



First Presbyterian Church
310 Plantation Road, Perry Florida



Fall Newsletter, 2020

Welcome back to the Sanctuary!

First Presbyterian Church opens sanctuary doors on Sept. 20th

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World Communion Sunday

Sunday October 4th

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F.P.C Worship



Worship Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 2:00pm via Zoom.

Committee Members: Dianna Sandonato, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Margaret Poppell, Myrna Archer, Marilyn Culpepper, Sandra Allen, Cindy Brown

The new time for Sunday worship: 10 a.m.!

A new time has been established for ALL services—whether they are in the sanctuary or on the lawn. Beginning Oct. 4, our new worship time together will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday school will gather after worship.

October's Worship Schedule

Oct. 4: Sanctuary at 10 a.m. (communion)

Oct. 11: Sanctuary at 10 a.m.

Oct. 18: Sanctuary at 10 a.m.

Oct. 25: On the lawn at 10 a.m.

During inclement weather on Sundays scheduled for outside worship, you may join worship via Zoom online or, you may sit in your car and listen on your car radio (must be in parking lot to listen via radio).

How to Stay Connected; Worship from Home

How to Join Sunday Worship with Computer via Zoom

Sunday Worship starts at 10:00

Step 1: At 9:55 am Sunday use your internet browser (Google, Firefox, etc..) to go to the church website www.firstpresperry.org

Step 2: From the home page click the worship button at the top of the page or click the worship button under quick links.

How to Join Sunday Worship by calling on your phone

Sunday Worship starts at 10:00

Step 1: At 9:55 am Sunday call: **1-646-558-8656**

Step 2: When prompted dial meeting ID: **850 584 3826 #**

Step 3: When asked for user number dial pound: **#**

If you have questions or need assistance please call the church office or your shepherd.

Worship Committee News

Want to help with worship?

Please say "Yes!"

Marilyn Culpepper, on behalf of the Worship Committee, is looking for a few good men and women to help with worship services inside and outside our sanctuary.

INTERESTED IN BEING AN USHER? Please e-mail or call David Culpepper and get your name on his list.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS LITURGIST? Cindy Brown is coordinating speakers for services and would love to hear from YOU!!

HAVE A PASSION FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES? Margaret Poppell is making a list of volunteers for children's sermons. Please make her day by volunteering!

If you would like to offer special music one Sunday during worship, please contact Rayma Ball at 850-363-8859 or send her an email at

2musicmakers@gmail.com

"Solos, duets, family groups are encouraged."

Worship Music



Now that we are back in the sanctuary for Sunday worship, we would like to dress the sanctuary for the occasion. The Worship Committee is looking for someone willing to be in charge of organizing volunteers for doing just that; change out altar coverings, flowers, candles, etc. If interested please email Marilyn Culpepper, chair of the Worship Committee at worship@firstpresperry.org



Rising sixth graders Jalen Albritton and Izzy Campbell were presented Bibles by the church during the September 20th worship service. The presentation was made by Alex and Kristie Lutz, their Sunday School teachers and members of the Education Committee on behalf of the church. (Also pictured on the cover.)

Youth Sunday 'Outstanding' with Themes of Simplicity, Acceptance, & Healing

Youth Sunday 2020 was held this past August, and the youth did an excellent job! The youth of First Presbyterian Church lead the Sunday worship service in a historically significant youth Sunday that took place online because of the ongoing Covid19 pandemic. All the youth participated in some way and they worked together to bring the congregation a meaningful worship experience led by their director Janece Campbell.

As described by Emma Campbell, "Izzy Campbell brought us together with the Call to Worship, (and) I described "simplicity." Several youth selected words that represented what they thought was necessary in living as Disciples of Christ. They chose scripture that tied their word to the gospel and then each of them talked about what it meant to them. In addition to Emma's discussion of "simplicity", Lily Hilgendorf discussed "acceptance", selecting the special music 'No Matter What' by Ryan Stevenson. Belicia Schoonover chose the word "healing" and discussed God's presence in the midst of our suffering.

Mitchell Worthy and Emaley Gentry did a skit for the confession, placing words on a cross representing our sin, such as "hate" and "exclusive". For the assurance of forgiveness they covered the words of confessed sins with words describing the way Christ calls us to live. Hate was replaced with "love" and "exclusiveness" was replaced with "inclusiveness". Finally, Noah Schoonover prayed the prayer of the day.

All their hard work resulted in a wonderful and very meaningful service, and the congregation appreciates their hard work.

Youth Leader Contact: Janece Campbell
email firstpresperryouth@gmail.com

Christian Education News

Committee Members: Alex & Kristie Lutz, Dianna Sandonato, Lorie Small, Janice Musgrove, Jennifer Caruso, Margaret Poppell, Marilyn Culpepper, Susan Lincoln, Cindy Brown

On Sunday: Come for Worship, Learning, Fellowship

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

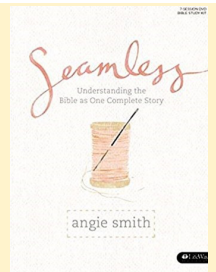
Sunday school 10:40 a.m.

When worship services conclude each Sunday, small groups and Sunday School classes are gathering in person to learn more about God's word and to find guidance for daily living.

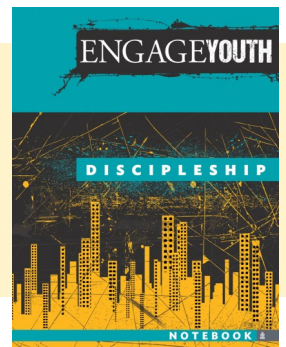
Here are the opportunities:

The Foundations Class, led by Marilyn Culpepper, is meeting outside in the All Saints Prayer Garden, with members enjoying the grand weather. This group is studying The Life of David. Bring your own lawn chair and your Bible. Couples and singles are welcome.

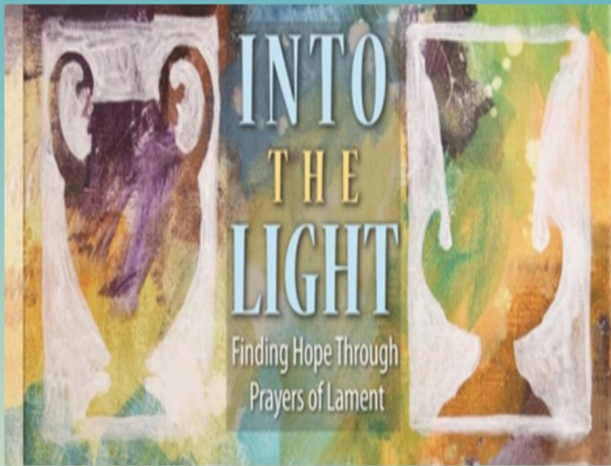
The Sojourners, led by Susan Lincoln, are delving into the second part of "Seamless" by Angie Smith, having completed the Old Testament portion last year. Completion of part I is not necessary to enjoy the lessons in part II. This group meets in the fellowship hall, and welcomes anyone/everyone to participate.



High School Youth Kristie and Alex Lutz welcome the middle school and high school youth to learn specifics on "How To Be Disciples" on Sunday mornings. Currently, their classroom will accommodate the class, but feel free to bring a friend...or encourage someone who doesn't attend to give the study a chance! The Lutzes will welcome one and all.



Our youngest class is under the caring (and watchful!) eye of Jennifer Caruso who will gather them up for stories and games in the large room once used by Rooms-To-Grow.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Beginning October 13th
10am-11am

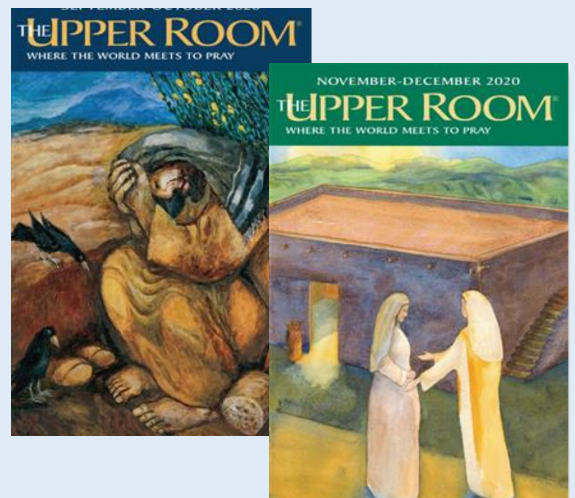
Join Study Via Zoom

Into the Light Bible Study begins Tuesday October 13th and will be facilitated by Dianna Sandonato. Contact Dianna or the church office for more information. Dianna is excited to try this new venture in "online learning" and wants to promote good conversations among participants. To that end she is only accepting 9 participants so get in touch with her soon. Information regarding the study can be found at [http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/biblestudy/into the light](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/biblestudy/into%20the%20light).

Online Small Group Bible Study

The Christian Education Committee would like to continue to offer a Sunday morning small group online and Pastor Natasha has offered to facilitate the small group if there is interest. The group will study directly from the Bible and will meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 11am. If you are interested in this small group please email the Christian Education Committee or pastor Natasha.

Make sure you have picked up your copy of the the Upper Room for September and October. The November and December issue has arrived and will be made available next week.



Mission & Outreach



Committee members: Bob Bell, Dianna Sandonato, Marilyn Culpepper, Marne Helberg, Chuck Eckel, Sandra Allen, Cindy Brown, Heather Speas, Brenda Wilson

The Tooth Bus is ready to roll through Jamaica



The Tooth Bus is a large bus outfitted with all the equipment needed to make and repair dentures. After more than 10 years of visioning, fundraising and hard work, the Tooth Bus has finally made its way to Jamaica...thanks, in part, to the generous donations of time and money by Chuck and Martha Davis of First Presbyterian Church, Perry.

This project was initially spearheaded by Jim Gaff, a dentist who started traveling to Jamaica through a Mutual Mission program in 1991. During early mission trips, he would have the patient sit in a ladder-back chair, pull the chair into his lap, and begin work on the patient. This went on for a couple of years before some dental chairs and other equipment were purchased so he and other dentists could work a bit more efficiently. Eventually, dental hygienists also became part of the ministry team.

Editor's Note: The congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Perry has faithfully sent a delegation to Jamaica through JEMM (Jamaican Ecumenical Mutual Mission). What our congregation may not know is that we have at least two other members working "behind the scenes" to make sure the ministry of the dental and medical mission teams have "wheels" to traverse Jamaica's terrain. Martha and Chuck Davis have given of their financial resources and their creative talents to make the Tooth Bus a reality for the 2021 Dental Mission trip and for all dental trips in the future. Chuck is credited with repairing and outfitting the bus, as well as rebuilding the engine. RDS Manufacturing donated water tanks and other materials for the project. We salute all our missionaries whether they answer the call by giving up a week to travel, lending their professional expertise or facilitating the missionaries who go with donations and dependable transportation. God bless you all!!

By MARIGRACE DORAN
Communications Director
St. Augustine Presbytery



Jim Gaff's dream for a mobile dental unit began to take shape in 2010 when he found a bus. Thanks to several generous donations by individuals, a \$30,000 grant from the Presbyterian Women, and offerings from meetings of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, this dream became a reality. Untold hours went into repairing and outfitting the bus and rebuilding the engine. A great portion of the work was meticulously done by Chuck Davis, a member of First Presbyterian Church in Perry. RDS Manufacturing donated water tanks and other materials to complete the rehabilitation process.

Another of the early generous donations to support the Tooth Bus came from Pauline Lawrence and her husband Carlton Davis, members of Grace Presbyterian Church in Gainesville.

Pauline, born in Jamaica, was particularly touched by the before and after photos of those who received new dentures, and she could see the relief, joy and pride in their eyes and big smiles. She felt called to provide the seed money for this venture. Pauline's grandfather,

Thomas Lawrence was one of the first native born ministers to be ordained in the Disciples of Christ church in Jamaica. Thus, the Tooth Bus has lovingly been named "Ethel," in honor of the mule that "Brother Tom" rode around Jamaica to travel to Sunday worship.

The culmination of this dream happened when local donations and fundraising efforts from Jamaican partners raised money to pay the import taxes and other costs associated with shipping the bus. After a precarious trip to Fort Lauderdale, with several mechanical issues that had to quickly be addressed, the Tooth Bus was loaded onto a shipping container and has now arrived in Jamaica. Jim is planning on another trip soon to stock the Tooth Bus with necessary supplies and make sure it can travel on the backroads of Jamaica. If all goes as planned, the Tooth Bus will be used in early 2021 when Saint Augustine Mutual Mission launches its Dental Mission trip.

The Jamaican Ecumenical Mutual Mission (JEMM) partners are thrilled for this project to be completed and look forward to using the mobile unit throughout their country. JEMM partners include The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, The Moravian Church in Jamaica, The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, St. Augustine Mutual Mission (SAMM) and the 57 congregations of our presbytery.

The Presbytery of St. Augustine is grateful for all the hard work and commitment of those individuals who made it possible for the Tooth Bus to become a reality.

There are sure to be big smiles from those who receive new dentures that are made in the up-to-date mobile unit.



The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to invite those interested in serving on the committee to join them for their next meeting.

Contact the committee chair, Heather Speas, for more information. **Meeting the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am.** Our work in mission and outreach to the community and world is an important and vital part of the ministry of our congregation. Please continue to pray for us and those we serve.



Dear Church Family,

Again this year we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child.

We would like you to consider helping us out.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Pick up a shoe box or two to fill from the SUGAR SHOPPE (Heather Speas) 130 S. Jefferson St. 850 843 1389
- Call Marne Helberg to make arrangements to get shoe boxes 850 371 4244
- Fill a shoe box on line (Samaritan's Purse>buildonline)
- Make a monetary donation. Mail to church office.

Pick up and delivery will begin Sept. 1st

Drop off (at Heather's shoppe or contact Marne) Sept. 1st thru Nov. 8th

Soap and tooth brushes will be provided in each shoe box.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT

Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.



Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.



A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.*



Communications and Technology

The Communications and Technology Committee is a NEW committee at FPC and one that has become increasingly important in the last several months. This committee will be responsible for a wide variety of tasks involving technology such as security, sound, live-streaming, etc. We are looking for volunteers to help in one of the areas of this committee. You do not have to be a tech expert to help, simply willing to learn. Contact the committee is you are interested in learning more. The committee will begin meeting soon.

Email Updates: Good communication is important for the ministries of the church. To help with this FPC has set up email “groups” for church groups and committees. Emails sent to the addresses listed below will automatically distribute to ALL the members of that group. It’s important for all leaders to regularly update the church office of changes in group members.

Question...why? Answer....

- No one gets left out or forgotten. It can be easy to forget someone or leave someone out with a typo, wrong address.
- If a committee has a change in leadership or group members the group email address does not have to change.
- The information is always up-to-date in the church office and the committees can focus on ministry.



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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
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F.P.C. Prayer Partners

Prayer Group Leader: Vaughan Early

Prayer Group meets Thursday mornings in Sanctuary at 9:30am.

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Our directory for worship says, "Prayer is a gift from God, who desires dialogue and relationship with us." It is also how we seek to live out our faith. This faithful practice of prayer is something that is cultivated over time. The Prayer group of FPC gather together weekly as prayer partners who lift up the prayer needs of the church and world. We invite you to join us Thursday mornings and be a partner in prayer. Everyone is welcome. If you cannot join us in person but would like to call in to a prayer meeting contact Vaughan Early or the Pastor. To request prayer email your request to prayerrequest@firstprespermy.org or you may call Vaughan Early or the pastor.

LET US PRAY



Prayer Chain

Prayer Partners would like to encourage you to check the prayer chain page if you are someone who dedicates a time during your day or your week to pray for others.

Prayer request are regularly updated on the prayer chain page where you may get updated information, and leave comments or written prayers.

**Simply go to our church website
www.firstprespermy.org and look under prayer. (at
the top of the home page)**

Password Protected: The password is three words, no spaces. If you have forgotten the password or have trouble contact the church office.

Prayer Requests: prayerrequest@firstpresperry.org
You may also contact the pastor or Vaughan Early directly.

The Church Care Account is one way our church reaches out to assist individuals and families who may be experiencing financial hardship. If you would like to anonymously give to a particular person in need, or add funds for unspecified needs that arise, you may mail a check to the church office.

Be sure to specify the check is for the care account, adding a note explaining the intended purpose of the gift. The care account is a ministry of love that has eased the burdens of many. In a time where many are suffering unemployment, a small donation can make a huge difference.



Hi Church Family, I wanted to take a minute and say thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers as I made the transition to Orlando. Things are going great. My roommates are awesome and they are helping me get adjusted to the area! I live 1.5 miles from Disney's Magic Kingdom and get to drive by the castle on my way to the grocery store! I know so many of you, through your love, teachings, conversations, and prayers have been preparing me since I was young to be successful. God is good, and I know His plans for me are better than I can even imagine.

Love you all, Anna Morgan



During COVID-19, staying in touch with each other is more important ever. If you do not have access to the church directory, please consider installing the phone app to your cell phone. The digital directory updates daily. Directions for adding the app are on the church website under the Home tab.

Visit www.firstpresperry.org

If you do not have a cell phone, you may call the church office and we will mail you a printed copy.

If you are having trouble with the installation please contact the office and we will assist you.

Important Note: Email addresses cannot be shared on multiple devices.

WARNING
DUE DATES ARE CLOSER
THAN THEY APPEAR

The church newsletter is an important way we stay connected and share what is going on in various ministries with others in the congregation. Everyone wants to hear from you. Send important dates, personal reflections, announcements, committee information, articles etc. to Carrie at office@firstpresperry.org

The next Newsletter will go out the beginning of December. Send your submissions by November 23, 2020.



First Presbyterian Church of Perry

October 2020 Calendar



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fr i | Sa t |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Worship - Sanctuary 10am | 5 Worship Meeting 2pm | 6 Christian Education Meeting 6:30pm | 7 Nominating Com- mittee Meeting 6:30pm | 8 Prayer meeting 9:30am | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Worship -Sanctuary 10am | 12 | 13 | 14 Mission Outreach Meeting 10am Nominating Com- mittee Meeting 6:30pm | 15 Prayer meeting 9:30am | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Worship - Sanctuary 10am | 19 Session Meeting 6:00pm | 20 | 21 Nominating Com- mittee Meeting 6:30pm | 22 Prayer meeting 9:30am | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Worship - on-lawn 10am | 26 | 27 | 28 Nominating Com- mittee Meeting 6:30pm | 29 Prayer meeting 9:30am | 30 | 31 |

October Birthdays

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| James Blume—October 1 | Cole MacNeill—October 1 |
| Chuck Davis—October 2 | Ashlin Early—October 2 |
| Jim Rawls—October 5 | Jude Smith—October 5 |
| Suzanne Bassett—October 7 | Marcy Fletcher—October 8 |
| Hattie Adams—October 10 | Dawn Gunter—October 15 |
| Anna Morgan—October 15 | Juanita Ratliff—October 17 |
| Dianna Sandonato—October 17 | Collin Yates—October 17 |
| Shirley Hall—October 23 | Richard Zeigler—October 23 |
| Will Anderson—October 24 | Betty Lou Hendry—October 28 |
| Annie Hilgendorf—October 30 | |

October Anniversaries

Jim & Margie Rawls—October 2
 Bob & Nancy Bell—October 19
 Warren & Jeanne Hilgendorf—October 20
 Ron & Margaret Poppell—October 22



First Presbyterian Church of Perry

November 2020 Calendar

Stewardship Season



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fr i | Sa t |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|------|------|
| 1 | 2 Worship Com- mittee Meeting 2pm | 3 Christian Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm | 4 Nominating Com- mittee Meeting 6:30 pm | 5 Prayer meeting 9:30 am | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Worship 10am | 9 | 10 | 11 Mission Outreach Committee Meeting 10am Nominating Com- mittee Meeting 6:30 pm | 12 Prayer meeting 9:30am | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Worship 10am | 16 Session Meeting 6:00 pm | 17 | 18 Nominating Com- mittee Meeting 6:30 pm | 19 Prayer Meeting 9:30 am | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Worship 10am | 23 Newsletter Deadline | 24 | 25 Nominating Com- mittee Meeting 6:30 pm | 26 Prayer Meeting 9:30 am | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Worship 10am | 30 | | | | | |

November Birthdays

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| Amalia Barrett—November 1 | Larry Neal—November 2 |
| Steve Brown—November 3 | Cheryl Gregory—November 5 |
| Emaley Gentry—November 7 | Bob Bell—November 8 |
| Angela Wilson—November 11 | Fanette Chesser—November 15 |
| Mattie Howard—November 19 | Marilyn Culpepper—November 20 |
| Jonathan Punda—November 29 | Meredyth Van Loock—November 29 |

November Anniversaries

Warren & Cheryl Gregory—November 23

As we continue with our efforts to resume in-person gatherings and worship we ask for your patience and help. Changes may be made to the November calendar. We will distribute a new November calendar reflecting any changes that may take place. Help us by staying informed in the days ahead. The best way to get up to date information is by checking our church website. www.firstpresperry.org