

Connect and Serve

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In Memoriam

Patricia Q. Sperry

Member of First Presbyterian Church since 12/16/2001

Condolences - Our sympathy and prayers are with Cynthia and Chris Menan and their daughter Carolyn in the death of Cynthia's mother; with Sue Anne Grier in the death of her sister-in-law; with Ann Paton in the death of her husband, Dave; and with Bill and Beverly Hess and family in the death of Bev's mother.

Summer Office Hours – Just a friendly reminder that we have transitioned to Summer Office hours. The church office will be open from 9am-4pm on Monday-Thursday and will be **closed** on Fridays.

Single Worship Service Sunday, July 5

There will be a single worship service at 10:00am on Sunday, July 5. The nursery will be open, but there will not be any other children's programs that morning. In addition, the church office will be **closed** on July 6 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Summer Spanish - Are you interested in learning some conversational Spanish this summer? From July 2 – August 27, First Pres will host classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 12-1pm. Bring your lunch and learn practical skills from an experienced teacher. Come as often as you can; we ask \$5/class for participants. To sign up, please use the link on the website or contact Pastor Caroline.

2nd Strategic Planning Listening Session & Lunch – In our ongoing strategic planning process, the committee members have been speaking with committees of Session to receive feedback and have conversations. Now they want to hear from you! Join us on Sunday, July 12, at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall for another congregational conversation. This will be an opportunity for the committee to ask questions, hear your feedback, and learn what is most important to you as we lay down the future direction of our church. Your voice is an important part of this process, helping to shape our planning, priorities, and vision for the years ahead. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up online or contact Elizabeth Hess so we can plan accordingly.

Greeting Volunteers Needed this Summer - We are in need of greeters on Sunday mornings to hand out bulletins and collect offering (at the 9am service). If you would like to help out or find out more, please reach out to Elizabeth Hess or sign up online.

VBS & Music Adventure Camp – Registration Still

Open - We are excited to offer a week of summer fun to the kids of First Pres and our community! Join us for the week of July 20-24 for VBS in the morning and Music Adventure Camp in the afternoon. Kids can sign up to attend either or both. It will be a great week of faith-filled fun, playing, friends, and, of course, music! For more information and to register, click on "VBS/Music Adventure Camp" on the Sign-up tab of the church's website or talk to Director of Faith Formation Sara Pantazes or Children's Music Director Laura Moreschi.

VBS Decorations Needed - Plans are well underway for this summer's week of VBS and Music Adventure Camp! Please continue to bring in your cleaned, empty 1 gallon water or milk jugs. In addition, we are looking for some items to borrow as decorations, including skis, sleds and white sheets or towels. Check out the Sign-Up Genius on the church website for more information about these items we hope to borrow.

VBS Decoration Party - Help us transform First Pres into a winter wonderland in preparation for Vacation Bible School! All hands are invited to gather in the Chapel from 9 - 11am on Wednesday, July 8. We will create and distribute decorations throughout the stairwells, hallways, and classrooms of the church. The more hands the merrier! Let Sara Pantazes know if you have any questions.

Presbyterian Paddles - Do you play pickleball?

First Pres players will be meeting up this summer for this popular activity! We'll meet on Wednesday mornings for four weeks (July 1-22) from 7:30-9am at Lambert Park (1145 Pottstown Pike, WC – next to Wawa). This group activity is best suited for intermediate and advanced players who have playing experience. But! If you are a beginner, sign up for the July 1 date and reach out to Elizabeth Hess so we can get an intro group started. Join the fun and sign up online.

First Presbyterian Church of West Chester

June 21, 2026



Order of Worship for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude Allegro, Movement 1 (from Concerto in F Major)
Arr. Tomaso Albinoni

Call to Worship*
Surely God is our Salvation!
God is our strength and song.

With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And we will give thanks to God!

Call upon God's name, proclaim the power of God.
Sing praises to God for all the marvelous things.

Let them be known all over the earth.
Sing and shout for joy, for God is in our midst!

Hymn 318* In Christ There is no East or West

Welcome

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For every time we have attributed your miracles to our own hands alone, forgive us. For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way, grant us mercy. For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused, show us what it means to forgive others. (cont'd)

For our silent sins, our apathy toward violence, and our indifference to the suffering around us, forgive us, and quench our thirst with your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Because of God's great love for us, we are given freedom from the bondage of sin.

Through the grace of Christ, we are reconciled and forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Response*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Passing the Peace*

First Scripture Reading Psalm 69:7-18 OT p. 531

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Balm in Gilead (Spiritual)
Arr. Lani Smith

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*At this time children may join their teachers downstairs for
Summer Sunday School. Children will return to their families
during the final hymn.*

Hymn 463* How Firm a Foundation

Second Scripture Reading Romans 5:1-11 NT p. 155

Sermon *For Sinners and Saints*
Rev. Andrew Esqueda

Hymn 307* God of Grace and God of Glory

Benediction*

Postlude Allegro, Movement 3 (from Concerto in F Major)
Arr. Tomaso Albinoni

Assisting in worship today:
Barbara Prugh, Trumpet
Jenn Carle, Cantor

*All are welcome in worship. We are a community of people of
all ages who cry, vocalize, stomp, fuss, stand, sit,
and come and go as needed.*

The sounds of people are the joyful noise of God's creation.

*Audio amplifiers are in a basket at the back of the sanctuary.
There are also screens in Fellowship Hall that stream the service if
you need to step out.*

*The nursery is available for children ages 0-3 years. Please ask a
greeter if you would like additional information
about Sunday School or children's programming.*

First Presbyterian Church Staff

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