



FIRST NEWS

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ



Hope



“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.”
1 Corinthians 13:13a

If you were to channel surf your cable, you probably could find that *Shawshank Redemption*, the movie based on the book by Stephen King, is on some channel 24/7. In this movie there is a quote by the lead character, Andy Dufresne, where he writes about hope in the midst of his despair. The character Andy writes a letter to Red, played by Morgan Freeman, and says, "Remember, hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies." For me, this is the best part of the movie. In this quote, I can hear the words of the Apostle Paul as he talks about the power of Hope.

The Bible describes hope as a confident expectation in the promises of God. In Jeremiah 29:11, God promises to give his people "a future and a hope". Paul again states in Romans 15:13 that "The God of hope will fill people with joy and peace, and they will overflow with hope." The prophet Isaiah proclaims that, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength and soar on wings like eagles. (Isaiah 40:31)".



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Shawn Ginwright, a professor at Harvard, further expands on the concept of radical healing and [hope] and argues for three types of hope that create spaces of opportunities: (1) Relational Hope— changing conditions with communities based on trust and relationship. This can be found in the hope of a faithful community such as ours. 2) Restorative Hope— creating conditions and opportunities for communities to prosper and thrive. This can be realized in a church family when we are authentic in expressing the love of God. (3) “Ministerial” Hope— engaging in “Ministerial” decisions in everyday lives to articulate opportunities to flourish. This hope is expressed in the outreach, mission, and care for believers and for the community surrounding our congregation.

For the Christian, the hope we possess is bound in the truth that nothing, in all creation, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. It is this hope that empowers us to endure suffering and continue to reach out to others in concern. It is this hope that we possess, and it is this hope that will not disappoint us.

The good news is simply this; no matter what we face, no matter our struggles, no matter the difficulties that life places before us, we have hope in the power and the promises which we receive through Jesus Christ.

As we, as a congregation, face much uncertainty in the year and years to come, our hope remains in the Lord. Whatever the election may bring, whatever we face in regard to the development of a new sanctuary, whatever we experience in our personal lives, our hope is securely bound in the presence of God in our living (and in our dying).

“Remember, hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things , and no good thing ever dies.”

May God bless,

Faith



Hope



Tim Womack

Love

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.

The Men's Fellowship Event

Ninth Annual Car, Truck, and Bike Show Saturday November 2nd

On Saturday, November 2nd the First Presbyterian Men's Fellowship will present their Ninth Annual Car, Truck, and Bike Show. This event is the Men's major fund raiser. All proceeds go to our local charities such as Space Coast Honor Flight, The Source, Camp Haven, Missionary Flights, Solemn Pride, Fl Sheriff's Youth Ranch, and Dogs for Life. For the last few years, the entries of antiques, customs, and hot rods have steadily grown. There will be music, a food truck from The Source, and awards. Admission is free.

Driver's Choice for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There will also be a People's Choice Award (from the spectators).

Butch Almberg will be the DJ with music.

Kids' Corral during the show.

Dash Plaques will be given to the first fifty entries.

The Source food truck and an Ice Cream truck will be there.



Generosity - Consecration Sunday Guest Minister



Douglas J. Brouwer is a retired Presbyterian pastor and author. He served as a pastor for more than 40 years. During his career he served churches in Wheaton, Illinois, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Before his retirement, he served for five years as pastor of an international congregation in Zürich, Switzerland.

Doug is also the author of eight books, including his most recent book, Getting Lost to Find Ourselves: How Travel Changes Us, a reflection on travel and the ways travel changes us.

Beginning with childhood road trips with his family, Doug has traveled throughout his life. He has led mission trips, pilgrimages, and study tours to countries around the world, and in recent years he has discovered the joys and challenges of walking solo along the various Camino paths in Spain and Portugal. He has also returned twice to Europe to serve as an interim pastor to international congregations, once in Lucerne, Switzerland, and most recently in The Hague, the Netherlands.

A few of his previous books include Chasing After Wind: A Pastor's Life, Remembering the Faith: What Christians Believe, How to Become A Multicultural Church, What Am I Supposed to Do With My Life?, Beyond I Do: What Christians Believe about Marriage, and The Truth About Who We Are: A Letter to My Grandchildren. He is a frequent contributor to publications such as the Reformed Journal and the Englewood Review of Books.

Doug received his undergraduate degree from Calvin University (formerly Calvin College) and his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary.

His wife and frequent travel partner, Susan DeYoung, was an attorney in private practice for most of her career. She retired as executive director of Habitat for Humanity in Broward County, Florida. Doug's older daughter is a Presbyterian pastor in St. Paul, Minnesota, and his younger daughter is a health economist who lives in Seattle, Washington.

Consecration Sunday is Coming!

Congregations that view financial stewardship from a biblical perspective see giving not merely as a way to pay church bills but as a way for people to grow spiritually in their relationship with God. This year, our finance committee has selected the Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program to help us learn the biblical principles of generous giving.

What is Consecration Sunday?

It's based on the idea that giving is about the spiritual need of the giver, not the church's need to receive. Instead of asking for dues like a club, we are invited to give as an act of discipleship. The key question is: "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

Save the Date:

Sunday, November 10, 2024, is Consecration Sunday! During morning worship, we'll have the opportunity to make our financial commitments to support our church's ministries locally and globally. While completing an Estimate of Giving Card is voluntary, we welcome everyone—even those not ready to fill out a card.

Our guest leader will offer inspirations and a brief instruction before we make our commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Get Involved:

Church Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and the Consecration Sunday team will encourage participation. Let's all join together to make this a day of spiritual growth and commitment! Thank you for your enthusiastic support!

Blessings,
Jimmy Gambill
Consecration Sunday Chair



Fellowship

Wednesday Night Dinners

Sign up on realm or by calling Lisa in the Church Office

October 2

Salad Bar

Cheesy Tortellini with Meat Sauce

Corn

Dessert

October 9

Salad Bar

Chili, Chicken Rice Soup

Corn Bread

Dessert

October 16

Salad Bar

French Onion Beef and Noodles

Carrots

Dessert

October 23

Salad Bar

Aloha Chicken and Rice

Green Beans

Dessert



October 30

Hamburgers and Hotdogs

Chips, Coleslaw

Potato Salad

Halloween Treats

Discipleship

RALLY DAY

OCTOBER 13 @ 11AM



Mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's RALLY DAY on Sunday, October 13 in McAfee Hall after each worship Service. This year, the theme is "Sports Teams". Everyone who attends will receive a "sports card" that they get stamped traveling around the room. Once completed, they are eligible to win one of our wonderful door prizes (worth value \$75). This is a great opportunity to meet new friends, enjoy special snacks and to learn about the many ministries the Church offers. All are welcome!

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.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED

Our children's programs are growing! We are in need of additional teen workers, Sunday School teachers and Wednesday afternoon bus drivers.

Children's Church is held in the Preschool (Center For Christian Life Building) during the 10:00am Worship Service. Lesson material and supplies are provided. Schedules are done on a rotating monthly basis.

Also needed are two backup bus drivers to transport our students from local elementary schools to FPC for our Wednesday afternoon QUEST Program, between 3:00pm and 4:00pm.

If you have a heart for children and would like to help out please contact Anne Adams in the church Office. 772-562-9088 ext.115

Trunk or Treat

October 30, 5:15PM

If you are a "kid at heart" then you will not want to miss our annual Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday, October 29th at 5:15pm. This fun packed night includes a cookout dinner, trick/treating around the campus and face painting. Seating is limited so please sign up early after QUEST on Wednesdays or in the Church Office. All are welcome!

If you are interested in volunteering to hand out candy after dinner or help decorating/set up prior to dinner please contact Anne Adams.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Quest Kids



Our Wednesday After School Program, QUEST, is in full swing! We provide transportation to the children (VBK-5th Grade) from all around the community and bring them to FPC to participate in Bible Study, Music, Group Activities and Snacks. If you would like your child or grandchild to join the fun please contact Anne Adams in the Church Office at 772-562-9088, ext. 115 or by email at: anneadams@firstpresvero.org.

Youth Group

Youth Group meets weekly in the Youth Room from 4-7 PM. Youth Handbells meet weekly from 5:30-6:45 PM in the Baines Room. Youth Choir meets weekly from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Choir Room. Youth may come to youth group and step out for music rehearsals, or they may just simply come for fellowship, dinner, and other youth group activities. You do not have to be musical to come to youth group. We are looking for volunteers to chaperone and cook for the youth. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Peter at petermahtani@firstpresvero.org. Our next event is a Halloween Party on October 13 from 12-4PM



Congregational Care



COMMUNION AT HOME

If you are unable to attend the monthly Communion Sunday Worship Service, we will be bringing communion to your home/hospital/rehab center. Beginning October 6th, members of your Church Family will bring communion to you 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.117.

For those who would like to serve please come to the training session, led by Dr. Tim, in the Chapel on Sunday, September 29 at 11:15am. If you are unable to attend but would like to be a server please contact Anne Adams. . 772-562-9088 ext.115

Older Adult Ministry

BEYOND WIDOWHOOD

Join us for an informative luncheon on how to evolve from widowhood. Topics include how to get through the journey of grief and find out how to develop the "new you". Led by Dr. Lucille Craig and Anne Adams, this luncheon will be held in E.T.Smith Lounge on Saturday, November 16th from 11:30am - 2:30pm. For reservations, contact Anne Adams at the Church office, ext. 115. A boxed luncheon will be provided.

DINNER MAKERS

If you enjoy cooking and like caring for those who are home recovering, then this is the program for you! 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"!

Worship



**Join the fellowship of the Chancel Choir
We would love to add your voice to ours.**

**Can you sing? join the choir - practice at 6:30 every Wednesday after
Fellowship Dinner, in the Gietz Music Suite.**

Questions?? Dr Jacob Craig 772-562-9088, ext 114 jacobcraig@firstpresvero.org



October 27th is Reformation Sunday

The beginning of our Christian faith as Presbyterian is in the Reformation. Although the phrase “ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda, secundum verbum Dei” (“the church reformed, always being reformed, according to the word of God”) does not originate in the Reformation, we return to it as a watchword because it is accurate to that watershed moment. In times of crisis, challenge, and conflict—then and now—God calls us to be transformed by the Word and Spirit.

As Christians, our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as Presbyterian is in the Reformation. The Reformation marks something significant for us in this part of the universal church: the coalescence of our focus on the Holy Spirit’s ongoing reform of us as a church and as individuals. Martin Luther helps us to understand and acknowledge that the institution of the church is not equal to God. We are called to worship the triune God alone, to claim Jesus Christ as Lord of the church, and to seek the ongoing sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

[From: [*https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/worship-reformationsunday/](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/worship-reformationsunday/)]

October in the Archives:



15 October, 1954 "Music Committee ". . . arrangement of pews in the Chancel for the Choir . . . if the singers had to sit facing each other, . . . the effect when they sang would be a clashing of sounds instead of harmony. . . [however] no definite arrangement had been agreed upon by the Building Committee"

17 October, 1954 [Congregational Meeting] . . . [A] contract to build the Sanctuary and Sunday School Room had been let . . . the contractor had given his promise to have the building completed in 165 days.

The Ground-breaking Ceremony at the Church site, October 17, 1954, 12:30PM

The ceremony was conducted by Elder Harold B. Smith, the presiding officer and Elder Ray Clontz, Marshall. Earth was turned, using a gold-painted spade, Roswell C Mower, chairman of the Building Committee and representatives of the Women's Group; by Mr. J.W. Ferguson, 92 years old, the oldest member of the Church. By Kay Cox, president of the newly organized Westminster Fellowship and by Andy Bill Offut, four-year-old son of Elder and Mrs. Harry Offut, Jr. At the conclusion of the Ceremony, the Minister, Rev. Ralph C. McAfee D.D. led the congregation in the repetition of the golden texts of the Gospels and the singing of the Doxology, after which he turned the final spade of earth. The congregation was dismissed by the benediction given by Dr. McAfee.

The Galleries at FirstPresVero Open House

Sunday, October 6th 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

The Muse Duo will perform at 4:00 pm

New exhibitions by local artists. George Dann, Anne Briggs, Adonis Muiño Romero will be on display in the Gietz Music Suite, E.T. Smith Lounge and in McAfee Hall. Refreshment will be served.

Following the open house there will be a concert featuring Muse Duo (guitarist Collin Holloway & pianist/composer Luke Benedict started their duo at Eastman School of Music). Free- will donations will be accepted with appreciation.

**THE
MUSE
DUO**

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



My Homeland is Exile by Adonis Muiño Romero

Presbyterian Women

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**

Schedule of Recurring Events

PW Monthly meeting 1st Monday every month: [October 7th, 1:00 -2:00PM] Schumann
Psalms Bible Study, 2nd Monday every month [October 14th, 11:00 - 12:30 Earnshaw
Luncheon at Olive Garden 3rd Friday every month Friday October 18th 11:30AM
You must call B.J. Fisher (678) 481-3835 / for Olive Garden reservation



PSALMS BIBLE STUDY



The 70TH ANNIVERSARY of CHRISTMAS TREE LANE is Saturday, DECEMBER 7TH
Bring your Unique Boutique donations now

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



Bring those nice things you no longer use to CTL.

The proceeds benefit Presbyterian Women's missions.

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

Join the fun!!! If you would like to volunteer to help with Christmas Tree Lane, we would love to have you. There are openings before the event as well as day of, something for everyone. For more information, please contact Carol Freeman at 910-448-0771.



OCTOBER 26

KICK-OFF BREAKFAST AT 8:00AM JACK ROBINSON TRAINING COMPLEX

This one-day volunteer event is unlike any other in Indian River County! Each year, countless volunteers roll up their sleeves and work together to make a difference in our community. Whether you're a community organization with a project that needs doing or a volunteer ready to get to work, Day of Caring is for you!

Our church members may sign up on Sunday October 20th. A signup sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary. In the past we have been assigned to indoor airconditioned service to accommodate the needs of many of us, so that we can participate.



Youth Group trip - Bioluminescence Kayaking - Titusville - 9/20/24



Uniforms purchased for Dodgertown



Joy Trip - Triton Submarines - Sebastian - 9/17/24



Happy Birthday

1. Dan Boylan, Betty Foster
2. Mary Bingham, Rebecca Palmer, Curt Schade
4. Marilyn Bittan, Serge Evangelidi, Ken Jay
5. Marsha Forest, Deborah Kirchick, Rebecca Ransom, Lee Tiebout
7. Barbara Dearman, Bette Walsh
8. Ethel Abramson, Linda Giel, Barbara Sak
Joan Smith, Ruth Yensan
9. Jerri Ives
10. Tom Jones, Bob Martin
11. Carolyn Kline, Leigh Millar
12. Frank Iodice, Bill Stoughton, Bruce Yancy
13. Ann Kellogg, Irene Moodie, Bob Sinclair
14. Trevon Barnes, Joe Fredlock
15. Joan Irvine, Jane Weise
17. Kim Schumann
20. Kristin Coxson
21. Jerry Garrett, Vincent Gierer, Callum Pelletier
22. Shirley Butler Douglas, Ann Wells
23. Madeline Burrows, Caryl Culp
24. Jane Klasing
25. Kayla Chaples, Brenda Chisholm
27. Gail Lee
29. Bob Schneider
30. Pat DeRobertis, Lillian Silkworth, Myra Sisson
31. Glenn Conn



Sunday Worship

October 2024

8:30AM - Mighell Chapel

10AM - Sanctuary

Childcare available at all services

October Sermons

October 6

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

"Intrinsic Value of Humanity"

Communion Sunday

October 13

Matthew 14:22-33

"Wet Feet, Strong Hands"

Rev. Russ Feroe

Youth Sunday

October 20

Matthew 15:21-28

"Thank Heavens for Crumbs!"

Rev. Russ Feroe

October 27

Matthew 6:25-33

"Overcoming Worry"

Reformation Sunday

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

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