifles, tomahawk throwing, fire building, first aid and survival skills, and the Great Sled Race.

March 26-27, 2025
Camp Jo-Ota

Spring Retreat

Games, Food Bible Study, and time at camp.
Permission forms due back March 5th



Spring into Jesus
APRIL 5
First Presbyterian Church
COME AND HAVE FUN WITH US AS WE
LOOK FORWARD TO THE EASTER SEASON.
GAMES MUSIC FOOD JESUS
1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADE
11AM - 3PM

Wednesday Youth Group

6th grade & up
6:00–7:30 p.m.
First Christian Church

High School Youth Group

9th grade & up



Sunday Morning Nursery

Infants and children are welcome
to come and play during worship
and/or Sunday school.

Our caregivers are:
Barb Brandt & Piper Higgins.



High School Mission Trip Week of Compassion

The High School Youth are planning a trip to Rolling Fork, Mississippi from May 25th—31st. The town was devastated by an EF4 tornado almost one year ago. The youth (ages 14-18) will lend their time and talents to help out with the ongoing recovery. Permission forms are due by April 16th. Only 16 spots available. See Micah for more information!

Darlene Isaacs	1	JoAnn Hansett	15
Pat Maguire	1	Steve Haag	16
Emmett Cauthorn	2	Mary Mock	16
Greg Hatfield	2	Stephen Skinner	18
Jason Lamb	2	Roger Williams	18
Bonnie Crews	3	Jim Brunner	22
Kyle Roth	3	Hans Neumann	23
Margaret Huffman	4	Betty Smarr	23
David Jones	4	Paul Gillette	24
Renee Samm	4	Jordan Mitchell	24
Justin Webber	4	Joseph Mitchell	24
Billie Weeks	5	Ryan Shopher	24
Nicole Wente	6	Linda Sue Galloway	25
Rebecca Brunner	9	Vickie Moore	30
Michelle Doolittle	9	Mark Schnake	30
Brooklynn Price	9		
Beth Colley	10		
Cheryl Slagle	10		
Joe O'Brien	13		
Andrew Weber	14		



May 14th

- 12:00 pm -

First Presbyterian
of Columbia

Ramsey Fellowship Center

16 Hitt Street
Columbia, MO 65201*Waves
of Change***RSVP*** RSVP to your
table host or
directly to:**Aleisha Mulnix**

573.999.9218

aleisha.mulnix@pchas.org

A luncheon event benefiting
the children of PCHASPresbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM**Blessing Box**

Place items in the barrel
by the office, the box
outside of Fellowship Hall
or directly in the blessing
box. All donations are
appreciated!

**THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank all the church members who helped
with Annette's Memorial Service. It meant a lot to see so
many people there. We truly appreciate all who helped with
the service along with your thoughts and prayers.

The Family of Annette Hatfield
Glenn, Greg, Jeff and Families

**BUDGET REPORT
As of 02.18.2025**

INCOME	Actual \$	Budget for Year \$	Actual vs Budget %
Pledged Giving	\$47,702.13	\$294,000	16.23%
Non pledged	\$16,813.34	\$130,000	12.93%
Other Income	\$3,271.54	\$18,100	18.07%
Total all income	\$67,787.01	\$442,100	15.33%
EXPENSES			
Administration	\$272.44	\$6,050	4.05%
Adult Ministries	\$0.00	\$1,100	0%
Children's Ministry	\$162.10	\$4,500	3.6%
Local Mission	\$1,598.31	\$13,000	12.29%
National & Global Mission	\$0.00	\$7000	0%
Other programs	\$6,147.26	\$40,500	15.18%
Outreach	\$215.25	\$2,200	9.78%
Property	\$7,957.42	\$67,961	11.71%
Personnel	\$54,995.39	\$319,923	17.19%
Technology	\$787.90	\$9,474	8.32%
Worship	\$316.58	\$5,300	5.97%
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$19.31	\$7,500	.26%
Total all expenses	\$72,471.96	\$484,508	14.96%

Memorials

Ed Hodge
Annette Hatfield
Carolyn Haynes Corbo

Endowment

Annette Hatfield



(These are monetary memorials received in the last 30 days)

Help Center

Please bring your plastic grocery bags and egg
cartons to the barrel by the office or
drop off at the Help Center.

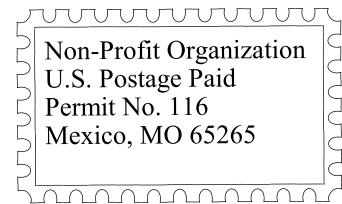
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Return Service Requested

DATED MATERIAL

2025	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Liturgist	Julie Huffman		Micah McNeal	Liz Schutte	Chayse Samuelson
Children's Message	Lana Parmenter	Joanne Nelson	Deb Haag	Guest	Teresa Carlson
Flowers	Peggie Kriwiel	Elwood & Liz Rice	Ron & Lori Ray	Les & Lois Runnels	
Ushers	Peggie Kriwiel Bob Fenlon Scott Matich Karagen Matich Stephanie & Bryce Robinette	Bruce Oliver Nancy Oliver Bill Woods Linda Woods Dustin & Owen Lewis	Ron Ray Lori Ray Stuart Miller Pam Miller Andrew & JR Cauthorn	Jim Dye Judy Dye Karen Linnemeyer Mary Creason Megan & Clara Schutte	Stuart Miller Pam Miller Paul Parmenter Lana Parmenter Molly & Lauren Hanley
	Communion Servers Jim Brunner Andy Ekern Robby Miller Ron Ray Kim Sydenstricker	Communion Preparer Tori Webber Layne Meyers	Deacon Of the Month Liz Rice	Session Devotion Michelle Doolittle	