



FIRST NEWS

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ

FAITH

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13a

For any faithful Protestant, and Catholic, too, it is understood that our salvation and relationship with God is bound in the eternal gift of faith. It is one of the apostle Paul’s three eternal gifts from God according to 1 Corinthians 13:13. We know all what Paul said about the power of faith throughout all his letters. Faith has many different meanings as used by Paul. In his book, Paul and the Language of Faith, Nijay Gupta, lists three distinct understandings of faith that are often used interchangeably.

First, there is faith that is “obeying faith”. That is, “faithfulness” or “loyalty.” Philippians and 1 Thessalonians emphasizes this dimension of faith, according to Gupta.

Second, the word “faith” can mean “believing faith.” This is an understanding of faith that distinguishes our belief and the ways of the world, as opposed to our belief in the promises in the kingdom of God. It is our faith in God, as opposed to human institutions, that empowers such faith.



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Third, the term “faith” can mean for Gupta a “trusting faith.” It is this faith that helps us in our Christian walk. As we seek to live as Christians in the world, we have a trusting faith in the promises of God and that the purposes of God shall be fulfilled. This empowers our living as Christians.

As Christians in modernity, we are able to focus on our unity in God through Jesus Christ in faith that enables us to overcome the divisions that now exist. The promises of God are that these divisions will not endure. Division will not define the Christian church. Our faith unifies us as we rely first and foremost (and ultimately solely), in the presence and power of God.

For our particular church, it is through faith that we have come to believe that God is leading us towards the development of a new worship space. This worship space will empower us to proclaim such faith and enable our congregants and community to grow in strength and stature, as did our Lord. Developing a new worship space is an enormous undertaking, yet the risk of not doing so results in us not sharing of our faith to the world in which we live.

Thus, Paul says “Faith, Hope and Love.” Let us focus on our faith in God, for it is by faith that we are saved. It is in faith that we realize our hope, a hope that will not disappoint us. And it is in true faith that we are able to love one another and live without fear. It is John who reminds us that perfect love casts out all fear.

Let us be faithful and let us move forward.

May God bless,

Tim Womack



Dr. Tim's Bible Study

Every Tuesday Morning, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM- ish in the Schumann Conference Room, Christian Life Center. Bring your Bible. The coffee is hot and the cookies delicious. Come enjoy the opportunity to 'deep dive' into Scripture.

Justice and Honor



The Justice and Honor team has been taking a well-deserved break this summer. Our fall projects will be gearing up in September, with plans to assist children in Indian River County. We plan to partner once again with Crossover Mission to donate bicycles. There are other projects in the works, that we will discuss and vote on in our next meeting.

Please "Save the Date" for our annual Art and Music in the Park, Sunday, February 2nd 2025, at the Gifford Historical Museum and Cultural Center.

As always, we remember that we are "Blessed to be a Blessing!"

Mimi Rutland
Chair, Justice and Honor Team

Fellowship

**Wednesday
Night Dinners
Return 9/18**

Sign up by calling Lisa
in the Church office or
by signing up on Realm

772-562-9088

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: **Quest Kids**

Our Wednesday After School Program, QUEST has begun! Children (VPK - 5th Grade) from all around the community are picked up at school and brought to FPC to participate in Bible Study, Music, Fun Activities and Snacks. There is still time to volunteer or if you would like to have your child or grandchild participate please contact Anne Adams in the church office at ext. 115 or email at: anneadams@firstpresvero.org.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group will be participating in a tour to experience the bioluminescence while kayaking! This will be an overnight activity from September 20-21. The cost for this trip is \$85 and will cover all expenses including meals, transportation, and accommodations. Scholarships are available. If you would like to volunteer or participate in this trip, contact Peter at: petermahtania@firstpresvero.org.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with our youth program on Thursday evenings. If you are able to serve in any way, please contact Anne Adams.

ALL CHURCH NEWS: **Congregational Care**

If you are unable to attend the monthly Communion Sunday Worship Service we can bring Communion to your home/hospital/rehab center. Beginning October 6th, and every first Sunday of the month, members of your church family will be bringing communion to church members in order to practice the Spiritual Habit of "Spending Time With God". If you are interested in participating please contact Anne Adams in the church office at ext.115 or email at: anneadams@firstpresvero.org.

Dinner Makers

Our church family has had a flurry of members who have recently been in the hospital and who are now at home recovering. A meal for 2-4 will be very helpful in support of these families. To volunteer to be on the list as a "Dinner Maker" please call the church office. Your name will be placed on the list for providing a meal for a family in need. The church will call those on the list in a rotation format to see if it is convenient for you to help and become a "Dinner Maker". Feel the "Joy of Serving Love"!

RALLY DAY

OCTOBER 13 @ 11AM



All the Teams and Pillars and Committees of this church will demonstrate the on-going activities of this church with a tailgate sports theme. Come see what your church does between Sundays. Everyone is welcome!

Come nibble snacks and view our projects and missions. Find out where you talents are wanted and sign up to join if you are so moved. Visit us for the fellowship and join for the fun and faith-filled activities OR just come for the Raffle!

FPC JOYFUL SINGALONG

Plan on joining us the second and third Thursday of each month to visit with the residents of Hidden Lakes and Garden View for a singalong. These events bring our community together in praising God with our voices and prayers. For more information contact Anne Adams in the church office.

Will you help our Children's Ministry?

I am reaching out in faith that God - and you - our faithful congregation, will provide for several pressing needs concerning our ministry to children. These needs must be met in order to continue in our service to the young people in this community.

Our church children numbers are increasing. We are looking for additional teen workers, Sunday School teachers and bus drivers:

Teen Workers: High school and college age students to **assist teachers with our children's ministry** on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Sunday School Teachers: for Sunday morning Children's Church, during the 10:00am service, following "Time for Young Disciples". Children's Church is held in the Preschool classrooms. Lesson material is provided. You can work one or more Sundays per month, your choice. We schedule monthly based on your schedule.

Bus Drivers: Scheduled monthly based on your schedule. Our drivers are needed Wednesdays between 3:00 and 4:00pm to transport students from local elementary schools to FPC for our **Quest Program**. Another adult is on the bus to manage the kids so the driver may concentrate on driving.

Deacons and Elders at FirstPres Vero

Every religious denomination develops its own way of administration and ministering. In PC/USA, the Ruling Elders are Session-nominated, congregation-elected, ordained and installed. The Elders operate within the body called "Session". At First Pres Vero, Session meets once a month. In between meetings the Elders are very active on Teams, Pillars and Committees with the administration of the Church, under the guidance of the Teaching Elder, the Pastor, who is also Moderator of Session.

Elders are the governing board of the church. They are responsible for the spiritual and physical oversight of the church, including worship, mission, money and education.

Deacons are also elected by the congregation, ordained and installed by the Minister. They, too, meet monthly as the body called the Diaconate. Deacons have a ministry of service, to the congregation and to the wider world. Their remit is one of mission: preparing Communion, changing the paraments - the liturgically determined stoles and covers for the Communion Table. Some visit our members in the hospital, or rehabilitation or in recovery at home.

Others re-arrange flowers from the Chancel's Sunday Service flowers and deliver them to members. They write cards of condolence, get well, birthday wishes, etc. Sunday Fellowship - the post-Sunday-Service Coffee and home-made cookies are the Deacons in the kitchen (or Publix), providing an opportunity to meet and greet others and chat.

The Deacons and Elders of our Church are elected by the members, at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January, each for a three-year term. Therefore, we shall elect four new Elders (Class of 2027) and six Deacons (Class of 2027).

The Classes of 2024 Elders (Session) and Deacons Class of 2024 (Diaconate) will rotate off. The Classes of 2027 Elders and Deacons will be ordained and installed. And the Session of twelve Elders and the Diaconate of eighteen Deacons, will carry on with their missions.

A member of the Session/Nominating Committee may invite you to prayerfully consider whether you are willing to answer the call, and accept a nomination. Questions?? Call Clerk of Session Dr Lucille Craig, 772-562-9088.

Worship

**I am First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach.
I am seventy years and seven months old.**

From the Archives . . .

I have recently had opportunity to peruse the seventy plus years of My Archives, from my inception, through the growth and development into the fine body my many congregations have made me up til now. It makes for fascinating reading. Here are some excerpts:

January 24,1954

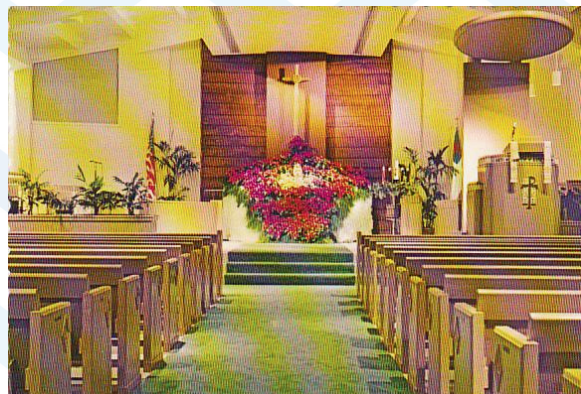
**-The Manse is located at 2651 Whippoorwill Lane.
-Officers of the church are to be: Elders: 12 men;
Diaconate: six Deacons and 6 Deaconesses.**

February 26,1954

Elder Schumann reported on a feasible site for the new church. The site is at the eastern confluence of Royal Palm Blvd and Royal Palm Place.

September 29,1954

**The Moderator recommended that we observe the Sacrament of Communion October 3rd, January 2nd, April 7th and June 5th (Quarterly).
Every month we will excerpt more milestones, interesting facts and special people.**



**THE
MUSE
DUO**

**Concert
October 6 at 4PM
in Sanctuary**



Schedule of Events

PW Meeting	Monday September 9th 1:00 -2:00PM + envelope stuffing
Women's Bible Study	Monday September 16th 11:00AM in Earnshaw
Monthly Olive Garden Lunch (Friday September 20th 11:30AM (& October 18th)	
<i>[This lunch bunch meets at Olive Garden every third Friday, please join us for food and chat]</i>	
PW Monthly Meeting	Monday October 7th 1:00-2:00PM
Welcome Back Luncheon	Saturday October 19th 11:30AM

ALL Women of First Presbyterian Church: our first meeting after summer hiatus is Monday, September 9th, 1:00 p.m. in the Schumann Conference Center. Please bring a DESSERT FINGER FOOD to share.

Following our business meeting, we will work together to get out the PW Annual Pledge Letter (fold and stuff) It will go very quickly if all of us stay on to help.

Welcome Back Luncheon, Saturday 19 October 11:30AM



Guest Speaker: Charlene Morris, LMHC, MCAP Director of Mental Health Resources at The Source

This luncheon is the PW's gift to the women of the church. A delicious lunch at no cost to you. HOWEVER, YOU MUST REGISTER. Register on Sunday October 13th at the table in the Courtyard. It will be open from 8:30AM - 11:30 AM [or call Shirley Douglas 772-538-2609 to register]

**Judith Taylor and Sandy Thiel,
Presbyterian Women
Co-Moderators**

GRACE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY RESUMES



Monday, Sept 16th at 11:00AM-12:30PM;

Earnshaw Room

Christian Life Center

Join the women of First Pres Vero for its 2024-2025 Bible Study. All women are welcome! Bring a friend.

We will be reading and discussing Life Lessons from Psalms. This book, written by the prolific Max Lucado, was recommended to us by a retired Presbyterian minister.

We shall use two additional books to add to our knowledge and discussions: FirstPresVero retired pastor, Rev. Dr. George Earnshaw's book on the Psalms; and Psalms: A 12 Week Study by Douglas Sean O'Connell.

There will be Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. A Zoom link with instructions will be sent. This year as requested, we will break into small discussion groups as needed.

The first meeting will be led by Linda Masterson in person and Ann Faunce and Jane Millar via Zoom.

Bring your lunch. At noon, we can eat and chat ('fellow ship, or 'lady ship' or 'women ship') and enjoy each other's company.

The Books are located in the office. They are in the lower cabinet on the left as you walk in the door. The cost is \$10 each. Please sign the form with your name and leave a check to First Presbyterian Church in the envelope.

QUESTIONS?? call Ann Faunce 303-947-7984.



CHRISTMAS TREE LANE'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY: DECEMBER 7TH DONATIONS

WHEN: September 5th - November 21st

EVERY MONDAY 9:00AM - 11:00AM

EVERY THURSDAY 1:00 PM - 3:00PM

**WHERE: WEST SIDE OF McAFEE HALL
(BLDG 'D') LOOK FOR THE SIGN**



Make your closets clap and your house happy. Bring those things you no longer use to CTL.

Please - NO large or heavy pieces of furniture and NO electronics, clothes, shoes, or damaged items.

QUESTIONS?? CALL Rosalie Perry 610-780-3111.

CHRISTMAS TREE LANE GIFT CARD TREE RAFFLE

Presbyterian Women are asking for donations for our Gift Card Tree Raffle. If you have unused gift cards or own a business and would like to donate a gift card, please drop them off at the Church Office or give them to a CTL Committee Volunteer outside the sanctuary following the 10 AM service.

QUESTIONS?? CALL Joanne Smith at 614-205-8783

Ted Fuller's Story as told to Phil LoGiudice



Mary and I moved to Oak Harbor here in Vero in 2019 after spending 40 years in New Canaan, Ct. My company, Fuller Communications, was a specialty sales, marketing and executive coaching firm that worked with organizations to analyze their market, position their company, and present their products. Additionally, we coached senior management teams to organize and deliver their message to large and small audiences.

Mary founded Picture Perfect LLC, an art consulting company, in 1985 to help clients purchase and frame art for their homes. We have three married children with a total of ten grandchildren all grown up and a great grandchild on the way.

It is hard to express how fortunate we are not only to have a wonderful family, but many good friends also all over the country, and how especially fortunate we are to have so many new friends here in Vero.

The pledge of my college, Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine is "to Serve the Common Good." I have made this my mission in life, and it has served me well in my work, my civic and social life and helped me to be a good Christian. It is one of the many reasons Mary and I love the First Presbyterian Church so much as it too, is dedicated to "serving the common good."

To top it off we found everyone's favorite preacher with Tim, the best and most creative director in Florida, with Jacob and a choir that has no match.

A win-win all around

Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Breakfast Resumes Tuesday September 10th, 7:30AM, McAfee Hall.

We will resume our weekly Men's Fellowship breakfast on September 10th at the McAfee. Meeting begins at 7:30 AM.

We will discuss future speakers, and plan for this season's activities, the Car Show, and the 2025 Annual Sweetheart Luncheon, etc.

WATCH THIS SPACE

We invite speakers from the community that interest not only the men who usually attend, but also for others who might want to attend because of the speaker. Watch this space.

Glenn Conn, Chair, Presbyterian Men
Questions?? Call Glenn (740) 803-3519

HAPPY Birthday

1. Bob Gormas, Steve Nystrom
2. Jean Clements, Ward Gunter, Susie Stoughton
3. Scott Chisholm, Sandy Flegler, Eric Hargreaves
4. David Frantz
5. Bob Barganier, Anne Cormier, John Edgar
6. Sharon Young
7. Sheryl Peterson, Lila Sandgren, Budd Thompson
8. Evelyn Barganier, John Kellogg
10. Becky Moon, Nancy Smith, Sally Westphalen
12. Sally Davis, Dick Kelly, Peter Probasco
14. Janet Baines
15. David Gaule
16. Griffin Mericle, Bennett Smith, Carolyn Toohey
17. Michelle Barley, Robert DeWaters, Mike Stevens
18. Mary Haid, Cal Shields
19. John Schumann III
20. Peter O. Crouse
21. Robin Perry
22. Barbara Schwin
23. Darlene Scott
25. David Kelso, Ronald Redpath, Ali Simpson
26. Paul Ives
27. Wendy Spalding, Brady Thompson
28. Deb Fletcher, Jenifer Foster, Eileen Ganser, Judy Garrett, Bonnie Nolan, James Petzing, Nan Thornton
29. Sam Stryker, Noel Thompson, Anita Williamson
30. Kathy Andress-Dietz, Debra Peirce, Diana Probasco

New Members

The Elders, at the [July Monthly Special Session](#) welcomed Leif Clark and Kay Kenyon to our membership.

Leif has been known to us for almost ten years, as a youth music student - as cellist with the Youth Orchestra, tenor with our Chancel Choir, music teacher at Primo. Leif is employed with the Silcox & Avonda Wealth Management Team at Raymond James.

Kay is an Affiliate member, who shares her worship time with her original home church, the historic 1911 Spanish Mission Church on Las Olas Blvd in Fort Lauderdale. Kay is a golfer, reads non-fiction, and likes Formula-1 Racing.

The Elders, at the [August Monthly Special Session](#) welcomed retired Air Force Colonel Ron Jenkins to our Membership. Ron transfers from First Presbyterian Church in Eustis, Florida, on the recommendation of his pastor, Rev., Mario Bolivar, who works on a Presbytery Committee with Rev. Dr. Tim. Welcome Ron.

Sunday Worship

September 2024

8:30AM - Mighell Chapel

10AM - Sanctuary

Childcare available at all services

September Sermons

September 1

Exodus 3:1-14

“God Teaches Us How to Lead”

September 8

Exodus 7:1-17

“We Follow God’s Lead”

September 15

Exodus 14:13-21

“God Leads Us to Safety”

September 22

Exodus 16:1-17

“God Leads Us to What We Need”

September 29

Deuteronomy 34:1-10

“God Leads Us Through Transition”

Church Leadership & Staff

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Rev. Holly Adams, Minister of Congregational Care

Anne Adams, Coordinator of Congregational Care

Dr. Sam Rutland, Theologian in Residence

Dr. Jacob Craig, Director of Music & Arts

Peter Mahtani, Associate Director of Music & Arts

Ginny Bauer, Senior Administrative Assistant to the Pastors

Kimberly Ball, Financial Administrator

Lisa Jeffra, Administrative Assistant

Elders

Class of 2024 Rebecca Palmer,

Pat Pritchett*, Brad Smith*, John Toohey

Class of 2025 Carol Campbell, Carol Marks*,

Susie Nystrom, Bob Satola

Class of 2026 Louise Feroe*, Judy Garrett*,

Jim Gambill*, Ted Miller

Clerk of Session - Dr. Lucille Craig

Board of Trustees President - Holly LoGuidice

Treasurer - Scott Westermann

Director of Development - Allan Bixby

Board of Deacons

Moderator - Robin Perry

Class of 2024 John Barley, Raleighine Hoppe,

Holly LoGuidice*, Bonnie Nolan, Beth Pritchett

Class of 2025 Donna Blankenship, Gayle Bruce,

Nancy Bucklew, Cindy Judd, Bill Menzies,

Frank Smith

Class of 2026 Ginger Allen, Suzanne Breese,

Connie Derman, Carol Rhodes, Lee Tiebout,

Ashley Wright

(*indicates Trustee)