

THE SOWER

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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OUR MISSION

*In Christ's name, and as an outgrowth of our faith, we at First Presbyterian Church are called to boldly share the **Good News of Jesus Christ** and our salvation - loving one another, listening to one another, building up, and caring for each other as we grow in tolerance of the differences between people and in our discipleship between people, and in our discipleship as Christians now and into the future.*

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Please join us for Easter Sunday Service!



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday, Thursday, Friday
 10a-3p

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Sunday Worship Attendance

**FINANCIAL GIVING
 FEBRUARY 2022**

Sleep Tight Mission \$1168.52

General Offering \$11,030.00

Per Capita \$457.00

Date of Service	In-Person Attendance	Online Service Views
March 2	26	105
March 6	24	108
March 13	50	91
March 20	40	98
March 27	59	90

SESSION- BOARD OF ELDERS

Emily Speer, Shelly Hennager,
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I am with you always - Matthew 28:20

WHAT'S GOING ON? APRIL 2022



Date	Activities
April 3	10AM Worship
April 6	6PM JAM Peace United Methodist Church
April 10	Palm Sunday 9AM Book Club Meeting 10AM Worship Deacon Meeting
April 11	6PM Session Meeting
April 14	Maundy Thursday Supper @ 5:30 Service @ 6:30
April 17	Easter Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Easter Egg Hunt Following Service
April 21	1:30 Ridgeview Social Hour
April 24	10AM Worship
April 27	6PM JAM @ Peace United





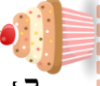




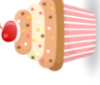

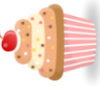
Usher/Greeter Volunteers for April

- April 3 Confirmation Kids
- April 10 Lloyd and Jean Stoltenberg
- April 17 Brad & Kris Carson Family
- April 24 Nick & Hailey Baatz Family

Thank You to All Who Signed Up

- 3 Ivan Evink,
Gloria Kor
- 4 Julie Vander Poel
- 5 Harold Totman,
Mike Longstreet
- 8 Lila Williamson
- 10 Dee Schumann
- 11 Michael Carson,
Duane Schelhaas
- 12 Jessy Heard
- 15 Sharon Nelson
- 19 Pam Haraldson
- 22 Margaret Davids,
Robb Mitchell
- 23 Emery Wurster
- 25 Maddie Taubert

APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	
3 10AM WORSHIP 	4 	5 	6 6PM JAM @ PEACE UNITED	7	8 	9
10 10AM WORSHIP DEACON MEETING AFTER SERVICE	11 6PM SESSION MEETING 	12 	13	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER @ 5:30PM SERVICE @ 6:30PM	15 	16
17 EASTER SUNDAY 9AM WORSHIP EGG HUNT FOLLOWING	18 	19 	20	21 1:30PM RIDGEVIEW SOCIAL HOUR	22 	23
24 10AM WORSHIP	25 	26	27 6PM JAM @ PEACE UNITED	28	29	30 

CREATING A NEW LENTEN TRADITION:

EXTINGUISH CANDLES DURING HOLY SEASON

By Donna Frischknecht Jackson

Many Presbyterians are familiar with the lighting of an Advent wreath in December to mark the weeks that are passing as they journey to the holy night when Christ was born. Week by week, a candle is lit, symbolizing hope, peace, joy and love. The increasing brightness of light from the candles speaks of the promise that the darkness wherein the people have walked will give way to the divine light coming into the world. It's a joyous time to light those candles, and those who incorporate this practice into the Advent season find it an enriching spiritual moment.



Lenten Wreath

Now, Presbyterians are being introduced to a Lenten practice that takes its cue from the Advent wreath — only rather than lighting a candle weekly, the Lenten “wreath” extinguishes a candle weekly. According to the Rev. Audrey Hartness Reese, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the dimming of light during the season of Lent reminds people that this 40-day journey is leading to the cross of Good Friday.

Reese brought this tradition of extinguishing Lenten candles to her Westminster, South Carolina, congregation when she joined them as pastor in 2014. It was an idea she learned during her time as a Christian educator at Sunrise Presbyterian Church on Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina.

For Westminster’s congregation, a wooden base to hold the Lenten candles was crafted by a church member, Robert McMillian. McMillian, said Reese, made sure the dimensions of the candle base equaled 33 inches — 33 reflecting Jesus’ lifespan. Six purple candles, purple being the penitent color for Lent, are then placed on the base. The seventh candle — white, representing Christ’s holiness — is added to the mix.

On the first Sunday of Lent, all seven candles are lit. As each week of Lent passes, one candle is extinguished. Unlike Advent, where a new candle is lit each week and the light slowly gets brighter, during Lent, each week gets progressively darker until there is complete darkness on Good Friday. Only the Christ candle remains lit. That is not extinguished but removed from the display during worship. It will return Easter morning.

Reese says the candle presentation is like that of a Tenebrae service taking place not in one evening, but over the course of the Lenten season.

Kid's Activity Page



April Word Search

B S H K U Y L I R D F S P H F
 A Z L X O O M E Z J L P V I E
 B W V B F S T G N C G R D B A
 J K L L V S M M T S B I D R G
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| April | Bunny | Chick |
| Easter | Egg | Flowers |
| Jesus | Lamb | Showers |
| Spring | | |





Last Month's Worship Service

March 2	Stan Menning
March 6	Donna & Robby Flint
March 13	Elizabeth Fox
March 20	Carl Gearhart
March 27	Jean Volkers

Last Month's Special Music

March 2	Denise Nagel & Steve Weets
March 6	Bonnie Folkerts
March 13	Denise Nagel & Steve Weets
March 20	Denise Nagel
March 27	Denise Nagel & Steve Weets

NOTE FROM THE DEACONS

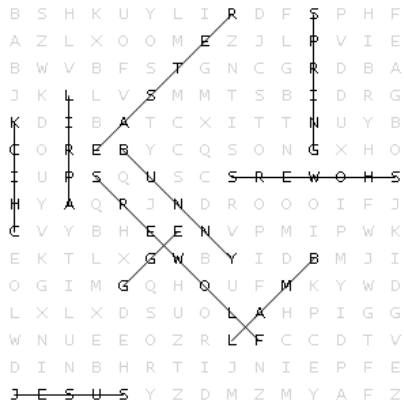
The Deacons will continue to deliver communion to those that have requested it. Please call the church office if you have a change of heart and want to join us in person!

Ridgeview visits will be paused due to the rise in COVID cases in the county. We will hopefully be able to resume visits in the spring and summer!

Good Samaritan Village is open to visitors. There is a "check-in" at the door and, if the resident you are going to visit shares a room, someone will help transfer them to the chapel for a personal visit. Please continue to wear a mask for all visits at this time.

We are trying to update our birthday list for 80 year old members and older! A Deacon member delivers a carnation when you have your 80th, 85th, 90th birthdays and each year after that! Please call the church office to give them your birthdate if you are "new" to the list or feel that you have been overlooked! It's a fun reason to visit!





Maundy Thursday Meal Service
 April 14, 2022
 Supper @ 5:30PM
 Service @ 6:30PM
 Please RSVP in Narthex or Office by April 10th



Easter Lilies Now Available

Lilies cost \$11.00 and can be purchased on Sundays or through the office.

All lilies will have to be picked up or will be donated to our shut-in members.

Stay up to date with us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/firstprespipestone](https://www.facebook.com/firstprespipestone) & on our website firstprespipestone.org

You'll find weekly bulletins, video sermons, past newsletters, and more!

Jesus And Me

JAM is coming back September 22nd
 For Children aged 3 through 6th Grade
 Meetings are every Wednesday from 6:00-7:00PM

But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
 Luke 18:16



Monthly Book Club

9:00AM Every Second Sunday of the Month

Come join us for coffee, cookies, and chatting as we read and discuss the book of the month.



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